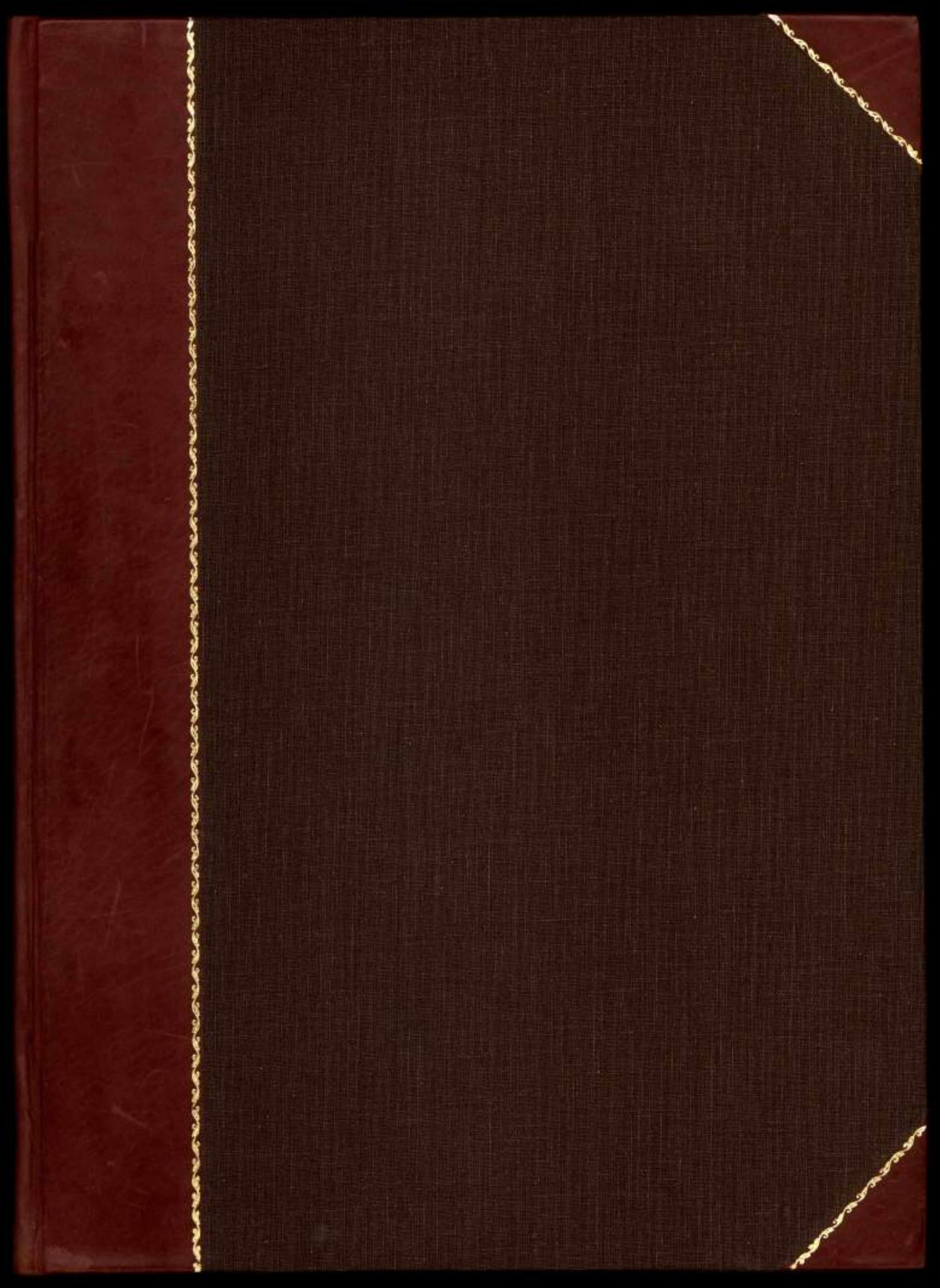


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A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1945.

1/45. ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:-
Councillors Blaney (presiding), Brady, Callaghan, Doherty,
Gallagher, Myles, and McMenamin.

2/45. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for inability to be present owing to the weather
conditions were received from the Chairman (Councillor McFadden),
and Councillors Breslin, McNulty, O'Boyle, Harkin, and Sweeney.

3/45. CONDOLENCE.

The Chairman proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Council
be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. James Byrne,
Drumnasillagh, Glenties, who was for many years a member of the
Council. He stated that the late Mr. Byrne had taken a keen interest
in the administration of local affairs during his period of Office.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the motion, which was passed in
silence, all the members standing.

4/45. WELCOME TO THE NEW COUNTY SECRETARY.

The County Manager introduced to the Council the new County
Secretary, Mr. Eoghan O'Caolain, and extended to him a hearty welcome
on his own behalf and on behalf of all the Officials of the Council.

Councillor Blaney (Presiding Chairman) stated that on behalf
of the Council he wished to extend a cordial welcome to their new
Secretary.

Councillors Brady, Gallagher, Myles, and McMenamin, also joined
in the welcome to the new Secretary.

Councillor Brady stated that he wished to take this opportunity
also of paying a tribute to the manner in which the duties of
Secretary had been carried out by Mr. McKay since the passing of the
County Management Act.

The County Manager stated that he also wished to be associated
with the tribute to Mr. McKay.

5/45. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the
19th December, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

6/45. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23RD
JANUARY, 1945.

Councillor Brady proposed the adoption of the Report of the
Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on 23rd January, 1945.

Councillor Blaney seconded.

Councillor Gallagher referred to the application of William
Eunan Curristin, Ballykillone, Laghey, for a Scholarship, and which
the Committee recommended be refused as his parents' means were in
excess of those prescribed in Clause 10 of the Scheme. He stated
that this boy's father who was a Rate Collector, had omitted to
include in the return his expenses, which amounted to over £200 per
annum, and these expenses had not been taken into consideration
by the Scholarships Committee. He proposed that the application be
accepted.

Councillor Brady stated that he was satisfied that Mr. Curristin's
expenses were in the region of £200 per annum, and he seconded Mr.
Gallagher's proposal which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Myles raised the question of the application of Garda
Scott, Ballyshannon, for financial assistance towards the education
of his daughter who had obtained fourth place in the 1944 Examination.
The child was born in New York, but Garda Scott's wife could not
remember whether the birth was registered or not. She could only
remember the name of the Hospital where the child was born.

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REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY,
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The County Manager stated that he was present at the Meeting of the Scholarships Committee, and he also had an interview with Garda Scott. The parents did not succeed in obtaining either Birth or Baptismal Certificates as requested. The position as far as the Scholarships Committee was concerned was very simple. One of the conditions on which a Scholarship was awarded was that the child produce a Birth Certificate. In the absence of proof of age, a Scholarship could not be awarded. There was no clause in the Scholarships Scheme empowering the County Council to supplement a Scholarship which had been obtained in a School outside the State. The Committee had to act in accordance with the Scheme which had been approved by the County Council and the Minister for Education.

Councillor Brady suggested that the report be adopted, and that if Garda Scott produce evidence of age the matter could be re-opened.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the Report of the Scholarships Committee, and if Garda Scott produces evidence of age of his daughter to submit the case to the Department of Education for a special ruling.

7/45. REPORT OF ROADS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH
DECEMBER, 1944.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to adopt the Report of the Meeting of the Roads Sub-Committee held on 12th December, 1944.

8/45. REPORT OF ROADS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH
JANUARY, 1945.

The Report of the Meeting of the Roads Sub-Committee Meeting held on 16th January, 1945, was submitted for adoption.

Councillor Myles asked to have this Report adjourned. He stated that there would be very big changes in Ballyshannon in the next few years, many of which would affect his firm. He objected to the plans for the property of his firm being held in suspense for five or six years. It was apparently proposed to construct a new roadway to run through the most important part of their property. The map which was produced at the Roads Meeting seemed to be a very old one, and did not show the modern buildings. He was unable to trace the present-day buildings on it.

Councillor Gallagher stated that he would not be a party to any Report which was going to injury in any way the biggest employer of labour in Ballyshannon. He suggested that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting, and that the members from South Donegal should discuss the matter with the County Engineer.

Councillor Brady stated that he thought the Report of the Committee did not commit the Council to anything.

The County Engineer stated that there were several points in the Report, to some of which Councillor Myles could have no objection. The existing Bridge at Ballyshannon was 25 feet wide. There was a new span to be constructed by the E.S.B. over the tail-race. This would commit the Council to an expenditure of £2,000 during the coming financial year. There was also a tentative proposal to make a new road. The plan which he submitted to the Roads Committee Meeting was only a sketch plan showing the probable location of this road. A decision would have to be arrived at soon as to what course the proposed new road would take.

After further discussion, it was decided to adjourn the Report of the Meeting of the Roads Sub-Committee, and to have a Meeting in the meantime of all the Councillors from South Donegal, at which the County Engineer and County Manager would also be present, and at which an up-to-date map would be produced.

9/45. REPORT FROM COUNTY ENGINEER ON TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the Report from the County Engineer on Turf Production Accounts be adjourned until next Meeting, and that it be discussed immediately after the Estimates for 1945/46, and that these two items be the only items entered on the Agenda for next Meeting.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

It was agreed to call the next Meeting of the Council for 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 27th February, 1945.

10/45. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1945.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £90,000 on the Revenue Account for the month of February, 1945.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the Local Government Department for Overdraft accommodation of £90,000 for the Revenue Account for the month of February, 1945.

11/45. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1945.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £63,000 for the Turf Production Account for the month of February, 1945.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the Local Government Department for Overdraft accommodation of £63,000 for the Turf Production Account for the month of February, 1945.

12/45. INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE PRODUCTION OF GROUND LIMESTONE IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Committee of Agriculture recommending the appointment of the following Committee to expedite investigations into the production of ground limestone in the County: Councillors McIvor, Gallen, Scott, the County Manager, the County Engineer, and the Chief Agricultural Officer.

Councillor Gallagher proposed, Councillor Brady seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Committee be appointed.

The Council also considered the Report of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 14th December, 1944, into the production of ground limestone, and the County Manager's application for authority to expend a sum of £100 in having geological survey made as recommended in the Report.

The County Manager stated that since this item was placed on the Agenda the Government had intimated that they were having a survey made. He suggested that his application be granted, but he assured the Council that the money would not be spent unless it was absolutely necessary.

The County Manager's application was granted unanimously.

13/45. APPLICATION BY THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR INCREASE IN SALARY.

An application was submitted from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for an increase in salary. He stated that he was appointed in 1936 at a salary of £800, although his predecessor had a salary of £900. This, the smallest salary that would then be accepted by Doctors with the necessary qualifications, ability, and experience, was intended to conciliate the County Councils, which, almost without exception, were opposed to the appointments. The duties and responsibilities of County Medical Officers of Health have increased yearly, and he thought there was a clear case for something like a scale starting at £1,000 per annum, and rising by £50 annually to £1,200.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the application be marked "read." In his opinion, this Official was not too badly off, and he thought that the financial state of the County did not warrant any increase in salary.

The Chairman suggested that in fairness to Dr. Bastible the matter be left over to next Meeting when there would be a larger attendance.

Councillor McMensin seconded Councillor Gallagher's motion which was passed nem con.

14/45. ESTIMATE OF ROAD EXPENDITURE FOR 1945/46.

The County Engineer stated that he intended at the Estimates Meeting to ask the Council to provide the same amount of money for roads as was provided last year. In order to enable him to make the necessary preparations for the taking of contracts, etc., he would require to have an indication of the Council's attitude in the matter.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Co. Engineer get permission to prepare his Estimates on the basis of the figure granted last year, £100,000, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

Councillor Gallagher inquired if the percentage expenditure on Main Roads and County Roads would be the same as last year, and the County Engineer replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Gallagher stated that he would like as much money as possible spent on County Roads.

15/45. APPOINTMENT OF GANGERS.

Councillor Callaghan again proposed the following Notice of Motion, which had been adjourned from last Meeting:-

"That this Council devise a Scheme whereby Gangers will be appointed on merit, i.e. according to their experience and means, and that in recruiting labour, preference will be given to married men and those with little means."

Speaking in support of his motion, Councillor Callaghan said that unfortunately there were in the service of the Council Gangers who should be called "square pegs in round holes." Some years ago there was in the County a very fine type of Ganger, but, he stated, good gangers were being knocked off for political reasons. Very often he found one Ganger in charge of one man. Last year he found four Officials of the Council supervising a man sweeping a street in Glencolumbkille. There were far too many Gangers but these men had to be kept in jobs because they were henchmen of political parties. The County Engineer had assured him that he would not stand for this sort of thing, but still the fact remained. He suggested that as far as possible the County Engineer should try and promote men to be Gangers from the rank and file of the ordinary workers, and unless a man was giving satisfaction that he be dismissed.

Councillor McMenamin supported Councillor Callaghan and seconded his motion. He stated that married men should get first preference in employment, everything else being equal.

Councillor Gallagher stated that he disagreed with Councillor Callaghan that Gangers were appointed because of their political affiliations. He had no fault to find with the Gangers in South Donegal.

Councillor McMenamin referred to the dismissal of a Ganger in his area because he refused to go to work on the Turf Scheme.

The County Engineer stated that the allegations were completely untrue. It was a very easy charge to make because almost every man had political affiliations of one kind or another. The Council could rest assured that under no circumstances would a man's religion, politics, or anything else be held against him in any way. If Councillor Callaghan gave him the names of the men concerned he would have the matter investigated openly at a Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Callaghan stated that he would be prepared to put certain facts before the County Engineer.

16/45. RESOLUTION RE ABOLITION OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Councillor Callaghan asked to have the following Notice of Motion in his name withdrawn:- "Protesting at the dictatorial attitude of the Minister for Local Government in abolishing Roscommon County Council, and requesting that the Minister restore their powers to the elected representatives of that body in accordance with democratic principles."

17/45. VESTING OF COTTAGE NO. 54, DRUMAWEIR, GREENCASTLE.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Sweeney:- "That I intend to inquire as to the cause of the delay in having vested in the tenant Cottage No. 54, in the townland of Drumaweir, application for the purchase of which was made in February, 1939."

The County Manager stated that the Council had not yet had their own title registered. There were some difficulties in the way, and they had not yet been overcome. The Cottage could not be vested in the tenant until their own title was made perfect.

18/45. MULROY FERRY SERVICES.

The County Manager stated that he had not yet had time to visit Mulroy and report on the Ferry Services there.

The matter was further adjourned.

19/45. DISMISSAL OF JOHN DOHERTY, CRAGHEYBOYLE, DUNGLOE, FROM THE COUNCIL'S EMPLOYMENT.

The following Notices of Motion re above were adjourned until the Meeting of the Council following the Estimates Meeting:-

(1) Notice of Motion by Councillor Campbell:- "That a Sworn Inquiry be held into the case of John Doherty, Cragheyboyle, Dungloe."

(2) Notice of Motion by Councillor Callaghan:- "Asking the County Surveyor to state why Mr. John Doherty, Cragheyboyle, Dungloe, was reduced from his position of Supervising Gauger, and later dismissed from the services of the Co. Council."

20/45. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT TRUSK, BALLYBOFEY.

As requested in Minute No. 316/44, the County Engineer read a report from his Assistant on the condition of above road.

The report stated that the road was in a poor condition and bad for traffic by reason of heavy turf traffic, and the overloading of the lorries engaged in the haulage of turf. The road was on a bog foundation. There were men working on it at present. The road was followed by a Land Commission road, and he was inclined to think that the original complaint referred to the Land Commission Road.

21/45. DONEGAL FAIR GREEN.

A letter was read from Donegal Parish Council complaining of the condition of the Fair Green which the County Council had taken over. The Parish Council had several complaints from farmers and sheep buyers as to the inadequate facilities of selling and buying sheep on Fair Days. These people said that there should be several entrances, one for sheep and one for cattle, as a lot of sheep were lost and hurt with cattle. One farmer asked if there could be a few shelters erected for men on a stormy day.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher, it was decided to refer the matter to the County Engineer to have an estimate prepared and submitted to the Council.

22/45. PROVISION OF COTTAGE HOSPITALS.

In the absence of Councillor Craig, the following Notice of Motion was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council following the Estimates Meeting:-

"That in view of existing poor Hospital accommodation this Council request the immediate provision of several Cottage Hospitals, thus catering for remote mountainous districts, as it is felt that a central Hospital as contemplated would not alleviate sufficiently the present unsatisfactory position."

23/45. INSPECTION OF MILCH COWS.

In the absence of Councillor Craig, the following Notice of Motion was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council following the Estimates Meeting:-

"That this Council provide for a bi-yearly inspection of all milch cows so as to minimise the danger of spread of infectious diseases through this very dangerous channel."

24/45. DISPOSAL OF TURF BY PRIVATE PRODUCERS.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Breslin:- "To request the County Engineer to give every possible assistance to those private producers of turf in the early disposal of turf still on their hands."

The County Engineer stated that he would write to Councillor Breslin in this matter.

25/45. ROAD FROM RAMPART TO LEFFIN, BURTONPORT AREA.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Breslin:- "In view of the importance of the road from Rampart to Leffin for the haulage of turf to the Burtonport area, that the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the very necessary repairs as early as possible."

The County Engineer stated that he had written to Councillor Breslin in this matter.

26/45. PROVISION OF DUMPING-GROUND FOR THE TOWN OF RAPHOE.

The County Manager asked the Council to apply for Urban powers for the town of Raphoe for the purpose of providing a dumping-ground.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Brady, the Council unanimously decided to apply for Urban powers for the town of Raphoe for the purpose of enabling a dumping-ground to be provided.

27/45. QUERY RE NUMBER OF OLD AGE PENSIONERS, ETC., IN THE ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN MILFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Friel:-

"That I will ask the Secretary at the Meeting of the Donegal County Council the number of Old Age Pensioners and others in receipt of the Emergency Bonus in each of the Electoral Divisions in the Milford Rural District."

The County Manager stated that the following was the information required:-

No. 15 District, Milford (comprising the Electoral Divisions of Kilmacrenan, Loughkeel, Milford, Termon, Ballyarr, Glenalla, and Ramelton.)

Total number in receipt of allowance.....	55.	
<u>Old Age Pension.</u>	<u>Blind Pension.</u>	<u>Disablement Benefit.</u>
52.	2.	5.

No. 17 District (Rathmullan) (comprising the Electoral Divisions of Rosnekill, Carrowkeel, Fana North, Fana West, Greenfort, Killygarven, Knockalla, and Rathmullan).

Total number in receipt of allowance.....	68.	
<u>Old Age Pension.</u>	<u>Blind Pension.</u>	<u>Disablement Benefit.</u>
65.	3.	Nil.

No. 9 District (Dunfanaghy) (comprising the Electoral Divisions of Carrigart, Cranford, Glon, and Rosguill).

<u>Old Age Pension.</u>	<u>Blind Pension.</u>	<u>Disablement Benefit.</u>
101.	9.	5.

Total number in receipt of allowance.....	115.	
Gross Total.....242.		

28/45. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1944.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Edward Friel:-

"That I will ask the County Manager at the Meeting of the Council the amount of Overdraft with interest to the 31st December, 1944."

The Secretary stated that the amount of interest paid on Overdraft for the quarter ended 31st December, 1944, was £225 : 4 : 6.

29/45. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF COUNTY ROADS IN INISHOWEN AREA.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Magnus Harkin:-

"That I wish to draw the attention of the Co. Surveyor to the deplorable state of the County Roads in Inishowen, especially in the Carndonagh, Malin, Culdaff, and Moville Areas, where a number of these roads are in a terrible state. Will the Co. Surveyor see that they are put into proper repair?"

The County Engineer stated that every effort would be made to keep the roads in good condition within the monies provided by the Council.

30/45. CHARGES FOR HIRE OF COUNCIL'S STONE CRUSHERS AND STEAM ROLLERS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Harkin was considered:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor what is the exact amount charged for the Council's stone crushers and steam rollers per day while travelling by road, and what is the exact amount charged per day while engaged in crushing and rolling."

The County Engineer stated that the following was the information required:-

	<u>Working.</u>	<u>Travelling.</u>	<u>Standing-by.</u>
Road Rollers. (All types).	80/- per day.	80/- per day.	25/- per day.
Breaker Unit.	100/- per day.	100/- per day.	25/- per day.

31/45. ROAD FROM CULDAFF TO MALIN AND CARNDONAGH.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Harkin was considered:-

"That I will ask the Co. Surveyor if he has got any reply regarding a grant to help in making the above-mentioned road safe for traffic, as this road is a veritable death-trap for one half-mile, and is one of our Main Roads where all the traffic from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh must go. If this road is not made safe without delay some serious accident may happen which might have disastrous consequences, and the County Council will be held responsible if any accident does happen. This is a very serious matter where the lives of our people are in danger, and the County Surveyor is aware of the danger, but nothing has been done."

The County Surveyor stated that he had got no reply regarding a grant, and he had nothing to add to his previous reports in connection with this road.

32/45. COMPLAINT REGARDING FOOTPATHS IN DUNGLOE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Donnell was considered:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have footpaths on both sides of Dungloe Street made safe for the public, as all archway crossings are in a very rough and mucky condition and dangerous, as apparently no one is responsible for repairs."

The County Surveyor stated that he had written to Councillor O'Donnell in this matter.

33/45. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF HOUSES IN DUNGLOE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Donnell was considered:- "That I will ask the Co. Surveyor if his attention was drawn on several occasions to a number of complaints from householders in the Main Street, Dungloe, where their houses are constantly flooded due to defective footpaths, and if he is aware that legal proceedings against the Council for damages are pending."

The County Surveyor stated that he had written to Councillor O'Donnell in this matter.

34/45. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE MEENACROSS AREA.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Donnell was considered:-

"That I request a report from the County Surveyor what he proposes to do about the shocking condition of roads in the Chapel Area of Meenacross, Dungloe, known as Road, Meenacross-Derryduel, to meet road at Dungloe-Cloughwally (Map Nos. 1172, 1172a); road leading from Meenacross to meet Dungloe-Maghery Road at Cleenderry (Map No. 1168); road leading from Meenacross to Upper and Lower Falcorrib; road leading from Meenacross direct to meet Dungloe-Maghery road at Tubberkeegh (Map No. 1169). The latter road, although in very good condition as to surface, is only practically a laneway carrying a width of 7 and 8 feet only in many places, and thereby greatly handicapping lorry and cart traffic."

The County Engineer stated that he had written to Councillor O'Donnell in this matter.

35/45. CONDITION OF ROAD AT KILMACLOO, CREESLOUGH.

The Council considered correspondence from Councillor Blaney regarding repair of road at Kilmacloo, Creeslough. He would like the Co. Engineer to report on this matter to the next Meeting of the Council. The road was a disgrace to the Council, and the people concerned had threatened to cease paying rates until it was repaired.

The County Engineer stated that he was dealing with this matter.

36/45. GLENTIES NO. 2 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel C. O'Boyle, Clerk, Glenties No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that his Committee had recommended the appointment thereon of Mr. John Walsh, Merchant, Dungloe, and Mr. Michael John McCloskey, Publican, Annagry, to fill the vacancies created by the death of Mr. Daniel Walsh, and the resignation of Mr. Brian O'Donnell.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the appointments be made.

Councillor McMenamin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

37/45. PROPOSED ERECTION OF FISHERY LAMPS AT CURRANSPORT AND MAGHERAROARTY.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 20th December, 1944, S.W.1/3/118, referring to Minute No. 279/44 of the Council relative to the suggested erection of fishery lamps at Curransport and Magheraroarty, and stating that the proposed works were not suitable for execution as Employment Schemes. A copy of the Secretary's letter and of the Minute enclosed therewith had been transmitted to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, in case the matter might be one which concerned the activities of that Department.

The Council decided to await the reply of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch.

38/45. SUGGESTED REPAIR OF SLIPWAY AT BALLYETHERLAND, ST. JOHN'S POINT.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 20th January, 1945, S.W.1/3/83, adverting to the Secretary's letter, with extracts from Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on the 28th November, relative to the suggested repair of the slipway at Ballyetherland, St. John's Point, and also the repair of the road at Ballyetherland. They understood that the slipway was constructed many years ago by the Congested Districts Board and handed over to the County Council for maintenance, and, in the circumstances, the matter of the proposed repairs to the structure would appear to be one for consideration by the Council. It was assumed that the road at Ballyetherland was also in the charge of the County Council, and, if so, the question of its repair would be a matter for the Council.

The County Engineer stated that the Council had taken over responsibility for this work.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the Special Employment Schemes Office be asked to put the work into proper repair again, and that the Council would then accept responsibility for its future maintenance.

Councillor Callaghan seconded the motion which was passed.

39/45. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO SLIPWAY AT AN t-IOMAIRÉ BUIDHE, CRUIT ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 18th December, 1944, S.W.1/3/92, referring to the Council's Minute No. 299/44 relative to the proposed improvements to the slipway at an t-Iomaire Buidhe, Cruit Island, and stating that it was noted that the County Council agreed to make a contribution of 25% of the cost, estimated at £445, of the proposal, but that the Council would not agree to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the works when completed. With regard to the question of maintenance they stated that proposals for the construction or improvement of marine works with the aid of grants from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote were considered in relation to the benefits which they conferred on the local fishing and agricultural industries, and in order that the effect from any expenditure which might be sanctioned should not be nullified by any subsequent neglect it was necessary to arrange for the future maintenance of such works. The readiness of the Council to contribute towards the cost of marine works and to undertake their future maintenance was a valuable indication of their public utility and assisted materially in determining whether a grant from State funds was justified. The application for a grant towards the cost of the proposed improvements to the slipway at an t-Iomaire Buidhe was originally received from Deputy Michael Og McFadden who stated that the works were required to meet the needs of a large number of island fishermen making use of the slipway; and the proposal had been recommended by the Department of Agriculture in the interests of both the local fishing and agricultural industries. Unless, however, the Council was prepared to re-consider their decision not to accept responsibility for maintenance of the proposed works, the Parliamentary Secretary would have no option but to withdraw his offer of a grant.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Council agree to accept responsibility.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

40/45. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd January, 1945, G.6400/2/45, referring to the Council's resolution No. 325/44 regarding the payment of travelling expenses to members of Local Authorities, and pointing out that the payment of such expenses was now governed by Section 80 of the Local Government Act, 1941. Under that Section a member might be paid the amount which would reasonably have been incurred in travelling from his residence to the place of Meeting if the distance is five miles or over. Any reasonable locomotion expenses which a member actually incurred in attending a Meeting could be refunded to him. Formerly fixed mileage rates were paid, but under this system many members did not receive in full the expenses they had actually incurred, and many representations were made to the Department to take steps to have the law altered so that any reasonable expenses could be met. Section 80 gave no power to the Minister to fix expenses or to revert to the older system of payment by mileage allowances irrespective of actual cost of locomotion. There was no statutory authority for the payment of subsistence allowance to members for attendance at Meetings.

Councillor Blaney stated that he understood several County Councils were paying a fixed rate. He was almost certain this was the case in County Wexford.

It was decided to adjourn the matter, and the County Manager stated that he would make inquiries in the meantime from Wexford County Council.

41/45. PROVISION OF 'BUS SERVICE BETWEEN STRANORLAR AND LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 5th January, 1945, T.S.10140, referring to resolution passed by the Council requesting the provision of a 'bus service between Stranorlar and Letterkenny. Having regard to the present serious position of vehicles, tyres, spare parts, etc., the Minister regretted that he would be unable to authorise the introduction of a 'bus service between Stranorlar and Letterkenny, particularly as there was a 'bus service between Stranorlar and Convooy, and a rail connection between Convooy and Letterkenny. There was also a rail connection between Stranorlar and Letterkenny via Strabane. There was no direct 'bus service between Stranorlar and Letterkenny in the pre-Emergency period and in this connection they wished to state that it had not yet been found possible to restore many of the services which were completely discontinued owing to the Emergency.

Councillor Blaney proposed that the Department be asked to re-consider their decision in this matter. The Department were of opinion that there was an adequate 'bus service, but such was not the case. From the point of view of connecting up South Donegal with the rest of Donegal, and from the point of view of tourist traffic, this service was a most necessary one.

Councillor Gallagher seconded Councillor Gallagher's proposal which was passed unanimously.

42/45. FACILITIES FOR 'BUS PASSENGERS AT CONVOY.

Councillor McMenamin stated that in Convooy persons travelling were badly handicapped by having to carry their luggage a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile to the Station from the 'Bus stop. He suggested that the 'Bus stop immediately before or after crossing the Railway to pick up railway passengers or vice versa, or that failing this passengers be allowed to carry their luggage along the Railway line, to the Station, which would be only a distance of 70 yards. He stated that the former Manager of the Railway Co. had allowed this concession.

The County Manager stated that he would take the matter up with the Manager of the Railway Co.

43/45. PROPOSED SCHEME FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RIVER ERNE.

Councillor Hugh Callaghan proposed:- "That this Council, whilst not expressing any opinion on the merits or demerits of the proposed Scheme for the electrification of the River Erne, requests the Government to make all lands and hereditaments taken over by the Electricity Supply Board for such purpose subject to the payment of Poor Rate by the Board."

Councillor Callaghan spoke in support of his proposal, but the motion was not seconded.

44/45. PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR VILLAGE OF INVER.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the village of Inver be provided with a public Water Supply."

He stated that he would like the Co. Engineer to prepare an estimate of the cost.

The County Engineer stated that there were a lot of other towns worse off than Inver, and which were marked as early post-Emergency priorities. Inver was very far down on the list prepared by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Councillor Gallagher stated that this matter had been raised by the Board of Health some years ago. Surveys were made, and the matter was gone into. Further progress had been made than was supposed by Councillor Callaghan.

45/45. WATER SUPPLY FOR 13 COTTAGES AT CONVOY.

Councillor McMenamin raised the question of the water supply for 13 Cottages in Convooy. He understood that the Co. Manager had been approached in the matter. There were over 100 people living in these Cottages, and he thought that a pump should be installed.

The County Engineer stated that Convooy Water Supply was one of the first Post-Emergency Schemes listed for execution.

46/45. PROVISION OF TELEGRAM MONEY OFFICE AT FROSSES.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That this Council urge on the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide Frosses village with a telegram Money Office."

Councillor Callaghan seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

47/45. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF KELLY'S QUAY, KILLYBEGS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the necessary steps be taken to have the stones and rubbish placed there removed from Kelly's Quay, Killybegs, to enable the local fishermen to haul their boats to safety, and asking the Co. Manager and Co. Surveyor to give the matter active attention until the wishes of the fishermen are complied with."

Councillor Callaghan stated that he had raised this matter about 18 months ago. He had been informed that responsibility rested with the Board of Works, who now informed him that the County Council was responsible.

Councillor Brady stated that the Sewerage Contractor at Killybegs was taking material out of the pipes. A number of fishermen approached him and stated that it would be a good time to dump stuff on Kelly's Quay to fill it up and make a runway for the boats. He asked the Contractor to dump the stuff there. There was one family who had a row with the men who owned the house on the foreshore, and they organised a meeting. The material was stopped being dumped, and nothing further had been done. The County Manager and County Engineer had seen the place themselves, and to his mind only one man had a grievance. His idea in having the material placed there was to make it easier for the fishermen to land their boats.

Councillor Callaghan's proposal was not seconded.

48/45. DRAIN ALONGSIDE CO. ROAD AT DRUMBARITY, KILLYBEGS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out immediately to the drain alongside the County Road at Drumbarity, Killybegs, which was causing considerable damage by flooding to the County Road, and was a danger to man and beast."

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

49/45. LETTERILLY BOG ROAD.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the necessary repairs be carried out to the Letterilly Bog Road which was in a deplorable state."

The County Engineer stated that this was not a County Road, and the Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for their consideration.

50/45. KILLYBEGS COW MARKET OR FAIR GROUNDS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That the necessary steps be taken to keep Killybegs Cow Market or Fair Grounds in proper order, and that the dumping of rubbish there be prohibited."

Councillor Callaghan stated that this place was on the Fintra Road.

The County Manager stated that if it was not County property the Council could do nothing about it, except in so far as the ordinary sanitary arrangements were concerned.

Councillor Callaghan stated that he would formally ask the Council to take it over.

51/45. PROVISION OF SCHOOL MEALS FOR COGUISH N.S., KILCAR.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Asking the Co. Manager to state why meals are not being supplied in the Coguish National School in the Gaeltacht, and to take steps to have the children of that School provided with meals."

The County Manager stated that no meals had been provided in this School since 1942. Mr. Maguire, who formerly supplied this School, could not get sufficient supplies of bread. Bread was only delivered once a week on a Friday, and it would be stale or bad before the end of the following week.

The Council instructed the Co. Manager to take the matter up again with the Department of Supplies.

52/45. UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR MARRIED MEN WITH A P.L.V. OF £2 OR OVER.

Councillor Callaghan proposed, Councillor Gallagher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "Requesting the Minister for Industry and Commerce to allow Unemployment Assistance (dole) to married men with a P.L.V. of £2 or over all the year round."

53/45. COUNTY COUNCIL'S TURF PRODUCTION SCHEME.

The following Notice of Motion was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council:-

Notice of Motion by Councillor Callaghan:- "Requesting the County Surveyor to state at this Meeting of the Council the state of the County Council's Turf Scheme at the end of December, 1944; the amount disposed of up to that date and returns for same; the quantity in the bogs or otherwise in possession; and the quantity regarded lost or rendered useless up to that date."

54/45. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE DONE TO BOGS AT CARRICKATUGGART, KILLYBEGS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Protesting at the manner in which the bogs taken over by the County Council at Carrickatuggart, Killybegs, were left, and asking that trespass which is long overdue be paid to the owners of the Carrickatuggart Bogs."

The County Engineer stated that he would look into this matter. The military had been cutting this Bog for the past number of years.

Councillor Callaghan stated that the Bog had not been properly drained, and sheep were often lost.

55/45. COMPLAINT RE DELAY IN HAVING LABOURERS' COTTAGES REPAIRED.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Requesting the Co. Surveyor to speed up investigations regarding repairs to Labourers' Cottages with a view to having the necessary repairs carried out without delay."

Councillor Callaghan stated that he was showered with complaints from tenants of Labourer's Cottages.

The County Engineer stated that skilled men and materials were scarce, but everything possible was being done in the matter.

56/45. PROPOSAL TO SELL FISHING STATION AT TEELIN.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Protesting at the proposal of the Board of Works to sell the Fishing Station at Teelin, and requesting the Government to grant the Teelin fishermen the use of this Station, and all possible assistance to enable them to earn a livelihood."

The proposal was not seconded.

57/45. DISTRIBUTION OF PARAFFIN OIL.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Callaghan was noted:- "Calling on the Department of Supplies to make a more equitable distribution of paraffin oil, as it is disgraceful to deny large numbers in rural areas their supplies since mid-November!"

58/45.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Callaghan was referred to the Ancient Monuments Section of the Office of Public Works:-

"Requesting the County Council to take the necessary steps to induce the Board of Works to preserve what remains of the ancient Castle of the O'Clairighs at Ballyshannon, and to make the necessary repairs to the tomb of Conroy O'Clairigh, one of the Masters, who is interred in the Abbey of Assaroe, Ballyshannon."

59/45.

ATTENDANCE OF DOLE RECIPIENTS AT EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That in view of the fact that the men could be usefully engaged to their own advantage and the common good during the time which is wasted in having to attend the Labour Exchange to register three and six days a week, the Government be requested to make a general rule that all dole recipients be not asked to attend on more than one day in the week at the local Employment Exchanges."

In support of his motion, Councillor Callaghan stated that in Garda Sub-Districts where there were no Employment Exchanges, dole recipients were only asked to attend once a week.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Department of Industry and Commerce.

60/45.

SALARY OF THE PRESIDENT OF EIRE.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Callaghan was not seconded:-

"That in view of the fact that the present sum is considered excessive for this impoverished country, this Council request the Government to reduce the salary of the new President from £15,000 to £3,000, and that copies of this resolution be sent to all County Councils in the State."

61/45.

FIXED PRICE OF DONEGAL HOMESPUN.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Callaghan was not seconded:-

"Protesting at the action of Gaeltarra Eireann in reducing the fixed price of Donegal homespun, and requesting the Government to fix the price of the product at not less than a minimum of 9/- a yard, and a maximum of 12/- a yard."

62/45.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Asking the County Manager to speed up investigations into appeals of Old Age Pensioners who have been deprived of the Emergency Supplementary Allowance."

The County manager stated that he would do everything he possibly could to speed up these investigations.

Confirmed.

Mike O'MacPadden

Chairman of Co. Council.

27th February, 1945.

63/45.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

64/45.

A P O L O G Y.

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

65/45.

C O N D O L E N C E.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Chairman proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Thomas McShane, Dunkineely, who was for many years a highly-respected member of the Council, of the Scholarships Committee, and of the Committee of Agriculture.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal. Councillor Brady stated that he also wished to be associated in a special way with the resolution.

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

The Chairman also proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Michael F. Cunningham, Assistant Co. Engineer, on the recent death of his brother.

This motion was also passed in the usual manner.

66/45.

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 last Meeting of the County Council held on the 30th January, 1945.

Councillor Harkin referred to Minutes Nos. 29/45, 30/45, and 31/45 of the County Council at their last Meeting, and he stated that he wished to protest at manner in which the motions on the Agenda in his name had been disposed of. Before the Minutes were confirmed he would like to have an assurance that the motions would be considered at that Meeting.

The County Manager explained to Councillor Harkin that the feeling of the Meeting the last day was that if the County Surveyor's reports were incorporated in the Minutes, as had been done it would meet the situation.

Permission was given to Councillor Harkin to re-introduce the motions later.

Councillor Callaghan referred to Minute No. 38/45 regarding the suggested repair of the slipway at Ballyetherland, St. John's Point, and he inquired if there had been any reply from the Special Employment Schemes Office, and he was informed that there had been no reply.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Gallagher the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th January, 1945 were confirmed unanimously.

67/45.

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

Councillor Gallagher referred to Minute No. 6/45 of the County Council at their last Meeting in connection with above, and he stated that he understood that there had been correspondence in the matter since with the Department of Education.

He proposed that Master Curristin be allowed to sit for the Examination under Clause 11 of the Scheme.

Councillor Brady seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

68/45. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 9898 DATED 1ST FEBRUARY, 1945,
RE COTTAGE NO. 81, INVER, TENANTED BY JOHN McHUGH.

Councillor Callaghan referred to the County Manager's Order No. 9898 dated 1st February, 1945; re Cottage No. 81; Inver; tenanted by John McHugh. He stated that he was surprised at the County Manager's action in this matter in ordering McHugh to surrender possession of the Cottage.

The County Manager stated that he should have got notice of this from Councillor Callaghan. The files in these matters were at his Stranorlar Office, and Councillor Callaghan should have given him notice that he intended to raise this matter, and had Councillor Callaghan done so he would have had full particulars before him. If Councillor Callaghan wished to have the matter further discussed he could lodge Notice of Motion for next meeting.

After further discussion Councillor Callaghan was called to order by the Chairman, who ruled that the next item on the Agenda be discussed.

69/45. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR REVENUE ACCOUNT
FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL, 1945.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £70,000 for the months of March and April, 1945, for the Revenue Account.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Gallagher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department be requested to sanction Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £70,000 for the Revenue Account for the months of March and April, 1945.

70/45. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF PRODUCTION
ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL, 1945.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £70,000 for the months of March and April, 1945, for the Turf Production Account.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Gallagher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department be requested to sanction Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £70,000 for the Turf Production Account for the months of March and April, 1945.

71/45. REPORT OF ROADS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH
JANUARY, 1945.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS, 1934 AND 1939.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the Roads Sub-Committee held on the 16th January, 1945.

Arising out of this Report, the County Manager pointed out that the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners desired to have a Planning Resolution passed for their area, and also that similar requests had been received from other areas. He was of the opinion that it would be better to have a Planning Resolution passed to cover the entire County.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the County Manager to make the necessary arrangements for the adoption of a Planning Resolution for the entire County.

The Report of the Meeting of the Roads Sub-Committee held on the 16th January, 1945, was adopted unanimously.

72/45. ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1946.

The County Manager submitted the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1946, 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.

The following statement from the County Manager was circulated to the Councillors:-

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31/3/1946.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

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

	<u>1944/45.</u>	<u>1945/46.</u>
Road Charges.	£102,035. ^x	£104,386.~
Public Assistance Charges.	£71,592.	£86,127.
Mental Hospital Charges.	£40,373.	£41,285.
Health Charges.....	£26,431.	£22,578.
Housing Charges.....	£9,690.	£10,520.
General Purposes Charges.	£37,102.	£56,525.

ROAD CHARGES.

Provision is included for an increase in salary to the Assistant County Engineers, and for £2,000 in respect of the Council's contribution towards the cost of widening Ballyshannon Bridge. The widening now provided for relates, as the Council is aware, only to the new span on the North side of the river, which is being made by the E.S.B. Further provision will have to be made later for an additional £7,000 for the widening of the remainder of the Bridge. If this contribution be not made, the E.S.B. can only be required to provide a new arch to the same width as the existing Bridge. As this Bridge will probably carry the heaviest traffic in the County, it would be highly desirable to avail of this opportunity to have it made suitable as far as the new span is concerned for modern traffic requirements.

There appears to be some legal doubt as to whether Road Grants allocated to the Council during the year, and not included in the Estimates, can be expended without a specific resolution of the Council under Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, and to meet this difficulty it might be well to specify an amount now in both the Receipts and Expenditure Columns.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHARGES.

The increase of £14,535 in respect of Public Assistance Charges is one of the largest increases in the Estimates. The estimated debit balance on the current year's working is £6,000. The Emergency Supplementary Allowances to Old Age Pensioners and others cost the Council each year £6,118. No provision was made in last year's Estimates for this payment as the Grant was not notified until 16th March, 1944, and the matter did not come before the Council until their Meeting on the 25th April, 1944.

A new sum of £1,700 is included to cover the cost of the Children's Footwear Scheme. This sum is subject to a 50% recoupment.

As I anticipated last year, no appreciable saving accrued to the Council through the coming into operation of the Children's Allowances Act.

The cost of running the various Hospitals in the County and the County Home has been steadily rising, and I fear that with a cost-of-living index figure of 296 as compared with 173 pre-War, we cannot expect any substantial reduction under this heading for some time.

MENTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES.

The increase under this heading is caused by the rising costs of fuel, light, clothing, and bedding, and by salary increments and an additional emergency bonus to the staff.

A loan will have to be raised during the year to cover the additional expenditure on the twelve new houses provided for Officers and Attendants. Provision for the annual loan charges, after allowing for rents received, has also been made.

During the year the last instalment of the loan for £25,000 for the erection of the new block was paid off.

HEALTH CHARGES.

The lower figure shown under this head is caused by the credit of a loan of £10,000 which is to be raised for Fire-Fighting purposes, and of which £6,900 has already been spent.

Expenditure under the Tuberculosis Acts shows an increase of £1,233. The School Medical Scheme shows an increase in most heads. A sum is included for the treatment of Venereal Disease. The adoption of the approved Scheme entitles the Council to a recoupment of 75% on its expenditure. Otherwise, the full cost falls on the rates.

HOUSING CHARGES.

Under Housing Charges is now merged the operations of the former Board of Health under the Labourers' Acts, and the operations of the County Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and Housing Acts.

The cost of repairs has increased, and even the amount provided may not be sufficient to put all the Cottages in the County in a satisfactory state of repair, but it is estimated that this amount will cover all the repairs which can be executed, having regard to materials and skilled labour available. The transfer of Cottages under the Labourers' Act, 1936, is very slow. The tenants themselves appear reluctant to avail of the advantages of the Act, believing, evidently, that a more advantageous scheme would be introduced, and in the case of those Cottages which have been bought the legal delays are very difficult to understand.

A sum of £250 is provided for the clearance of the site of the administrative block attached to Milford Workhouse. This sum will be refunded to the Revenue Account later from the loan which must be raised for the erection of eight Cottages on the site.

A new item appears in respect of the Insurance (Intermittent Unemployment) Act, otherwise known as the "Wet-Time" Act. The responsibility of making the payments falls, in the first instance, on the employer, and is afterwards refunded to the Council so that a contra item appears on both sides.

A decrease in the loan charges sets off the increases under some of the other heads.

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES. under

A sum of £2,500 is included/this head to meet the cost of the Local Government Elections due to be held this year.

The demand of the Vocational Education Committee is increased by £1,747. As well, an additional sum of £400 is included to meet the new loan of £7,000 for Buncrana and Letterkenny Vocational Schools. Half of the loan charges is recouped by the Department of Education.

For the purposes of Tourist Development, I have increased the grant to £1,000. The President of the Irish Tourist Association feels strongly that with the possible early return to normal conditions there will be great opportunities in the Tourist Industry, and any expenditure by the Council in this direction will be a profitable investment.

I have included a sum of £1,000 to cover the Council's contributions to cost of new marine works, such as Piers, Harbours, landing-slips, etc. Last year no sum was included, yet the various contributions during the year amounted to £356.

No provision was made last year for Marriage Gratuities to female Officers retiring on marriage, and I have included under this head a sum of £300.

UNDER-CHARGE ON TURF SALES.

The item included in General Purposes Charges of £8,345 is made up of £4,684 in respect of turf supplied to the County Council, and its subsidiary Committees, and £3,661 supplied to other parties inside the County. This undercharge, which the Department of Local Government is claiming from us, represents the difference between the price of turf sold at 25/- per ton - which was the price estimated at the time - and the price of 34s/4d per ton, which proved to be the final cost of the turf.

I have submitted to the Department that this undercharge should not be the responsibility of the Council, and I have made representations to this effect.

As the Council is aware in this County in 1941 approximately 200,000 tons of turf were cut, and we were assured that no loss would be occasioned to the County by our efforts, always provided that every effort was made to see that the work was carried out in a careful and efficient manner. On the 5th June, 1941, the County Engineer instructed his Assistants to cease all further turf-cutting operations well before the end of June, and in any case not later than the 28th of that month. He felt that any later cutting was contrary to the general experience in the County, and that he would have as much turf cut as he could reasonably handle, either in the saving operations or by transport later. These instructions were countermanded by a request from the then Fuel Director that he continue cutting for another week. We were instructed to continue cutting later still, and, in fact, cutting did not cease until the 19th July, 1941. During this additional period of cutting from the end of June to the middle of July, which was at the very height of the season and when the maximum number of men were employed, the actual quantity of additional turf produced was almost half a million cubic yards.

The County Engineer protested on several occasions as far as he could against this late cutting of turf. He also personally interviewed the Fuel Director on this matter, and was eventually allowed to close down cutting operations by the 19th July, 1941. The extra quantity of turf cut during the period above-mentioned was directly responsible for the high cost of turf in Donegal during that year. The following are the reasons:-

1. We had not sufficient men nor was the weather suitable for saving this huge quantity of turf. Where we might have been able to save the quantity of turf up to the 28th June, the work involved in the partial saving of the additional quantity cut hindered us seriously in our efforts to save what was cut in the early part of the season.
2. The transport facilities being so inadequate to deal with the transport of the large quantity cut meant that a great proportion of our turf was left on the bog, and eventually became a total loss. It actually took two years to transport what turf we could save out of that cut in 1941. Practically no turf was cut in 1942.
3. The price of 25/- per ton was paid by all our Institutions for turf delivered to them from the 1941 crop. This price was considered reasonable, and if the County Council had been allowed to cease cutting as was thought advisable at the time, it is not unreasonable to assume that the final cost of the turf would not have exceeded this figure.

The sum of £3,661 represents the difference in price in turf supplied to bodies such as the Lough Swilly Railway Co., the Alcohol Factory, private merchants, and other individuals. This turf was sold on a cash basis, and it is not possible now to recover the difference, even if it were found right or fair to do so. The price per ton charged for this turf varied from 18/- in the early days of the turf season to 25/- later on. It was raised successively as the cost of production was found to be rising. It was a condition of the Government guarantee that supplies to local authorities and their subsidiaries should be strictly provisional as to price, i.e. the cost as it was known at the time of quotation, but subject to an adjustment when the Turf Accounts were finally closed, and the final price was known. Whilst accepting this condition for the turf cut during the normal season, I submitted to the Department that it was unfair to the Council to hold them responsible for turf cut after the normal season had closed, and against the expressed views of the Council's Technical advisers.

GENERAL.

The Estimates now presented are the highest ever submitted to the Council, and whilst the necessary increase in rates is to be deplored, it cannot be expected that in a world of rising prices and increasing scarcities, the services administered by the Local Authority would escape the tide that is all around us. There are very few Credit Balances to draw on to meet the heavier expenditure. During the year the Workmen's Compensation Fund received an unusual set-back, with two fatal claims, which cost the Council about £1,600. It is hoped that by reason of the improvement in general incomes, contributions for Hospital treatment will be higher, and that in other ways too less demands for financial assistance will be made on the public services. In this way, perhaps, to some little extent, the ratepayers will be relieved of the increasing burden upon them.

Mise le mess,
Seán D. MacLochláinn,
CO. MANAGER.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1946. (CONTINUED):

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

Local Government Elections.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the sum of £2,500 included in the Estimates for this purpose be deleted therefrom.

Councillor Harkin seconded.

The County Manager explained that the local Elections were due to be held this year.

Councillor McNulty proposed, as an amendment, that the amount be allowed to remain, but his proposal was not seconded.

Councillor Gallagher's motion was declared passed.

Public Assistance.

The County Manager explained that under this heading there was a debit balance of approximately £6,000 on the current year's working due to the provision which the Council agreed to make during the year for Emergency Supplementary Allowances.

Councillor Brady stated that there was no indication that there would be any Emergency Supplementary Allowances given during the coming year, and he proposed that the sum of £6,075 included under this heading be deleted.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the motion which was passed.

List A., Public Assistance.

The Council made no comment regarding the items included in

List A., Public Assistance.List B., Public Assistance.

Councillor Scott stated that the sum of £966 included for vacation substitutes in List B., seemed unduly high, and he thought that a better check should be kept on the sick leave granted to Doctors and Nurses. He was of the opinion that it would be worth while to compile comprehensive statistics over a definite period of the amount of sick leave granted to these Officials.

It was decided to reduce the sum of £4,835 in List B. by £835 to £4,000.

List C., Public Assistance.

The Council made no comment regarding the items included in

List C., Public Assistance.LIST D., PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Under this heading, the amount being spent each year on remuneration to substitutes for Medical Officers and Nurses absent on sick leave was again criticised.

Councillor Mahony stated that the medical certification in such cases left a lot to be desired.

Councillor Callaghan suggested that before sick leave be granted to Doctors or Nurses, the certification be verified by the County Medical Officer of Health.

A long discussion followed, in which it was agreed that this was a very difficult matter to deal with.

It was decided to reduce the amount of £3,855 included under List D., by £155, to £3,700, and the County Manager was asked to exercise the closest supervision over sick leave granted to Doctors and Nurses.

List E., Public Assistance.

The Council made no comment regarding the items included in

List E., Public Assistance.Mental Hospital Charges.

Councillor Mahony stated that the County Manager had consulted with the Visiting Committee regarding this Estimate, and they had cut the Estimate down to the very minimum.

The County Manager explained that the increase of £1,252 under the heading of Fuel and Light, was owing to the fact that the light had now to be bought in bulk from the E.S.B., and they could not get sufficient supplies of Oil to keep their own plant working. The Council's own plant was much more economical if supplies were available.

Councillor Scott referred to the sum of £1,424 included for repairs and alterations. He considered this amount unduly high, when account was taken of the amount spent on repairs during the past ten years. The Co. Manager stated that maintenance was a very important matter and should not be neglected.

It was decided to reduce the total amount included under Mental Hospital Charges by a sum of £666 to £52,400.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1946. (CONTINUED).

Housing Charges.

Under this heading, Councillor Brady stated that he considered the sum of £4,100 included for repairs to Labourers' Cottages excessive. The County Manager should consider in future lettings making some provision for the carrying out of inside repairs by the tenant.

The County Manager stated that the tenants generally were most unco-operative.

Councillor Myles inquired if the County Manager consulted with the local Councillors before he accepted tenants.

The County Manager replied in the negative, as he said he did not think this would be fair to the local Councillors.

Councillor Baxter suggested that the Cottage rents be increased to meet the cost of repairs.

The County Manager stated that the Minister's sanction would be required for any increase of rent, and if the Council felt that this should be done he would ask for sanction.

Councillor McNulty suggested that the contract system should be tried for repairs to Labourers' Cottages. In one particular area he was satisfied that substantial economies could be effected; for example, travelling expenses of the Assistant Surveyor supervising these repairs could be reduced.

The County Engineer stated that this was one of the most difficult problems he had to face. He had been considering for some time adopting a scheme somewhat similar to the contract system, whereby a schedule of fixed prices for work would be set up. The contract system was not entirely satisfactory as in some cases contractors were inclined to "skimp" the work. For one contractor who would do a job properly there would be twenty who would not do it properly.

Councillor Scott stated that the whole question was one of supervision, and he suggested the appointment of a Clerk-of-Works.

The Co. Engineer stated that this would not improve matters.

Councillor McNulty proposed that the amount included for repairs to Cottages be reduced to £3,000, and Councillor Brady seconded.

The County Manager asked for a scale of priority in expending the reduced sum of £3,000, and it was decided that priority be given to (1) repairs to Cottages to be vested, and (2) repairs to roofs; the matter to be again raised with the Council when the amount allowed was expended.

Councillor Callaghan proposed, as an amendment, that there be no reduction made in the amount estimated for repairs to Labourers' Cottages. He stated that the majority of tenants had no means to keep the Cottages in repair.

Councillor Baxter stated that he would be in favour of reducing the amount estimated to £2,000. In his area he knew of cottage tenants, two or three of the members of whose family attended the pictures a few times each week.

Councillor O'Donnell stated that the great cause of all the complaints was dampness.

The County Manager stated that the Council might be faced with the problem of having to raise a loan of £10,000 or £12,000 as had to be done before, if they did not make sufficient provision.

Councillor McNulty's proposal that the amount for repairs to Cottages be reduced from £4,100 to £3,000 was passed; Councillor Callaghan dissenting.

Health Charges.

Under this heading the County Manager referred to the sum of £10,000 included in the Receipts in respect of loan for Fire Brigade Expenses. He stated that this was a loan which the former Board of Health had been authorised to raise for the purchase of fire-fighting equipment. The loan had still to be raised, although the sum of £6,900 had already been spent out of revenue, leaving a figure of £3,100 to be spent.

In connection with Fire Brigade Expenses, Councillor O'Boyle stated that when reporting the recent fire at Dungloe, the Press made reference to the Fire Brigades at Sligo, Letterkenny, and Dunfanaghy, but had omitted any mention of the local Brigade, who had worked very hard in connection with the fire, and he regretted that no reference had been made in the Press to their efforts.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1946. (CONTINUED)

Health Charges.Derelict Sites.

Councillor Myles referred to the estimate of £400 in connection with Derelict Sites, and he complained of the delay in having these sites acquired.

The County Manager explained that the delay was caused through the difficulties of ascertaining who were the legal owners of these sites.

Tuberculosis Acts.

Councillor Scott stated that he thought the County Manager was a bit too lenient with applications from Hospitals for re-placements of furniture and cooking utensils. These items were very expensive at present, and he thought the Officials in charge of the Institutions should be asked to do with the equipment on hand.

The County Manager stated that in his opinion none of the Hospitals was over-furnished, and Councillor Mahony agreed with him.

Provision of X-Ray Plant for Hospitals.

Councillor Myles raised the question of the provision of an X-Ray Plant for Donegal Hospital, and he proposed that a sum of £700 be included for this purpose. He stated that this sum had been included last year, but was deleted in the hope that the Hospitals Commission might provide the plant.

Councillor Harkin proposed that an X-Ray Plant be provided for Carndonagh Hospital, and Councillor Campbell proposed that an X-Ray Plant be provided for Glenties Hospital.

The County Manager explained that if the Council decided to make provision for the purchase of X-Ray equipment they would also have to make provision for the services of Nurse-Radiographers, who would be required to operate the Plants.

Councillor Myles stated that there was an X-Ray plant in the Shiel Hospital, Bellyshannon, which was operated without the services of a Nurse-Radiographer, but the County Manager explained that the Shiel was a voluntary Hospital.

Councillor Brady stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion for next Meeting to raise a loan not exceeding £4,000 for the provision of four X-Ray Plants, and the County Manager stated that he would make inquiries, in the meantime, to see if the Plant was procurable.

Medical Treatment of School-Children.

Councillor Brady referred to the sum of £617 included in the Estimates in respect of Travelling Expenses of Doctors and Nurses in respect of medical treatment of school-children.

The County Manager stated that this figure was based on the actual expenses for last year, and if the amount were cut down the Doctors and Nurses would have to stay in their Offices and less work would be done.

Slaughter Licences.

Councillor Myles referred to a sum of £14 included as a receipt in respect of Slaughter Licences. He stated that the Slaughter-houses in the County were in a deplorable condition. He also stated that the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Act were not being enforced.

The County Manager stated that it was not correct to say that the provisions of the Act were not being enforced. The position was that the former Board of Health agreed to a partial relaxation of the regulations in connection with the registration of Dairies during the period of the Emergency.

GENERAL PURPOSES CHARGES.

Councillor Scott stated that under this heading he saw no reference to the Machinery Expenses Account.

The County Manager stated that the position was that it had been hoped that this Account would square itself, but owing to the severe frost the Account had received a set-back, but it was still hoped that the Account would about balance.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1946. (CONTINUED).
Workmen's Compensation Fund.

In reply to Councillor Scott, the County Manager stated that there was a sum of £7,000 to credit in the Workmen's Compensation Fund, although there had been two claims in respect of fatal accidents during the year. There was also another matter for consideration. The Local Government Department had questioned the procedure whereby a percentage of the total wages paid to turf workers was deducted weekly to meet liabilities under the Workmen's Compensation Act, as was the procedure in connection with Road Grants. The Department were willing to meet any actual claims that did arise in connection with turf work, and if they persisted in their attitude it would mean that between £3,000 and £4,000 which had already been paid into the Workmen's Compensation Fund in respect of turf work would have to be deducted from it. The matter was, however, still in abeyance.

Councillor Scott proposed that a sum of £1,000 be taken from the Workmen's Compensation Fund.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal.

Councillor McNulty proposed, as an amendment, that nothing be taken out of the Fund, but the proposal was not seconded.

Vocational Education Committee.

Councillor Scott referred to the increased amount provided in the Estimates for the Vocational Education Committee. He stated that this increase was mandatory, and that the Committee were keeping within the terms of the Act.

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The County Manager referred to the sum of £300 included in the Estimates under the above heading. He stated that he intended asking the Council to adopt a Planning Resolution for the entire County, and that in his opinion it would be most advisable to employ a Planning adviser at a small fee of, say, something under £100, to keep the Council advised of immediate developments without undertaking the expense of preparing an actual plan. All he had in mind was the control of irregular developments.

No deduction was made from the amount included in the Estimates.

Irish Tourist Association.

The County Manager stated that he had included in the Estimates a sum of £1,000 for the Irish Tourist Association.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that he hoped the Council would give the increased amount. It would be returned to the County with compound interest, and he proposed that it be granted.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal, which was supported by Councillors Baxter and Callaghan, and passed unanimously.

Refunds of Irrecoverable Rates.

Councillor Scott stated that the figure of £3,600 included in the Estimates under the heading of "Refunds of Irrecoverable Rates" was too high. It provided for an increase of £600 on last year's figure.

The County Manager stated that the Council had under-estimated last year in this connection, and it would be wise to make ample provision for it this year. The amount was small when it was remembered that it was less than 2% of the total Warrant, and any reduction in the amount would not make the rates recoverable. A list of the irrecoverable rates in his area was sent to each Councillor every year with a view to letting them see what rates were claimed to be irrecoverable, and this provided the Councillors with an opportunity of checking up on such rates.

Councillor McNulty proposed that the amount included in the Estimates be allowed. Councillor Melvor seconded the motion which was passed.

Temporary Clerks on Rate Work.

The County Manager stated that the increase of £100 under this heading was to provide for the payment of an Emergency Bonus to Temporary Clerks employed on Rate Work.

Contributions towards new Marine Works.

The Council unanimously decided to reduce the amount of £1,000 included under this heading by £500.

Under-charge on 1941 Turf Sales.

Councillor Baxter proposed that sum of £8,346 included in the Estimates under the heading "Under-charge on 1941 Turf Sales" be struck out, as the Department should take full responsibility for this loss, which was due to the late cutting which the County Engineer had protested against.

Councillor Harkin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Road Charges.

Councillor Baxter stated that the Road Estimate had been increased last year to provide additional expenditure for County Roads, but no improvement seemed to have been effected as the County Roads in his district were in a shocking condition.

He proposed that the amount to be spent on roads be the same as for 1943/44, i.e. £89,000.

Councillor Edward Friel seconded Councillor Baxter's proposal, and suggested that two-thirds of the money be spent on County Roads. The roads in his district were in a worse condition than ever before. He knew of cases where farmers had to repair the roads themselves.

Councillor Harkin stated that the roads all over Inishowen were in a deplorable state and he invited the Co. Surveyor to come and see them. He thought that the system of supervision was bad, and in this connection he quoted instances regarding a roller and crusher.

Councillor McNulty stated that the Council were not getting value for the money being spent on roads due to conditions over which they had no control. In War-time value could not be got for the money being spent. He proposed that the expenditure on roads be reduced to £100,000, plus £2,000 for Ballyshannon Bridge, i.e. that the figure of £104,386 shown in the Estimates be reduced by £2,386 to £102,000.

Councillor Cooper seconded.

Councillor Callaghan criticised the system whereby a ganger was supervising small groups of workers. He also referred to the Surveyors' Salaries and the bonus in respect of Turf Production granted to the Survey Staff.

Councillor Callaghan also stated that the Co. Surveyor had tarred a road at Frosses, despite the Council's resolution to the contrary. The Co. Surveyor had promised to inspect the St. John's Point and Meenagrannogue Roads, but had not done so.

Councillor O'Donnell suggested that the Council revert to the contract system. Under the Direct Labour system roads were deprived of two-thirds of their tonnage.

Councillor Greene stated that the roads in his area were the worst in the County, and he asked that Item No. 37 on the Agenda be discussed.

In reply to Councillor Greene, the Co. Surveyor gave the following information which he stated referred to the Roads district administered by Mr. Charles D. O'Donoghue:-

Main Roads.

Amount allowed.....	£5,500.
Amount spent to date.....	£5,459 : 0 : 11.

County Roads.

Amount allowed for improvement.....	385.
Amount allowed for repairs.....	£4,785.
Amount spent to date on improvement.....	£279 : 19 : 7.
Amount spent to date on repairs.....	£4,214 : 4 : 2.

The Co. Engineer stated that no monies were transferred from second or third-class roads to Main Roads.

Councillor Baxter amended his original proposal to read:-
"That the total gross expenditure on roads be reduced to £110,000."
Councillor Harkin seconded the proposal. It was pointed out that this proposal would leave the net amount to be spent on roads about £93,000.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the County Surveyor's estimate of £104,386, including the provision of £2,000 for Ballyshannon Bridge, be adopted.

Councillor Campbell seconded Councillor Gallagher's proposal.

Councillor Baxter's proposal that the net expenditure be £93,000 was put to the Meeting first, and, on a show of hands, was declared defeated.

Councillor Gallagher's proposal that the County Surveyor's estimate of £104,386 be adopted was next put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For:- Councillors Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Gallagher, Greene, Hannigan, Myles, McRory, and O'Donnell. Total 9.
Against:- Councillors Baxter, Doherty, Friel, Cooper, Harkin, Mahony, McNulty, O'Boyle, and Scott. Total 9.

As the voting was equal, the Presiding Chairman (Councillor J. P. McIvor) gave his casting vote in favour of Councillor Gallagher's proposal, which he declared carried, and which then became the motion.

Councillor McNulty's amendment that the total expenditure be £100,000, plus £2,000 for Ballyshannon Bridge, was then put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For:- Councillors Doherty, Friel, Cooper, Harkin, Mahony, McIvor, McNulty, McRory, O'Boyle, and Scott. Total 10.
Against:- Councillors Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Gallagher, Greene, Hannigan, Myles, and O'Donnell. Total 8.

The Chairman declared Councillor McNulty's amendment carried, and on its becoming the motion it was declared carried by the same voting.

The Roads Estimate was, therefore, declared reduced by £2,386.

Separate Charges.

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

The Secretary stated that the amendments proposed by the Council would leave the total General Rate 231.9521 pence in the £.

Having so amended the Estimates as prepared by the County Manager, on the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Gallagher, 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, 1946.

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

- BUNCRANA.....£3,580.
- BUNDORAN.....£2,859.
- LETTERKENNY.....£3,560.

73/45. EXTENSION OF BUNDORAN PLANNING DISTRICT.

A letter dated 19th February, 1945, S.3964/3/44, Bundoran U.D., was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Bundoran Urban District Council had applied in pursuance of Section 21 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, for an extension of the Planning District of the Urban District by the addition of the townlands of Drumachrin, Finner, Magheracar, and Ardfarna. The Department asked that the matter be submitted to the County Council and that any representations they might decide to make thereon be submitted to the Minister within one month in pursuance of sub-section 2 of Section 21 of the Act.

The Council unanimously decided to inform the Department that they had no objection to the extension of the Planning District of the Urban District by the addition of the townland of Ardfarna (Ardfarna), and portions of the townlands of Drumachrin, Finner, and Magheracar.

74/45. QUESTION OF CONTINUANCE OF CREDIT NOTE SYSTEM FOR THE YEAR 1945/46.

The Council proceeded to consider the question of the continuance of the Credit Note system for the year 1945/46.

The County Manager stated that the cost of printing, preparing, and despatching the Credit Notes last year was approximately £300.

Councillor McNulty proposed that the system of Credit Notes be discontinued.

Councillor Scott seconded.

Councillor Gallagher proposed, as an amendment, that the system be retained, and Councillor Callaghan seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, eight members voted for the Credit Note system, and seven against.

Councillor Gallagher asked that a proper recorded vote be taken, and Councillor Gallagher's amendment that the Credit Note system be retained was put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For:- Councillors Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Gallagher, Hannigan, Harkin, McRory, and O'Donnell. Total 8.

Against:- Councillors Baxter, Doherty, Friel, Cooper, Mahony, McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, and Scott. Total 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and Councillor McNulty's motion was put to the Meeting, with the following results:-

For:- Councillors Baxter, Doherty, Friel, Cooper, Mahony, McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, and Scott. Total 9.

Against:- Councillors Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Gallagher, Hannigan, Harkin, McRory, and O'Donnell. Total 8.

The Chairman declared the motion for the discontinuance of the Credit Note system carried.

Councillor Gallagher challenged the accuracy of the voting result submitted by the County Manager, but the Chairman ruled that he was out of order.

75/45. INSURED PERSONS (LOCAL AUTHORITIES' NOMINEES) MEMBERS ELECTORATE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21/2/1945, requesting the nomination by the Council of four qualified persons to be members of the Insured Persons (Local Authorities' Nominees) Members Electorate established under the National Health Insurance, and the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Act, 1936, in connection with the election of members of the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society. The number of delegates to be nominated by the Council was governed by the number of insured persons resident in the functional area, and was ascertained by dividing the number of insured persons so resident by 5,000; an extra delegate being allowed where the number remaining was 2,500 or over. The letter stated that the number of insured persons resident in Donegal County as at 1/1/1945 was 21,951, and the Council, accordingly, was entitled to nominate four delegates, and added that a person was not qualified to be nominated as a delegate, if at the date of his nomination:-

- (a) he was under 21 years of age; or
- (b) he was not an insured person under the National Health Insurance Acts; or
- (c) he was not resident in the County; or
- (d) he was an officer or employee of the National Health Insurance Society.

The Council unanimously decided to nominate the following delegates:-

Edward Canning O'Kelly, Ramelton.

John Doherty, Killygordon.

George McDermott, Lifford.

Edward Lynch, Lifford. (Home address, Ward Place, Bundoran.)

In the event of any of the foregoing delegates not being qualified, it was decided to substitute Connell Francis Gallagher, Tawnawilly, Barnesmore P.O.

76/45. EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE SCHEME AT KILLYBEGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF LAVATORIES AT THE NIALL MOR N. S., KILLYBEGS.

The County Manager stated that since the Agenda was issued he had received a letter from Very Rev. J. Canon Brennan, P.P., Killybegs. Canon Brennan proposed erecting new lavatories at the Niall Mor N.S., Killybegs.

The County Council owned a Fair Green which surrounded the School, and Canon Brennan wanted the Council to give sufficient ground for the structures. A plot about 45' x 22' would be sufficient.

The County Manager stated that an extension of the sewer, 79 yards in length, would be required, and the estimated cost of the extension would be £170.

The Council unanimously decided to agree to give the ground required, subject to the legal costs being borne by Canon Brennan. It was also decided to vote a sum of £170 for the extension of the sewer.

77/45. COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT ON TURF PRODUCTION.

Councillor Scott proposed that the County Engineer's report on Turf Production be adjourned until the Meeting of the Council in June, 1945, when he would be in a position to bring in a report on the 1944 Turf working, and the proposal was passed.

Councillor Callaghan stated that he would not wait until June for this report.

78/45. EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF FIRST MOIETY CREDIT NOTES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Harkin was withdrawn:-

"That I will ask the Co. Manager the reason why the Credit Notes for the First Moiety could not be accepted by Miss Deery, Rate Collector, after 31st January, 1945, in the areas of Malin and Culdaff."

79/45. SURCHARGE OF £6 IN RESPECT OF ACCOUNTS OF FORMER DONEGAL MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1945, L.15177/44, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had under consideration the application made to him to inquire into and decide upon the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the Auditor for making at the audit of the accounts of the Donegal Mental Hospital a surcharge of £6 in respect of a payment to a member for travelling expenses which were not duly vouched. The Minister had decided that the surcharge was lawfully made, but in view of the representations made by the applicants he had directed that the surcharge be remitted. Care should be taken that the requisite particulars in connection with payments of Travelling Expenses were made available at future audits. It was the duty of the appropriate executive officer to see that the necessary information was set out on the travelling expenses form signed by the member before recoupment was authorised.

The letter was noted.

80/45. SURCHARGE OF £25:16:8 IN RESPECT OF PAYMENT TO MR. BERNARD GRIFFIN, HOME ASSISTANCE OFFICER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1945, 15237/44, Dun na nGall (F.), stating that the Minister had under consideration the application made to him to inquire into and decide upon the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the Auditor for making at the audit of the accounts of the Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance a surcharge of £25 : 16 : 8 in respect of payment to Mr. Bernard Griffin, Assistance Officer. The Minister had decided that the surcharge was lawfully made, but upon consideration of the representations made by the appellants he had directed that the surcharge be remitted.

The letter was noted.

81/45. SURCHARGE OF £100 : 7 : 0 IN RESPECT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FORMER BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1945, L.15177/44, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had under consideration the application made to him to inquire into and decide upon the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the Auditor for making at the audit of the accounts of the Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance surcharges of amounts totalling £100 : 7 : 0 in respect of payments of travelling expenses which were not duly vouched. The Minister had decided that the surcharges were lawfully made, but upon consideration of the representations made by the appellants he had directed that the surcharges be remitted. Care should be taken that the requisite particulars in connection with payments of travelling expenses were made available at future audits. It was the duty of the appropriate executive officer to see that the necessary information was set out on the travelling expenses form signed by the member before recoupment was authorised.

The letter was noted.

82/45. SURCHARGE OF £30 IN RESPECT OF PAYMENT TO A DUBLIN HOSPITAL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1945, 15222/44, Dun na nGall., F., stating that the Minister had under consideration the application made to him to inquire into and decide upon the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the Auditor for making at the audit of the accounts of the Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance a surcharge of £30 in respect of a payment to a Dublin Hospital towards the cost of Hospital treatment afforded to a person who had not been sent to the Hospital with the prior authority of the Board. The Minister had decided that the surcharge was lawfully made, but upon consideration of the representations made by the appellants as to the circumstances under which the expenditure was incurred he had directed that the surcharge be remitted.

The letter was noted.

83/45. PROVISION OF A 'BUS SERVICE BETWEEN STRANORLAR AND LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, Kildare Street, Dublin, dated 16th February, 1945, T.S.10140, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 9th February with copy of Minute No. 41/45 C.C. in regard to the question of the provision of a 'bus service between Stranorlar and Letterkenny. The matter had been fully considered and for the reasons already mentioned in the Department's letter of the 5th ultimo the Minister regretted he was unable to alter his decision.

The letter was noted.

84/45. ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS. —

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

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, and 42.

85/45. ADJOURNMENT OF ESTIMATES MEETING.

The Chairman declared the Estimates Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, 24th April, 1945.

Confirmed

Michael MacPádraig

Chairman of the Council

24th April, 1945

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1945, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE RATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1945/46.

86/45.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

87/45.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Callaghan proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the victims of the recent drowning tragedy in Donegal Bay.

The motion was passed in silence; all the members attending.

88/45.

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 Brady seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting of the County Council held on the 27th February, 1945, were confirmed unanimously.

89/45.

C O U N T Y M A N A G E R ' S O R D E R N O . 1 0 7 7 5 . C H A N G E S I N T H E C O U N T Y E N G I N E E R I N G S T A F F.

Councillor O'Boyle referred to County Manager's Order No. 10775 regarding recent changes in the County Engineering Staff.

He suggested that the Glenties and Dunfanaghy Areas should be re-arranged so as to make three Assistant Surveyor's Districts out of the present two Districts.

The County Manager stated that all the Assistant Surveyors' Districts required re-adjustment.

The County Engineer stated that he had this matter in mind for a considerable time. The Glenties Area was far too big for one man.

Councillor Brady stated that the change of Mr. R. F. O'Driscoll from Dungloe to Dunfanaghy was unnecessary. In Falcarragh there was an Engineer in the employment of the Council, and who had been in their employment for several years. He concluded that this man's services were satisfactory or they would have been dispensed with, and he saw no reason why he should not have been appointed to take charge of the Dunfanaghy District following Mr. O'Donoghue's transfer to Public Health Services. He stated that experience had shown that frequent changes of Surveyors did not tend to make the position in any district satisfactory.

Councillor Breslin supported Councillor Brady, and stated that money was being lost through frequent changes of Surveyors. To his mind the position in the Rosses Area was that Supervising Gangers were supervising the expenditure of money and this did not make for efficiency at all. He agreed with Councillor Brady that the men in Falcarragh should have been appointed to take charge of the Dunfanaghy District. He knew the district better than anyone.

The County Engineer stated that he did not wish at a public Meeting to go into the pros and cons of this case, but if any Councillors interested would like to have his views he would give them to them afterwards.

The discussion then ended.

90/45.

G W E E B A R R A B R I D G E.

The Secretary stated that the Council had already decided to grant a sum of £700 for the purpose of carrying out trial borings at Gweebarra Bridge, and he asked that this amount be increased to £1200. Tenders had been taken for the carrying out of the work, but the County Manager had not yet had an opportunity of examining the tenders. The money would be recouped to the Council in the same proportion as the Grant for this Bridge.

Councillor Brady proposed that the sum for this work to be allowed be increased to £1200.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

91/45. MEANS TEST FOR OLD AGE PENSION APPLICANTS.

The Secretary submitted the following resolution which he had received from the Letterkenny Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-
 "The Letterkenny Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee are of opinion that the existing means test of £39 per annum as applied to applicants for Old Age Pensions works a grave hardship in a large majority of cases and we recommend that the amount be altered to at least £52 per annum. The present standard only represents an increase of £7 : 10 : 0 per annum on that fixed almost forty years ago; cost-of-living and other factors in the meantime leave £39 per annum totally inadequate to meet present needs and circumstances. We are impelled to this conclusion by knowing the hardship wrought by the application of existing rate in nearly all the cases now and for a long time past coming before us."

Councillor Mahony proposed that the resolution be adopted and that copies of it be sent to every other County Council in the State.

Councillor McMahonin seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

92/45. MOVILLE LIGHTING.

The County Manager applied for an additional sum of £30 for the extension of the public lighting of the town of Moville during the Summer months. He stated that representations in the matter had been made to him by a local Committee. The amount would be a local charge.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the amount be granted.

Councillor Sweeney seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

93/45. LEABGARROW PIER, ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 18th April, 1945, S.W.1/3/97, stating that owing to Emergency conditions the improvement of Leabgarrow Pier, Arranmore Island, in respect of which the Council agreed on 28th July, 1942, to contribute 25% of the then estimated cost, viz., £1,790, could not be proceeded with. The letter stated that there was a reasonable prospect of the work being done this year, but owing to increased costs the estimated expenditure would now be £2,044, 75% of which (i.e., £1,533) would be given by way of grant provided the Council contribute the remaining 25%, i.e. £511, and accept responsibility for maintenance.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the Council agree to contribute the sum of £511.

Councillor Breslin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

94/45. PROVISION OF NEW QUAY AT BUNBEG, CO. DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 18th April, 1945, S.W.1/3/79, stating that in the interests of the local fishing industry the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance was prepared to provide a new quay at Bunbeg, Co. Donegal, and to make a grant of 75% of the estimated cost, i.e. £1,924, provided the Donegal County Council agreed to the following:-

- (a) Contribute the balance (25%) of the cost of the work;
- (b) accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the quay and approach road;
- (c) Arrange for the submission by the County Engineer of a firm estimate of the cost of constructing the approach road.
- (d) Agree to have the approach road and also the provision of the wharf deck carried out by the County Engineer.

Councillor Breslin stated that there was no Pier at Bunbeg except a private Pier, and he proposed that the Council agree to the conditions set out in the letter.

Councillor O'Boyle seconded, but he stated that the Council's Schedule of Tolls should apply to the new Pier at Bunbeg.

The Council agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding £500, and to ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to extend the Council's Schedule of Tolls to include the new Pier at Bunbeg.

95/45. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH TURF WORK.
The Secretary applied for a sum of £750 for temporary clerical assistance in connection with Turf Work for the period from 1st April, 1945, to 30th September, 1945.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the amount be granted.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

96/45. FUEL OIL FOR CONVEYANCE OF TURF WORKERS TO CROHONAGH BOG.
Councillor McMenamin stated that at the moment about 200 families were cutting turf in Crohonagh Bog, about seven miles from Ballybofey.

He proposed that the County Manager take the necessary steps to obtain an extra supply of Fuel Oil for the County Donegal Railways Joint Committee to enable them to run extra Rail Cars for the conveyance of turf workers to this Bog.

The County Manager stated that he would take the matter up with the Department of Supplies.

97/45. ITEMS ON AGENDA ENTAILING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY.

Councillor Gallen stated that he remarked that a number of the items dealt with that morning were not on the Agenda, and as they dealt with the expenditure of money three days' notice of them should have been given to the Council in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Councillors McRory and Callaghan supported Councillor Gallen.

The County Manager stated that the applications were being made under Section 25 (1) of the County Management Act, 1940, which he read, and except in the cases of Moville Lighting and Gweebarra Bridge, three days' notice had been given to the Council of the other items.

98/45. MAKING OF RATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

The 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 Mahony seconded by Councillor Blaney, 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, 1946.

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 Secretary.

99/45. SIGNING OF RATE COLLECTORS' WARRANTS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Blaney, it was unanimously decided to sign and seal the Rate Collectors' Warrants authorising the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1946, (Form R.A.6.), and the Warrants were thereupon duly signed by the County Manager, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

100/45. APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 19 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

The Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement four applications were received for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District, comprising the Electoral Divisions of Kilcar, Crowkeeragh, Glencolumbkille, Malinbeg, Kilgoly, and Largymore. These applications were from:-

Patrick Gillespie, Braide, Glencolumbkille.

Eugene Hegarty, Shaivey, Kilcar.

Francis John McElroy, Malinmore, Glencolumbkille.

Michael Aloysius O'Donnell, Meenaneary, Carrick.

No Bankers' references in connection with his proposed Personal Sureties had been received from Mr. Gillespie, and his application was, therefore, not in order.

The other three candidates had been examined in Irish that morning, and the Irish Examiner reported that Messrs. Eugene Hegarty and Michael Aloysius O'Donnell possessed a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable them to perform the duties of the Office through the medium of that language. Mr. Francis John McElroy did not possess such a knowledge.

The previous holder of the position had also acted as Water Rate Collector for the district, from which position he had not yet resigned, and the County Manager wished the person to be appointed as Poor Rate Collector to act also as Water Rate Collector. The two qualified persons, Messrs. Hegarty and O'Donnell, had agreed to act as Water Rent and Water Rate Collector at a remuneration at the rate of 5% on the amount of Water Rent and Water Rate collected and lodged to the credit of the Council's account.

The Chairman (Councillor McFadden) proposed the appointment of Mr. Michael A. O'Donnell, and Councillor Gallagher seconded.

Councillor Callaghan proposed the appointment of Mr. Eugene Hegarty, and Councillor Craig seconded.

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

For Mr. Michael A. O'Donnell. Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallagher, Gallon, Cooper, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, McRory, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sweeney. Total 24.
For Mr. Eugene Hegarty. Councillor Callaghan. Total 1.

The Chairman declared Mr. Michael A. O'Donnell appointed to the position.

101/45. TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS, 1934 AND 1939.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to adopt the following resolution under the Town and Regional Planning Acts, 1934 and 1939:-

"Resolved that the Donegal County Council being the District Planning Authority for the following Planning District, that is to say, the County Health District of the County of Donegal, hereby decide to make a district Planning Scheme for the following area, being a portion of such Planning District, that is to say, the area consisting of the County Health District of the County of Donegal, exclusive of the townland of Ardfarn (Ardfarna), and those portions of the townlands of Drumacrin, Finner, and Magheracar, which are not included in the area of the Urban District of Bundoran, and shown enclosed within the inner edge of a red-coloured border on a map now produced to us the said Donegal County Council."

102/45. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The Secretary stated that he estimated that Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £56,000 would be required for the Revenue Account for the months of May and June, 1945.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to apply for Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £56,000 for the Revenue Account for the months of May and June, 1945.

103/45. APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT.

The Secretary stated that he estimated that Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £115,000 would be required for the Turf Production Account for the months of May and June, 1945.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £115,000 for the months of May and June, 1945.

104/45. ADOPTION OF POLLING SCHEME FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

A letter dated 29th March, 1945, P.20406/44, Dun na nGall., was read from the Local Government Department referring to the Secretary's letter of the 13th December, 1944, enclosing copy of Minute No. 287/44 of the County Council at their Meeting on the 28th November, 1944, on the subject of the revision of Polling Schemes for Local Elections, and stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had directed the transmission of a draft Schedule fixing County Electoral Areas for Donegal County. The Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places should be adopted by the County Council under the Local Elections Act, 1927, after consideration of any suggestions made by the Registration Officer and Returning Officers concerned, and four copies of the Scheme when adopted should be forwarded to the Department for confirmation.

The Secretary reported that the Registration Officer and Returning Officers concerned had no objection to offer to the draft Schedule.

The County Manager stated that the changes suggested were the same as had been made in the Polling Scheme for Dail Elections, and that the transfer of certain townlands from one County Electoral Area to another was in accordance with the Minutes of the Council at their Meeting held on 28th November, 1944. He stated it was proposed to transfer townlands on the borders of the different County Electoral Areas into the County Electoral Areas in which their Polling Place was situate. Eight Polling Districts in all were affected. The changes which had been incorporated in the Polling Scheme for Dail Elections were made following Meetings held throughout the County to which the public were invited, and at which all suggestions offered were considered.

Councillor Scott stated that the draft Schedule which accompanied the Department's letter should have been circulated to the Council.

Councillor Gallen suggested that the Registration Units should be printed in alphabetical order, and that at the beginning of each Unit should be set out a statement of the Polling Districts to which it related.

Councillor Brady stated that no voter should have to go more than five miles, and the Co. Manager asked for particulars as he stated that at the last Dail Elections the Polling Scheme was so arranged that no voter should have more than two miles to go at the very outside.

The Chairman stated that Edeninfagh N.S. situated in the townland of Edeninfreagh would be a more suitable Polling Place for the Polling District of Edeninfagh than a private house in Tievelough, and he asked the Co. Manager to look into this.

Councillor Brady stated that it was most important that the district of Cleengort, which formerly voted at Kilkenny N.S., and which now voted in a room in a private house at Cloghercor, should be transferred back to Kilkenny N.S. or to Derryloughan N.S.

The Council decided to accept Edeninfreagh and Derryloughan as Polling Places for the areas mentioned by Councillors McFadden and Brady.

Councillor Gallagher stated that there was a townland in Lough Lake Area which should poll at Lackrum, but he did not know the name of it.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to adopt the Polling Scheme for Local Government Elections, as amended, under Section 14 of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

105/45: SCHEME OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

A Circular Letter dated 14th April, 1945, P. (V.W.) 44/45, was read from the Local Government Department stating that provision had been made for the continuance in the current financial year of the Scheme of Emergency Supplementary Cash Allowances to:- (1) Old Age Pensioners; (2) Blind Pensioners; (3) Recipients of Disablement Benefit; and (4) dependent children of Blind Pensioners and of recipients of Disablement Benefit.

The County Manager stated that a sum of £24,301 would be required to meet this expenditure, of which a sum of £18,226 would be recouped to the Council.

Councillor Baxter raised at the outset the question of the remuneration of Home Assistance Officers for the extra work involved in administering this Scheme.

The County Manager stated that the Department had approved an expenditure not exceeding 3% of the total expenditure, i.e. not exceeding £720, for the purpose of remunerating the Officers who had dealt with the Scheme and also any temporary Clerks engaged, and he now asked the Council's permission to expend a sum of £720 in the administration of the Scheme for each of the two years.

On the motion of Councillor Blaney seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to grant the County Manager's application.

Councillor McIvor expressed his dissatisfaction with the Scheme.

Councillor O'Donnell stated that there were undeserving applicants receiving it, and deserving ones not receiving it.

Councillor Callaghan stated that the Home Assistance Officers were not doing their duty. They should visit the homes of the applicants. Some of them did their duty well, but others acted on hearsay reports. Home Assistance Officers should visit the homes, and payments should be made at least once a week.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that one great complaint was that no notification was sent to applicants as to whether their claims had been allowed or disallowed. There should be some system of notification.

Councillor Harkin stated that there was great dissatisfaction in his area. He knew of four deserving applicants who had been refused.

Councillors Baxter and McRory both stated that the Scheme should be administered through the **Investigation Officers.**

Councillor Friel stated that in the Electoral Division of Termon there were only nine people in receipt of the allowance. In the neighbouring Electoral Division it was being handed out lavishly.

Councillor Brady stated that payments should be made retrospective from the 1st April, 1945.

Councillor Blaney stated that some of the Home Assistance Officers were rather generous, whilst others went to the extreme end.

Councillor Scott stated that there should be some collaboration between the Investigation Officer, the Home Assistance Officer, and the local County Councillor. He found from experience that several people in his area were in receipt of the allowance who were not entitled to it.

Councillor Campbell stated that every person in his area who was in receipt of the Old Age Pension of 10/- per week was entitled to the allowance. He also wished to know how the money should be paid. In the Lettermacaward Area the Home Assistance Officer only came once every two or three months.

Councillor Baxter stated that where Old Age Pensioners were living in a comfortable house with non-relatives their applications should be granted.

Councillor McRory proposed that the Local Government Department be asked to grant an increase of 2s/6d per week to all Old Age Pensioners irrespective of any means test.

Councillor Harkin seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

SCHEME OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES (CONTINUED).

The County Manager stated that no problem had ever given greater difficulty than the administration of this Scheme. There were over 10,000 Old Age Pensioners in the County, and to give each of them 2s/6d per week would take over £60,000. Out of the 10,000 roughly over 6,000 pensioners made application for the allowance, and to give each of them 2s/6d per week would take, roughly, around £39,000. To expend the £24,301 which he had he could only give 2s/6d per week to 3,736 people for 12 months out of the 6,000 who applied.

The investigation of each case was a most difficult matter as it was very hard to get the truth. Very many of the applicants had given dishonest information.

He was satisfied that somewhere between the figure of 3,736 and 6,000 was the correct figure, probably around 5,000.

He contemplated allowing from the 2nd May, 1945, a sum of 2/- per week up until the end of September, and by that time he hoped to have finished his investigations and re-investigations, and by cutting out undeserving cases he hoped to be able to increase the allowance for the winter months.

He intended to have the Superintendent Home Assistance Officer on the road all the time supervising the work of the Home Assistance Officers and making spot checks on claims and by the end of September he hoped to have reached a firm figure.

He was trying to arrange for monthly payments at least, and every applicant would be notified of the result of his application. He appealed for co-operation from the County Councillors.

Councillor Mahony expressed his appreciation of the County Manager's report.

106/45. PROVISION OF X-RAY EQUIPMENT FOR HOSPITALS.

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

"That this Council instruct the County Manager to raise a loan not exceeding £4,000 for the provision of X-Ray equipment for the Hospitals at Donegal, Glenties, Lifford, and Garndonagh."

107/45. ADMINISTRATION OF CHILDREN'S FOOTWEAR SCHEME.

Councillor Breslin proposed:- "That we ask the County Manager to issue at the earliest possible moment Vouchers to enable eligible applicants to obtain boots which, it is understood, have been delivered to various shopkeepers."

The County Manager stated that the position was that he had divided all the applicants into a number of classes. In the first class were people who were in receipt of Home Assistance and they got first preference and they made no contribution. In the second class were people whose total income was less than 30/- per week and they were asked to contribute 2s/6d per pair. In the third class were people whose incomes ranged from 30/- per week to 67s/6d per week, and they were asked to contribute on a sliding scale according to the number of children in the family and the amount of the income.

He had been able to meet all the applications from the Home Assistance recipients, and from people with incomes less than 30/- per week. The number of boots allowed did not permit him to meet the applications of all the people in the third class. 2,700 pairs of boots were allowed altogether.

Councillor Baxter stated that there were a considerable number of boots in the hands of the merchants, but the County Manager stated that the scheme was now suspended until the 1st October.

108/45. BOG ORE TRAFFIC ON COUNTY ROADS.

The County Manager referred to an item on the Agenda dealing with the holding of a Sworn Inquiry into Bog Ore Traffic on County Roads. He stated that this matter arose out of a Meeting of the Roads Sub-Committee held on the 12th December last, and he regretted that he was not present when the matter was under discussion, or he would have drawn the attention of the Committee to a letter 14th August, 1931, from the Local Government Department, which he proceeded to read, and which pointed out that certain restrictions on lorry traffic then proposed were not ones to which practical effect could be given, and further stating that the imposition of the restrictions were such that the Minister would not be warranted in continuing to the Council assistance from the Road Fund, and this fact had to be borne in mind in the consideration of all proposals of a comprehensive nature for the restriction of motor traffic.

Councillor McNulty (who was the Chairman of the Roads Sub-Committee) stated that the Committee had a feeling that a lot of damage was being done to the roads with lorries carrying Bog Ore Traffic, but in view of the letter read by the County Manager he agreed that the matter required further consideration, and he proposed that the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Roads Committee.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

109/45. DISMISSAL OF MR. JOHN DOHERTY, CRAGHEYBOYLE, DUNGLOE, FROM THE POSITION OF SUPERVISING GANGER.

Councillor Campbell proposed the following Motion:-

"That a Sworn Inquiry be held in to the case of John Doherty, Cragheyboyle, Dungloe."

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Asking the Co. Surveyor to state why Mr. John Doherty, Cragheyboyle, Dungloe, was reduced from his position of Supervising Ganger, and later dismissed from the services of the County Council."

Councillor Campbell stated that there had been discrimination in this case. Doherty had been good enough to tell the truth, and he asked to have the whole case thoroughly investigated.

Councillor McNulty suggested that some facts be placed before the Council by the proposer of the motion.

Councillor Callaghan stated that Doherty had been employed as a Ganger for a number of years. Some years ago he was transferred to the Rosses Area and he had been informed that he had given satisfaction. He contended that Doherty was dismissed for political reasons. This was something the Council had been up against for a number of years. There was another man appointed who had no experience at all, and who had been kicked out of the Garda Síochána. He was anxious to have a Sworn Inquiry in the matter.

Councillor O'Donnell stated that he had made inquiries into this man's case, and he did not think that Doherty was victimised.

The County Engineer stated that there were many occasions on which disciplinary action had to be taken, and in this man's case, it was not advisable to discuss the matter at a public Meeting. In this man's case Doherty was laid off and was not taken on again for certain reasons. He was amazed at the introduction of politics. This was the first time that such a suggestion had been made. He had a complete file in this matter and at the next Meeting of the Roads Committee he would report fully in the matter.

Councillor Harkin stated that politics was being introduced in road work all over Inishowen.

Councillor Mehony proposed that the whole matter be referred to the Roads Committee.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed.

DONEGAL FAIR GREEN.

110/45.

A letter was read from Donegal Parish Council complaining of the condition of the Fair Green which the County Council had taken over. The Parish Council had several complaints from farmers and sheep buyers as to the inadequate facilities of selling and buying sheep on Fair Days. These people said that there should be several entrances, one for sheep and one for cattle, as a lot of sheep were lost and hurt with cattle. One farmer asked if there could be a few shelters erected for men on a stormy day.

The County Engineer reported that he estimated that the cost of levelling and draining would be about £180. If shelters were required he estimated that a rough-roofed concrete shelter could be erected for about £70.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Parish Council for their views. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council should also be informed that the cost of the work, if carried out, would be a local charge.

111/45.

PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A SITE ON THE ROUGHAN ROAD, LIFFORD, FOR NEW GENERAL MACHINERY WORKSHOP AND STORES.

The County Manager applied for permission to expend a sum of money not exceeding £600 for the purchase and development of a site on the Roughan Road, Lifford, for a proposed new General Machinery Workshop and Stores.

He referred the Council to the copy of letter from the County Engineer dated 9th April, 1945, which he had circulated with the Agenda.

The County Engineer stated that he would be coming along to the Council in a few months' time for a loan to cover the cost of machinery.

Councillor Baxter stated that by committing themselves to this expenditure now the Council would be committing themselves to greater expenditure later on, and he proposed that the field be bought out of the money allowed in the Estimates for Roads, and that it be allowed to remain undeveloped.

At a later stage Councillor Baxter proposed that sum of £55 to cover the cost of the purchase of the field be granted.

Councillor Harkin seconded.

Councillor McNulty proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be referred back to the County Engineer for further consideration. He stated that at the back of Lifford Courthouse there was a very fine yard which was adequate for the purposes of a Machinery Yard.

The County Engineer stated that he would discuss the matter fully with the Roads Sub-Committee.

112/45. ERECTION OF WALL ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE NEW GRAVEYARD BESIDE TERMON CHAPEL.

Councillor Edward Friel proposed:- "That 75 yards of a pitching and wall be erected on the eastern side of the new graveyard beside Termon Chapel, according to specification; cost not to exceed £160."

Councillor Baxter seconded.

The County Engineer stated that this graveyard was a denominational graveyard and was, therefore, a Parish concern.

Councillor Friel stated that three sides of the graveyard had already been walled in, but the fourth side adjoined the road. The consecration of the graveyard had been held up for three years for the purpose of giving the County Council an opportunity of widening the road and building the wall. The Parish Priest was quite prepared to build the wall and finish the graveyard, but if he did so, it was not intended to allow the County Council to widen the road.

Councillor Friel further stated that if the County Council widened the road and put up fencing the wall would be built by the Parish.

Councillor Friel's motion was passed; but Councillor Friel stated that the money being allowed by the Council would be used for the purpose of widening the road.

113/45. SUPPORT FOR CARNDONAGH TOWN TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Councillor McRory asked to have Items Nos. 44, 45, and 66 on the Agenda taken out of order. He stated also that two motions from the Mountcharles Tenants' Association, of which he was Chairman, had been forwarded to the County Manager for insertion on the Agenda and he wished to protest most strongly at their omission therefrom. This was not a political question, but a National question.

The County Manager drew Councillor McRory's attention to Standing Order No. 30, which laid down that any member of the Council might submit an original motion on giving notice in writing, signed by himself, to the Secretary of the Council. The Mountcharles Town Tenants' Association had no authority to ask to have a motion inserted on the Agenda. He had written to them to this effect and informed them that their motion should have been sponsored by a member of the Council.

The Secretary explained that on Saturday, 21st April, he received a motion from Councillor McRory, but as the Agenda had been issued he wrote to Councillor McRory, and informed him that there were three other items on the Agenda dealing with the matter, and that there would be ample opportunity for discussion thereon.

The Chairman refused permission to allow the items to be taken out of order on the Agenda, and heated and angry scenes ensued.

Councillor Callaghan proposed the suspension of Standing Orders so as to enable the matter to be dealt with.

Councillor McRory seconded.

The matter was put to a vote and the following members voted for the suspension of the Standing Orders:- Councillors Callaghan, Campbell, Craig, Doherty, Friel (Edward), Gallen, Harkin, McRory, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, and Sweeney. Total 11.

The following voted against their suspension:- Councillors Baxter, Gallagher, Ashony, Myles, McNulty, and Scott. Total 6.

As the vote did not show a majority of three-fourths of the members present, the Chairman ruled that Standing Orders could not be suspended.

Councillor Gallen then proposed that the order of business be varied as provided for in Standing Order No. 19, and the Chairman accepted this motion without a vote, and the Council proceeded to deal with the items on the Agenda.

Councillor Harkin proposed the following motion:- "That I will move that this Council condemn in the strongest possible manner the barbarous methods adopted against the town tenants of Carndonagh on Thursday, 8th March, in the execution of the Court Decrees against those leaseholders, and in view of the widespread and serious unrest which this execution has created, that this Council call upon the Government to take action without delay, so as to enable leaseholders in Carndonagh to become owners of the ground rents of their homes."

Councillor Craig seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

The following resolution was submitted from the Buncrana Urban District Council:- "That we, the members of the Buncrana Urban District Council, in meeting assembled, congratulate the Carndonagh Town Tenants' and Leaseholders' Association on their fight against the tyrannical system of ground rents, and it is the opinion of the Council that legislation should be enacted without delay to compel Absentee Landlords to sell their interests to Leaseholders at a fair Purchase price."

Councillor Ashony proposed that the resolution be adopted with the deletion of the word "Absentee".

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

SUPPORT FOR CARNDONAGH TOWN TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED).

Councillor Callaghan proposed the following motion:-

"That we, the Donegal County Council, pledge our support to the Carndonagh tenants in their stand against Landlordism; that we condemn the action taken in executing the Decrees against them; that we request the Government to introduce legislation at the earliest possible moment for the abolition of ground rents by purchase on equitable terms, and that pending the introduction of such legislation a stay be put on the execution of all Decrees for Ground Rents."

Councillor McIvor seconded the motion which was passed; Councillor Scott dissenting.

114/45. HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Craig was withdrawn:-

"That in view of existing poor Hospital accommodation this Council request the immediate provision of several Cottage Hospitals, thus catering for remote mountainous districts, as it is felt that a Central Hospital as contemplated would not alleviate sufficiently the present unsatisfactory position."

115/45. BI-YEARLY INSPECTION OF MILCH COWS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Craig was withdrawn:-

"That this Council provide for a bi-yearly inspection of all milch cows so as to minimise the danger of spread of infectious diseases through this very dangerous channel."

116/45. REPORT ON COUNTY COUNCIL'S TURF PRODUCTION SCHEMES.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Requesting the County Surveyor to state at this Meeting of the Council the state of the County Council's Turf Scheme at the end of December, 1944; the amount disposed of up to that date and returns for same; the quantity in the bogs or otherwise in possession; and the quantity regarded lost or rendered useless up to that date."

Councillor Callaghan stated that he believed the Council stood to lose about £80,000.

Councillor Scott stated that if there was no Meeting of the Council in June, this report should be submitted to the Council at a meeting in May.

The County Manager explained that the calling of Meetings was governed by the County Management Act, 1940, and unless there was reserved business to be dealt with he would not be justified in calling a Meeting.

The County Engineer stated that he had already submitted audited figures to the Council.

117/45. DATE OF NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING.

Councillor Callaghan inquired if there would be a Meeting of the County Council in May.

The County Manager stated that there would be no Meeting of the County Council May unless there would be reserved business to be dealt with.

118/45. DANGEROUS TURN ON MAIN ROAD AT McHUGH'S HOUSE, LETTERMACAWARD.

Councillor Campbell proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to repair a very dangerous turn on the Main Road at McHugh's house, Lettermacaward."

The County Engineer stated that he would look into this matter.

119/45. LETTERKENNY PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Letterkenny Parish Council, adverting to the County Council's recent decision to approve of Letterkenny Parish Council under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1941, and stating that the Parish Council had directed him to point out that the members thereof were elected at a public meeting, and they wished to be informed if a new Election was required.

The Council decided to inform Letterkenny Parish Council that a new Election of members was not necessary.

120/45. LANDING FACILITIES AT PORT (TORMORE).

A letter dated 11th April, 1945, C.87.137/1/37 was read from the Office of Public Works referring to their letter of the 13th December, 1944, on the subject of the improvement of the landing facilities at Port (Tormore), and stating that this work was recently re-started and would be completed shortly. It had been found necessary to increase the estimated cost of this work from £590 to £675. The increase was due to a hold-up in cement supplies during the early stages of the work which prolonged the operations into the harvest when labour became scarce, which in turn prevented the completion of the job before the winter storms set in. A Receivable Order was enclosed for £21 : 5 : 0 to enable the Council's contribution towards the additional cost of the work to be lodged.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the additional sum of £21 : 5 : 0 be granted.

Councillor Gallagher seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

121/45. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., asking the Council to nominate a member to attend the Eighteenth General Meeting of the Company to be held shortly.

It was unanimously decided to nominate the Chairman of the County Council (Mr. Michael Og McFadden, T.D.) to attend the meeting.

122/45. 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 May, and any items for inclusion in the Agenda should be forwarded before the 25th April.

The matter was noted.

123/45. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM BALLYDEVITT SCHOOL TO THE END OF THE ROAD AT OWENBUOY.

A letter was read from Councillor Gallagher enclosing list of names supplied to him by a deputation concerning the bad condition of the County Road from Ballydevitt School to the end of the road at Owenbuoy. Apart from the names on the list the road served people from Donegal Town who cut their turf in Owenbuoy Bog. It was in an appalling state at present.

Councillor Gallagher stated that this was an accommodation piece of road. He would like the County Engineer to inspect it and if it were not possible to have it repaired out of County Funds he thought it should be referred to the Board of Works.

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

124/45. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM TULLYLOSKIN TO TULLY, DONEGAL AREA.

Councillor Gallagher proposed:- "That this Council recommend to the Board of Works that a grant be given to repair existing connecting road between Frank Cassidy's and Robert Bustard's on Tullyloskin County Road to the main County Road at Tully. This road would accommodate all the residents in the townlands of Tully, Tullyloskin, Drumbar, Upper, Middle, and Lower Drinenny. The length of road is about 300 yards."

Councillor Gallagher stated that he had been informed by the County Engineer that he would inspect this road the first time he was in the district, and he suggested that if it were not possible to have it repaired by County Funds that the matter be referred to the Board of Works.

125/45. USAID NA GAEDHILGE IN OBAIN NA CHOMHAIRLE CHONNDAE.

Do chur Comhairleoir O'Ceillechan an run seo leanas:-
"Go bhfuil ahas orm a fheiceal go bhfuil Comhairle Chonndae ag baint usaid as teanga ar Sinnsear, beagnach fhein, ach níl me easta gur ceart Gaedilge an Dheiscert a chur i bhfeidhm san Chonndae seo in bhfuil an Gaedheiltecht is mo in Eireann. Ba choir cothrom na Feinne a thabhairt do Gaedhilge Uladh. Molaim fosta go bhfuil se in am do'n Chomhairle a gcuid oibre ina na h-oifigi a dheanadh in Gaedhilge amháin agus e a labhairt nar gneth-teanga. Thiofadh leis an Chomhairle fosta i bhfeid níos mo ceathreagrochas a chuir smach in nGaedhilg."

Do **obuidigh** Comhairleoir O'Creag an run, agus d'aontuightheadh an Chomhairle d'aon ghuth.

126/45. COMPLAINT RE TURF NOT BEING CUT IN THE ROSSES AREA.

Councillor A. O'Donnell proposed:- "That I will ask the County Surveyor for the reasons why no turf is being cut at Loughenure and Croveigh in the Rosses Area this season, although both places are within a few miles distance from Gweedore Railway Station, while turf production is carried out at more inconvenient places elsewhere."

The County Engineer stated that the transport facilities at Gweedore were very limited. He was only starting to transport last year's turf now from Gweedore. The policy of turf-cutting was not determined by the labour **locally** available. It was governed by transport conditions.

127/45. CUTTING OF TURF AT CARN, ARDARA.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That the ratepayers of Carn, Ardara, and vicinity do resent gross interference by Donegal County Council in cutting what bog that can be only regarded as the minimum for local needs."

The County Engineer stated that the bog opened up by the County Council some years ago at Carn, Ardara, was virgin bog. The local people now wanted to cut this bog after the County Council had spent a lot of money on it. A quarter of a mile of new road was made into the bog.

128/45. RECRUITMENT OF LABOUR FOR TURF WORK AT CARN, ARDARA.

Councillor Craig proposed:- "That the County Engineer explain his method of recruitment to Council Turf employment with particular reference to Carn, Ardara, as also his reasons for refusal of employment to turf workers employed for six consecutive years in similar employment."

The County Engineer stated that up to 1943 recruitment for turf work was partly by application to the Employment Exchanges. In 1944 recruitment through the Exchanges failed. To get over the difficulty a Supervising Ganger travelled the area and got sufficient men to cut the bogs.

129/45. ROAD FROM CULDAFF LEADING TO MALIN AND CARRDONAGH.

Councillor Herkin proposed:- "That I will again bring to the notice of the County Surveyor the dangerous state of the Main Road leading from Culdaff to Malin and Carrdonagh. This matter was before the Council on several occasions. I would ask the Council to have this road made safe without delay as some serious accident may occur and the Council will be held responsible."

Councillor Herkin stated that this was a most important road. The County Engineer stated that he had included a sum of £2,000 for the improvement of this road in the Estimates for 1944/45 but the amount was struck out by the Council.

130/45. CONVEYANCE OF CHILDREN TO SHALWAY N.S., KILCAR AREA.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Protesting at the action of the Department of Education in suspending the service of the school van for bringing distant children to Shalway N.S., Kilcar, and asking that this much-needed service be continued."

The Council unanimously decided to take this matter up with the Department of Education.

131/45. DONEGAL PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. J. R. Nimmon, Secretary, Donegal Parish Council, asking to have the Parish Council recognised as an approved Parish Council. He stated that public meetings were held in Donegal in December, 1944, and January, 1945, and at the meetings the members who at present constitute the Council were elected.

It was unanimously decided to recognise Donegal Parish Council as an "Approved Local Council" under Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1941, on the following conditions:-

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

132/45. RESOLUTION FROM WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL RE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Secretary, Westmeath County Council, appending copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That we call on all political parties to agree on a person to be nominated as President so as to avoid putting the country to the expense of a Presidential Election."

133/45. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP, DONEGAL DISTRICT.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, adverting to previous correspondence regarding arrangements for the discharge of the duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Donegal District, and stating that the proposals submitted by the County Manager were under consideration, and a further communication on the subject would be issued in due course.

134/45. SCHOOL MEALS FOR COGUSH N.S., KILCAR.

A letter dated 19th February, 1945, was submitted to the Council from the Department of Supplies regarding the provision of bread for school meals for Coguish National School, and stating that they were making arrangements to have a supply of bread made available.

135/45. ATTENDANCE OF RECIPIENTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OFFICES.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 21/2/1945, E.B. 285067, referring to the resolution of the Council (59/45) regarding the attendance of recipients of Unemployment Assistance at local Employment Offices, and stating that an alteration of the present arrangements cannot be recommended.

136/45. UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR MARRIED MEN WHOSE VALUATION EXCEEDS £2.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 21/2/1945, E.B.285062, referring to the resolution of the Council (52/45) requesting that married men, the valuation of whose holdings exceeds £2, be allowed to obtain Unemployment Assistance all the year round, and stating that before any Employment Period Order was made the whole position was very carefully considered, but that the exclusion from the operation of Employment Period Orders of all married men in towns not having local government and in rural areas could not in present circumstances be recommended.

137/45. AREA OF CHARGE FOR SEWER EXTENSION AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 21/2/1945, P.H.5703/2/44, Dun na nGall., Pd., enclosing copy of an Order dated 13/2/1945 made by the Minister fixing the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a sewer extension from the Letterkenny Urban Boundary as the County Health District of Donegal as constituted at the date of the Order.

138/45. EXTENSION OF KILLYBEGS SEWERAGE SCHEME.

A letter was submitted from Very Rev. J. Canon Brennan, P.P., Killybegs, extending to the Council his gracious thanks for conceding the necessary portion of land on which the new lavatories for the Niell More N.S. were to be erected, and particularly for the grant of £170 for the extension of the sewerage accommodation.

139/45. SUGGESTED REPAIR OF SLIPWAY AT BALLYETHERLAND, ST. JOHN'S POINT.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 5th March, 1945, S.W.1/3/83, referring to the Council's Minute No. 38/45 regarding the suggested repair of the slipway at Ballyetherland, St. John's Point. In view of the fact that the County Council were responsible for the upkeep of the slipway, the Parliamentary Secretary would not be prepared to consider the making of a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote to meet the cost of repairing the structure unless it could be shown that its present condition was due to quite exceptional circumstances.

140/45. FACILITIES FOR 'BUS PASSENGERS AT CONVOY.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Manager, Co. Donegal Railways Joint Committee, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution No. 42/45 regarding facilities for 'Bus passengers at Convoiy. The condition of the road did not permit of the Sligo 'Bus proceeding to and from the Station at Convoiy, and, owing to continued trespass, it had been found necessary to discontinue the privilege of allowing pedestrians to walk from the Station to the Crossing Gates. He regretted, therefore, that it was not possible for him to accede to the suggestion made by Councillor McMenamin.

141/45. GLENTIES NO. 1 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was submitted to the Council from Rev. John Kelly, P.P., Kilmacrenan, resigning from membership of the Glenties O.A.P. Sub-Committee owing to his transfer to Kilmacrenan.

142/45. REPAIR AND EXTENSION OF BOG ROAD IN THE TOWNLANDS OF LETTERILLY AND MAAS, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 1st March, 1945, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution 49/45 regarding the repair and extension of bog road in the townlands of Letterilly and Maas, and stating that the proposal must await consideration on its merits in competition with any other proposal received for the area, and in the light of the unemployment position at the time in connection with future programmes of Minor Employment Schemes.

143/45. RESOLUTION FROM CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Secretary, Carlow County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-
"That having regarding to the facts hereunder set out,

1. That the County Council during the past twenty years has mortgaged the arable land of the County to the extent of £5 per acre and that two native Governments have imposed a further mortgage of about £9 per arable acre making a total of £14 on each arable acre of land in the County representing a mortgage of £700 on a fifty-acre farm,

and

2. That the Second moiety of the Rates payable in respect of the current Financial Year must be met from the sale of stock the price of which has dropped by almost 100% and in a number of cases is almost unsaleable at any price, thus increasing the amount payable in rates by 100% in terms of Stock on the people of the County,

and

3. That proposals for post-War Emergency Schemes submitted to the Council by the former County Manager will impose an additional mortgage of approximately £250,000 covering the employment of some 900 men for a period of six months,

and

4. That the payment of salaries and wages is secured by the gradual destruction of private property in land by the imposition of increased mortgages thereon, thus throttling at the very source the means by which unemployment and poverty can alone be abolished, the Council hereby demands:-

1. That a Christian way of life should be made available for all men from the fertile soil of their country and that farmers and workers alike should rise from their knees and in God's name demand their traditional heritage - bread and work and money for all."

143/45. SUPERANNUATION OF RETIRED MENTAL HOSPITAL OFFICIALS.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Committee of Management of the District Mental Hospital, Waterford, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed at their meeting on the 29th January, 1945:-

"That this Committee hereby requests the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make provision in the Mental Treatment Bill, 1944, now before the Dail, so as to grant reasonable increases in the present Superannuation of retired Mental Hospital Officials to meet the increased cost-of-living."

144/45. RESOLUTION FROM WATERFORD COUNTY COUNCIL RE LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

A letter was submitted to the Council from the Secretary, Waterford County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That we desire to protest in the most emphatic manner against the action of the Appointments Commission in recommending for appointment as Secretary to the Council a candidate who has practically no knowledge of Irish, such action being contrary to the publicly-declared policy of the Government. We are of opinion that the action of the Appointments Commission in this case is such as to necessitate the re-constitution of that body in the interests of justice and fair dealing, and we hereby urge the Government to have this body so re-constituted as to restore public confidence in the manner of filling public appointments.

We recommend that in all future appointments due consideration be given to the claims of existing officers for promotion and that special marks be allotted for practical experience.

We further recommend that the former practice of the Appointments Commission in submitting the names of three candidates to Public Bodies be restored, in order that members of such Bodies may have some choice in the matter of selection and appointment."

145/45. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF CO. DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The following report was submitted from the Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Vocational Education Committee:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Donegal Vocational Education Committee for the two financial years ended 31st March, 1944.

Revenue expenditure during the year ended 31st March, 1943, amounted to £12,113 : 17 : 6, and increased to £14,527 : 11 : 9 during the following year. The annual contribution from the Donegal County Council was £3,796 and £3,804 respectively for the same two years. Grants from the Department of Education show a slight decrease being £7,666 : 8 : 6 for the year ended March 31st, 1943, and £7,613 : 1 : 6 for the year ended March 31st, 1944.

At March 31st, 1944, the Revenue Account had a debit balance of £218 : 12 : 8 as compared with a credit balance of £2,988 : 19 : 1 at the close of the last period audited.

Capital expenditure during the period audited amounted to £11,103 : 5 : 7, being mainly in respect of the erection and equipment of a new school at Letterkenny.

Premiums on insurance policies and fidelity bonds have been paid up to date.

I forward herewith copies of the annual financial and other statements."

146/45. ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

The following items on the Agenda were adjourned until next meeting:-

Items Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 42, 43, 58, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, and 97.

Confused

Michael O'Mahoney

Chairman of Co. Council

15th May, 1945.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF MAY, 1945.

147/45.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

148/45.

C O N D O L E N C E.

At the outset of the Meeting the Chairman proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to their Deputy Vice-Chairman (Councillor J. P. Melvor) on the recent death of his brother.

Councillor Blaney seconded the motion with which Councillor Scott associated himself and which was passed in silence, all the members standing.

The Chairman also proposed that the Council's sincere sympathy be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. P. J. Cole, Garndonagh, who was for many years a member of the Council, and who served Inishowen loyally and faithfully.

Councillor Scott associated himself with this motion, which was also passed in the usual manner.

149/45.

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 last Meeting of the County Council held on the 24th April, 1945.

Councillor Scott stated that this was a special Meeting of the Council, and this item should not have appeared on the Agenda.

Councillor Blaney proposed the confirmation of the Minutes, which proposal was seconded by Councillor Brady and passed unanimously.

150/45.

F A C I L I T I E S F O R ' B U S P A S S E N G E R S A T C O N V O Y.

Arising out of the confirmation of the minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council, Councillor McMenamin referred to Minute No. 140/45 regarding the facilities for 'Bus passengers at Convoy. He proposed that a copy of the reply of the Manager of the Railway Co. in this case be sent to the Irish Tourist Board.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

151/45.

S C H O O L M E A L S F O R C O G U I S H N . S . , K I L C A R.

Councillor Callaghan referred to Minute No. 134/45 regarding the supply of School Meals for Coguish N.S., Kilcar.

The supply of cocoa made available for use in the School was not being used in the School. The Teacher had informed the children that it would be made available to them later for use in their own homes. He asked the County Manager to look into this matter.

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

152/45.

S U G G E S T E D R E P A I R O F S L I P W A Y A T B A L L Y E T H E R L A N D , S T . J O H N ' S P O I N T.

Councillor Callaghan referred to Minute No. 139/45 re above. He stated that it appeared that neither the County Council nor the Board of Works accepted responsibility for the repair of the slipway at Ballyetherland, and he wished to protest strongly at their attitude in the matter.

The protest was noted.

153/45. PRESIDENTIAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS BILL, 1945.

Circular Letter No. F.60/45 dated 27th April, 1945, was submitted from the Local Government Department transmitting for the information of the Council copy of an Order made by the Minister on the 27th April appointing days in respect of the Presidential Election. Section 9 of the Presidential Elections Act provided that a County or a County Borough Council might resolve to nominate one-named person. Not less than three clear days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given in writing to every person who, at the time when the notice was given, was a member of the Council. The exercise of the power to nominate was made a "reserved function."

A letter dated 27th April, 1945, was also submitted from the Local Government Department enclosing, for the information of the Council, a copy of the Presidential and Local Elections Bill, 1945, as passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas. Attention was drawn to Sections 3 and 5 of the Bill, which provided that if the Presidential Election was contested, Part II of the Bill would come into operation on an Order being made to that effect by the Minister. The date for the holding of the Local Elections would then be the 14th June, and the dates for the purposes of the Local Elections, including Notice of Election and Nominations, would be calculated by reference to the 14th June as directed by the Local Elections Order, 1942. Section 10 provided that the County Registrar who would be the local Presidential Returning Officer for the County or County Borough (as provided in Section 6) would be the Returning Officer for a 1945 Local Election in relation to the taking of the poll. The powers and duties of the County Secretary or Town Clerk as Returning Officer at an election of members of a Local Authority under the Local Elections Order continue, except as provided in Section 10 in relation to the taking of the poll. The same booths would be used for both Elections, and the notice under Rule 16 of the Order of 1942 should be prepared in close consultation with the local Returning Officer for the Presidential Election.

Councillor Scott stated that he again wished to protest at the transfer of the Electoral Division of Newtowncunningham to the County Electoral Area of Letterkenny.

Councillor Callaghan proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda:-
"That Dr. Patrick McCartan be nominated as a candidate for the forthcoming Presidential Election."

In proposing his motion he stated that he regretted that the political parties had not seen their way to agree on the appointment of a President. He stated that in view of Dr. McCartan's National record and the fact that he was born in one of the Six Counties, he **was fitted** very well for the position of President.

Councillor Craig seconded Councillor Callaghan's motion.

Councillor Breslin proposed, as an amendment, that the County Council take no action in the matter.

Councillor Gallagher seconded Councillor Breslin's amendment.

Councillor Scott supported the proposal of Councillor Callaghan and stated that it was most regrettable that there should be a contest.

Councillor McIvor also regretted that there was going to be a contest for the Presidential Election.

Councillor McRory stated that he was in agreement with Councillor McIvor that an Election should not be held for the most honoured position in the country.

Councillors O'Donnell and Harkin supported Councillor Callaghan.

Councillor Blaney expressed his disagreement with the views expressed by Councillor McIvor, and others.

PRESIDENTIAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS BILL, 1945. (CONTINUED).

Councillor Breslin's amendment that no action be taken was put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Campbell, Doherty, Gallagher, Mahony, McFadden, McMennamin, O'Boyle, and Sweeney. Total 12.

Against the amendment.

Councillors Callaghan, Craig, Cooper, Harkin, Myles, McIvor, McRory, O'Donnell, and Scott. Total 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and it was then put to the Meeting as the substantive motion, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the motion.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Campbell, Gallagher, Mahony, McFadden, McMennamin, O'Boyle, and Sweeney. Total 11.

Against the motion.

Councillors Callaghan, Craig, Doherty, Cooper, Harkin, Myles, McIvor, McRory, O'Donnell, and Scott. Total 10.

The Chairman declared Councillor Breslin's motion carried.

154/45. DATE OF LOCAL ELECTIONS IN THE EVENT OF THERE BEING NO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

In the event of there being no Presidential Election, the Council decided to fix Tuesday, 26th June, 1945, as the date of the Local Elections.

155/45. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

The Secretary submitted a letter which he had received from Mr. J. P. Kavanagh, The Printery, Collon, Co. Louth, asking to be nominated as President.

The Council decided to take no action on the matter.

156/45. ADJOURNED MOTIONS OF COUNCILLOR CALLAGHAN.

Councillor Callaghan inquired the position regarding his adjourned motions.

The Chairman ruled that they stand adjourned until the next general Meeting of the Council.

157/45. TRIBUTES TO MEMBERS AND STAFF, AND PRESS.

At the conclusion of the business of the Meeting, Councillor Scott stated that he wished to convey his thanks to the Chairman for the fair way in which he had conducted the business of the meetings during their term of Office. He also wished to thank the Secretary, the Staff, and the Press, for their courtesy and assistance.

Councillor Baxter associated himself with the remarks of Councillor Scott, but he referred to an item which appeared recently in a Derry paper which was rather derogatory of the Donegal County Council. He regretted that this item should have been published.

The Chairman thanked the Council for their tributes.

Confused

Neil Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council.
28th June 1945.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 28TH
DAY OF JUNE, 1945.

158/45.

ATTENDANCE.

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

159/45.

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Meeting each of the members signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

160/45.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor McIvor proposed the election of Councillor Michael Og McFadden as Chairman.

Councillor Baxter seconded the proposal.

Councillor Brady proposed the election of Councillor Neil Blaney as Chairman.

Councillor Breslin seconded.

Councillor McFadden stated that he was very grateful for the many kind references made to his services as Chairman for the last twenty-one years, but any success he had achieved was due to the co-operation he had always received from the members of the Council over that lengthy period, but he felt that after such a long and eventful period in Office it was only natural that he should seek retirement, and he had, therefore, decided not to allow his name to go forward for the Office of Chairman. He thanked the members of the Council, the County Manager, and the Council's staff for their great kindness on all occasions.

Councillor Neil Blaney was then unanimously elected Chairman, and he thanked the members for the honour conferred on him.

Councillor Gallen expressed his regret at the passing of Councillor McFadden from the Office of Chairman.

161/45.

CONDOLENCE.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the widow and family of the late Mr. P. A. Mulreany, Killybegs, who had been for many years a valued member of the Council.

The proposal was passed in silence; all the members standing.

162/45.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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

Councillor Baxter seconded.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

Councillor McIvor thanked the members for the honour conferred on him.

163/45.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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

Councillor Byrne seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

164/45.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Scott, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 15th May, 1945, were confirmed unanimously.

165/45. ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was decided to elect eight members of the Council on the Vocational Education Committee, and to elect, first of all, a representative from each County Electoral Area.

Buncrana Area.

Councillor McIvor proposed the election of Councillor Scott. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Gallagher and passed unanimously.

Donegal Area.

Councillor Britton proposed the election of Councillor Brady. Councillor Gallagher seconded.

Councillor Gallen proposed the election of Councillor Callaghan. Councillor Harkin seconded.

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

For Councillor Brady:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 23.

For Councillor Callaghan:- Councillors Callaghan, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, and McFadden. Total 5.

The Chairman declared Councillor Brady elected.

Glenties Area.

Councillor McCaul proposed the election of Councillor Breslin. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Brady and passed unanimously.

Letterkenny Area.

Councillor McMennamin proposed the election of Councillor Gallen. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Hannigan and passed unanimously.

Milford Area.

Councillor Baxter proposed the election of Councillor Blaney. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Brennan and passed unanimously.

Three members of the Council remained to be elected on the Committee, and the following were proposed and seconded:-

Councillor O'Boyle. Proposed by Councillor Baxter and seconded by Councillor Greene.

Councillor McFadden. Proposed by Councillor Gallagher and seconded by Councillor O'Boyle.

Councillor Brennan. Proposed by Councillor Britton and seconded by Councillor Breslin.

Councillor Byrne. Proposed by Councillor Britton and seconded by Councillor Breslin.

Councillor Callaghan. Proposed by Councillor Gallen and seconded by Councillor McMennamin.

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

For Councillor O'Boyle:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 27.

For Councillor McFadden:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Breslin, Byrne, Callaghan, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 20.

For Councillor Brennan:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Donnell, Scott, and Walsh. Total 21.

For Councillor Byrne:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 20.

For Councillor Callaghan:- Councillors Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 11.

As a result of this vote, Councillor Callaghan was eliminated, and a second vote was taken resulting as follows.

ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CONTINUED).

For Councillor O'Boyle:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 25.

For Councillor McFadden:- Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), McIvor, McMennamin, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 13.

For Councillor Brennan:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Walsh. Total 20.

For Councillor Byrne:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 17.

As a result of this vote, Councillor McFadden was eliminated, and the Chairman declared Councillors O'Boyle, Brennan, and Byrne elected.

For the remaining six seats on the Vocational Education Committee, the following were proposed and seconded:-

<u>Rev. Dr. Molloy, P.P., Dungloe.</u>	Proposed by Councillor O'Boyle. Seconded by Councillor Gallagher.
<u>Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Gallagher. Seconded by Councillor McFadden.
<u>Mr. Eugene Mahony.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Baxter. Seconded by Councillor Scott.
<u>Very Rev. Canon McCafferty, P.P.</u>	Proposed by Councillor McMennamin. Seconded by Councillor Hannigan.
<u>Miss K. Deeney, Glenvar.</u>	Proposed by Councillor McCaul. Seconded by Councillor Byrne.
<u>Rev. Dr. Furey, Glenties.</u>	Proposed by Councillor McCaul. Seconded by Councillor Byrne.
<u>Rev. J. Bonner, P.P.</u>	Proposed by Councillor McCaul. Seconded by Councillor Byrne.
<u>Mr. Doalty Gallagher.</u>	Proposed by Councillor McCaul. Seconded by Councillor Byrne.
<u>Mr. Charles Sweeney.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Scott. Seconded by Councillor Baxter.

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

For Rev. Dr. Molloy, P.P.:- Councillors Baxter, Brennan, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 20.

For Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P.:- Councillors Britton, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 12.

For Mr. Eugene Mahony:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 17.

For Very Rev. Canon McCafferty:- Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 14.

For Miss Deeney:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Walsh. Total 19.

For Rev. Dr. Furey:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Gallen, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 19.

For Rev. J. Bonner, P.P.:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 24.

ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CONTINUED).

For Mr. Doalty Gallagher:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 16.

For Mr. Charles Sweeney:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly, Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 20.

As a result of this vote, Father McMullin was eliminated, and the Council proceeded to vote on the remaining eight candidates. This vote resulted as follows:-

For Rev. Dr. Molloy, P.P.:- Councillors Baxter, Brennan, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 19.

For Mr. Eugene Mahony:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 18.

For Very Rev. Canon McCafferty:- Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 15.

For Miss Deeney:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Walsh. Total 19.

For Rev. Dr. Furey:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallen, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 21.

For Rev. J. Bonner, P.P.:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 25.

For Mr. Doalty Gallagher:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, and Walsh. Total 15.

For Mr. Charles Sweeney:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 22.

As the voting between Canon McCafferty and Mr. Doalty Gallagher was equal, it was decided to take a vote to decide which of the two should be eliminated, and this vote resulted as follows:-

For Canon McCafferty:- Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 14.

For Mr. Doalty Gallagher:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 14.

The voting being again equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Doalty Gallagher, and Canon McCafferty was eliminated.

The Council proceeded to vote on the remaining seven candidates, and this vote resulted as follows:-

For Rev. Dr. Molloy, P.P.:- Councillors Baxter, Brady, Brennan, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 22.

For Mr. Eugene Mahony:- Councillors Baxter, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMennamin, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 14.

For Miss Deeney:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patk.), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Walsh. Total 18.

ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

For Rev. Dr. Furey:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallen, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 21.

For Rev. J. Bonner, P.P.:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 24.

For Mr. Doalty Gallagher:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Doherty, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, and Walsh. Total 13.

For Mr. Charles Sweeney:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 21.

As a result of this vote, Mr. Doalty Gallagher was eliminated, and the Chairman declared Rev. Dr. Molloy, Mr. Eugene Mahony, Miss Margaret Deeney, Rev. Dr. Furey, Rev. J. Bonner, and Mr. Charles Sweeney elected to the six seats.

166/45. ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

For the County Donegal Committee of Agriculture, it was decided to elect, first of all, a representative from each of the County Electoral Areas.

Buncrana Area. Councillor Friel proposed the election of Councillor John Kelly. Councillor Kildea seconded the proposal.

Councillor Harkin proposed the appointment of Councillor McIvor. Councillor Gallagher seconded.

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

For Councillor Kelly:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 14.

For Councillor McIvor:- Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 13.

The Chairman declared Councillor Kelly elected.

Donegal Area. Councillor Brennan proposed the appointment of Councillor Brady. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Gallagher and passed unanimously.

Glenties Area.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed the appointment of Councillor Breslin. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne and passed unanimously.

Letterkenny Area.

Councillor McCaul proposed the appointment of Councillor Doherty. Councillor Hannigan seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Milford Area.

Councillor Brady proposed the appointment of Councillor Blaney. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Breslin and passed unanimously.

For the remaining 15 seats on the Committee of Agriculture, it was decided to elect three representatives from each County Electoral Area.

Buncrana Area.

The following were proposed and seconded for the three vacancies:-

<u>Councillor Kildea.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Friel. Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.
<u>Mr. Chas. Sweeney.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Friel. Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.
<u>Councillor Scott.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Gallagher. Seconded by Councillor Gallen.
<u>Councillor McIvor.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Gallagher. Seconded by Councillor Gallen.

ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE (CONTINUED).

A vote was taken, resulting as follows:-

For Councillor Kildea:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 15.

For Mr. Charles Sweeney:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 18.

For Councillor Scott:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Breslin, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 22.

For Councillor McIvor:- Councillors Baxter, Britton, Callaghan, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patk.), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 17.

As a result of this vote, Councillor Kildea was eliminated, and the Chairman declared Mr. Charles Sweeney, and Councillors Scott and McIvor elected.

Donegal Area.

For the three remaining vacancies for Donegal Area, the following were proposed and seconded:-

<u>Mr. Bernard Travers.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Walsh.
	Seconded by Councillor Breslin.
<u>Councillor Brennan.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Walsh.
	Seconded by Councillor Breslin.
<u>Mr. Seamus McShane.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Gallagher.
	Seconded by Councillor McFadden.
<u>Councillor Callaghan.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Gallen.
	Seconded by Councillor McMenamin.
<u>Councillor Gallagher.</u>	Proposed by Councillor Baxter.
	Seconded by Councillor Kelly (Patrick.)

A vote was taken, resulting as follows:-

For Mr. Bernard Travers:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Doherty, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 14.

For Councillor Brennan:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Greene, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Walsh. Total 19.

For Mr. Seamus McShane:- Councillors Baxter, Brennan, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 15.

For Councillor Callaghan:- Councillors Byrne, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 14.

For Councillor Gallagher:- Councillors Baxter, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 16.

As the voting for Mr. Bernard Travers and Councillor Callaghan was equal, it was decided to have a vote to determine which of them should be eliminated, and this resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Travers:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 15.

For Councillor Callaghan:- Councillors Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 12.

As a result of this vote, Councillor Callaghan was eliminated, and the Council proceeded to vote on the remaining four candidates.

ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE (CONTINUED).

For Mr. Bernard Travers:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Britton, Breslin, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 15.

For Councillor Brennan:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Byrne, Friel, Gallagher, Greene, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 19.

For Mr. Seamus McShane:- Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 13.

For Councillor Gallagher:- Councillors Baxter, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 17.

As a result of this vote, Mr. McShane was eliminated, and the Chairman declared Mr. Travers, and Councillors Brennan and Gallagher elected.

Glenties Area.

For the three remaining vacancies for Glenties Area, the following were proposed and seconded:-

Councillor O'Donnell. Proposed by Councillor Walsh.
Seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Mr. Charles Gallagher, Ceshelgolan, Glenties. Proposed by Councillor Walsh.
Seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Mr. John McClafferty. Proposed by Councillor O'Boyle.
Seconded by Councillor Greene.

Mr. Daniel F. Craig. Proposed by Councillor O'Boyle.
Seconded by Councillor Callaghan.

Mr. Charles Quinn. Proposed by Councillor Breslin.
Seconded by Councillor Brady.

A vote was taken, resulting as follows:-

For Councillor O'Donnell:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 27.

For Mr. Charles Gallagher:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 20.

For Mr. John McClafferty:- Councillors Baxter, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patrick), McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 12.

For Mr. Daniel F. Craig:- Councillors Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin. Total 8.

For Mr. Charles Quinn:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Greene, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 15.

As a result of this vote, Mr. Daniel F. Craig was eliminated, and the Council proceeded to vote on the remaining four candidates, resulting as follows:-

For Councillor O'Donnell:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Greene, Gallen, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 27.

For Mr. Charles Gallagher:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 17.

For Mr. John McClafferty:- Councillors Baxter, Callaghan, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 12.

For Mr. Charles Quinn:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 16.

As a result of this vote, Mr. John McClafferty was eliminated, and the Chairman declared Councillor O'Donnell and Messrs. Charles Gallagher and Charles Quinn elected.

ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE (CONTINUED).Letterkenny Area.

For the three remaining vacancies on the Committee of Agriculture for Letterkenny Area, the following were proposed and seconded:-

Councillor McCaul.

Proposed by Councillor Walsh.
Seconded by Councillor Brady.

Mr. Charles Holmes,
Corneamble, Carrigans.

Proposed by Councillor Hannigan.
Seconded by Councillor Brady.

Councillor Gallen.

Proposed by Councillor Scott.
Seconded by Councillor Gallagher.

There being no other proposals, the Chairman declared Councillors McCaul and Gallen and Mr. Charles Holmes unanimously elected to the three seats.

Milford Area.

For the three remaining vacancies on the Committee of Agriculture for Milford Area, the following were proposed and seconded:-

Mr. Patrick Borland,Aughadreenan,Rossnekill.

Proposed by Councillor Baxter.
Seconded by Councillor O'Boyle.

Mr. Edward Friel,Drumohill, Termon.

Proposed by Councillor Baxter.
Seconded by Councillor O'Boyle.

Mr. Edward McGettigan,Letterford, Kilmacrenan.

Proposed by Councillor McNulty.
Seconded by Councillor Walsh.

There being no other proposals, the Chairman declared Messrs. Borland, Friel, and McGettigan unanimously elected to the three seats.

167/45.

MENTAL HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE.

The Council decided to elect the following members on the Mental Hospital Visiting Committee:-

Rev. A. P. Conneff, Ramelton.

Rev. P. Deeney, Rockhill, Letterkenny.

Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P., Stranorlar, Ballybofey.

Rev. J. Deeney, P.P., St. Johnston.

Rev. J. Kelly, P.P., Kilmacrenan.

Mr. Eugene Mahony, Letterkenny.

Councillor McCaul.

Councillor Patrick Kelly.

Councillor McNulty.

Councillor McMenamin.

Councillor Scott.

Councillor Gallen.

Councillor McIvor.

Councillor Blaney.

Councillor Kildea.

Councillor Brady.

It was decided that the tenure of Office of the Visiting Committee be the same as that of the County Council.

168/45.

ELECTION OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

The Council decided to elect the following members on the General Purposes Committee:-

Councillor McFadden, T.D.

Councillor Sheldon, T.D.

Councillor Friel, T.D.

Councillor Blaney, T.D.

Councillor Brady, T.D.

Councillor Brealin, T.D.

Councillor Scott.

Councillor McCaul.

Councillor Walsh.

Councillor Britton.

Councillor O'Boyle.

Councillor McMenamin.

Councillor Kildea.

Councillor Gallen.

169/45. ELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The following were elected on the Scholarships Committee, their tenure of Office to be the same as that of the County Council:-

Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P., Donegal.
 Rev. Dr. Molloy, P.P., Dungloe.
 Councillor Brady, Killybegs.
 Mr. John McGinley, N.T., Meencoladdy, Meenlaragh.
 Miss Margaret Deeney, Glenvar.
 Rev. Joseph O'Doherty, P.P., Fahan.
 Very Rev. P. Canon Kerr, P.P., Gortshork.
 Rev. A. McLoone, President, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny.
 Very Rev. Dr. P. McDowell, President, St. Columb's College, Derry.
 Eugene Gallagher, N.T., Carndonagh.
 Edward Gallen, Co.C., Broomfield, Castlefin.
 Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P., Stranorlar, Ballybofey.
 Rev. James McGinley, Adm., Letterkenny.
 Mr. John McGlinchey, N.T., Killynure, Convoy.
 Mr. James O'Donnell, N.T., Meenbanad.
 Captain J. Scott, Co.C., Fahan.
 Mr. Charles Sweeney, Moville.
 Rev. Father Carr, C.C., Annagry.
 Rev. Daniel Sweeney, C.C., Fintown.
 Mr. A. M. Raffan, Prior School, Lifford.
 Mr. George McCaul, Co.C., Letterkenny.

170/45. ELECTION OF BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY LIBRARY.

The following members were elected on the Book Selection Committee for the County Library:-

Rev. T. J. Agnew, P.P., Strabane.
 Rev. F. A. O'Hara, B.A., St. Johnston.
 Rev. J. H. Bewglass, Ballindrait.
 Rev. T. Doherty, C.C., Convoy.
 Rev. George R. Heatley, Lifford.
 Mr. W. G. Gallagher, Castlefin.
 Mr. E. Gallen, Co.C., Broomfield, Castlefin.
 Mr. Andrew Lowry, Argery, Ballindrait.
 Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P., Stranorlar, Ballybofey.
 Captain J. Scott, Co.C., Fahan.
 Rev. J. Sproule, Donaghmore Manse, Castlefin.
 Mr. Charles Sweeney, Moville.
 Mr. George McCaul, Co.C., Letterkenny.

171/45. ELECTION OF ROADS COMMITTEE.

All the members of the Council were unanimously elected to be members of the Roads Committee.

172/45. ELECTION OF DISEASES OF ANIMALS COMMITTEE.

All the members of the Council were unanimously elected to be members of the Diseases of Animals Committee.

173/45. ELECTION OF CO. DONEGAL OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

All the members of the Council were unanimously elected to be members of the County Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee.

174/45. ELECTION OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE.

The Council unanimously decided that the business to be done by the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee be done in future by the General Purposes Committee.

175/45. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS.

The following members were appointed on the Committee for the purpose of revising the Council's Standing Orders:-

Councillor Blaney.
 Councillor Gallen.
 Councillor Scott.

176/45. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

Councillors Brady and Scott were unanimously appointed as the Council's delegates to the Meetings of the County Councils' General Council.

177/45. IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Gallagher, Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle was unanimously elected as the Council's representative on the Irish Tourist Association.

178/45. ELECTION OF BARONIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DIRECTORATE OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

Arising out of the election of Baronial representatives on the Directorate of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway, Councillor Breslin stated that although he had been appointed some years ago he had never been asked to attend a Meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to ask the Manager of the Railway Co. why the Council's representatives were not summoned to the Meetings.

The following were proposed and seconded for appointment as Baronial representatives:-

Councillor Breslin.
Councillor McIvor.
Councillor Kildea.
Councillor Scott.

Councillor Scott later withdrew his name, and a vote was taken on the three remaining candidates, resulting as follows:-
For Councillor Breslin.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 25.

For Councillor McIvor.

Councillors Baxter, Gallagher, Gallen, Greene, Harkin, Kelly (Patk.), McFadden, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, and Sheldon. Total 11.

For Councillor Kildea.

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Doherty, Friel, Kelly (John), Kildea, McCaul, McNulty, O'Donnell, and Walsh. Total 14.

The Chairman declared Councillors Breslin and Kildea elected.

179/45. NOMINATION OF MEMBER OR MEMBERS IN WHOSE PRESENCE THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE COUNCIL MAY BE AFFIXED.

All the members of the Council were nominated as members in whose presence the Official Seal of the Council may be affixed, in pursuance of the County Management Act, 1940.

180/45. ELECTION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES.

The Council proceeded to elect the various Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees, and the Secretary explained that the membership of each Sub-Committee was nine, except in the cases of Glenties No. 1 and Milford, which had a membership of 13 and 12 respectively.
Ballyshannon Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Right Rev. Monsignor McGinley, P.P., V.G., Ballyshannon.
Very Rev. D. Canon McGrath, P.P., Bundoran.
Very Rev. Canon Tarleton, The Rectory, Ballyshannon.
Very Rev. A. Canon Logue, P.P., Ballintra.
Major J. S. Myles, Inis Samer, Ballyshannon.
Rev. John J. Gallagher, C.C., Ballyshannon.
Rev. M. McElroy, C.C., Ballyshannon.
Rev. J. D. G. Irwin, Ballyshannon.
Mr. Fergus P. Britton, Co.C., Cliff Lodge, Coolmore, Rossnowlagh.

Inishowen No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Rev. Dr. McShane, P.P., Buncrana.
 Rev. Father Lagan, C.C., Desertegney.
 Rev. Mr. Young, Buncrana.
 Mr. Frank Kildea, Co.C., Buncrana.
 Mr. Brennan, Buncrana.
 Mr. D. Grant, Buncrana.
 Mr. Rodden, Buncrana.
 Captain Scott, Co.C., Fahan.
 Mr. P. Kavanagh, Sladran, Buncrana.

Inishowen No. 3 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Rev. James Bonner, P.P., Carndonagh.
 Rev. W. Hegarty, P.P., Culdaff.
 Rev. R. H. Boyd, The Manse, Carndonagh.
 Rev. L. H. L. Abercrombie, The Rectory, Carndonagh.
 Manus Harkin, Co.C., Muff, Culdaff.
 John Kelly, Co.C., Millbrae, Carndonagh.
 N. J. Doherty, Auctioneer, Carndonagh.
 Anthony Doherty, Clorney, Culdaff.
 James McDaid, P.C., Magherard, Culdaff.

Inishowen No. 4 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Rev. Daniel L. McLaughlin, P.P., Moville.
 Rev. F. St. G. Johnstone, Moville.
 Rev. W. H. Martin, The Manse, Moville.
 Charles Sweeney, Moville.
 J. P. McIvor, Co.C., Quigley's Point.
 Dr. R. H. Nolan, Drumaweir, Greencastle.
 Mr. Robert Carey, Carrowbeg, Moville.
 Mr. Edward O'Doherty, Bredagh Glen, Moville.
 Mr. Denis Doherty, Malin Street, Moville.

Inishowen No. 5 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

John Byrne, N.T., Malin.
 James Boggs, Carrowmore, Malin.
 John F. McLaughlin, Malin.
 Patrick McCallion, Lowertown, Malin.
 M. J. Monagle, Culkenny, Malin.
 James Colhoun, Malin.
 Patrick Monagle, Tully, Malin.
 James Quigley, Legg, Malin.
 Tom Kelly, Drumcarbit, Malin.

Letterkenny Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Eugene Mahony, Letterkenny.
 Rev. James McGinley, Adm., Letterkenny.
 John Curren, Letterkenny.
 Patrick Nee, Letterkenny.
 Herbert J. McCloughan, Solicitor, Letterkenny.
 David Ramsay, Letterkenny.
 Manus McFadden, Letterkenny.
 Michael Mellett, Letterkenny.
 George McCaul, Co.C., Letterkenny.

Aileach No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Captain J. Scott, Co.C., Fahan,
 Rev. M. Smyth, P.P., Quigley's Point.
 Rev. Gerald Dixon, The Rectory, Fahan,
 Rev. Joseph O'Doherty, P.P., Fahan.
 Rev. Bernard Kelly, C.C., Burt.
 Rev. R. J. Wray, The Manse, Burt.
 Rev. J. Porter, The Rectory, Muff.
 Mr. John Sweeney, Morass, Inch Island.
 Mr. McIvor, The Rock, Muff.

Aileach No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Rev. D. Gibbons, C.C., Newtowncunningham.
 Rev. S. J. Parker, The Manse, Newtowncunningham.
 Rev. Mr. Wakely, The Rectory, Newtowncunningham.
 Peter McLaughlin, Newtowncunningham.
 James Devenney, Newtowncunningham.
 John Devenney, Newtowncunningham.
 H. S. Robinson, Milltown, Newtowncunningham.
 James Roulstone, Moneymore, Newtowncunningham.
 Michael O'Donnell, Castruse, Bogey P.O.

Lifford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Rev. J. H. Bewglass, The Manse, Ballindrait.
 Venerable Archdeacon Homan, Raphoe.
 Rev. E. McNamee, C.C., Murlog.
 Charles Doherty, Co.C., Lifford Common, Ballindrait.
 George Day, The Raws, Castlefin.
 Charles Henderson, St. Johnston.
 Doalty Gallagher, Raphoe.
 W. G. Gallagher, Grianan, Castlefin.
 James McCosker, Lifford.

Milford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Manus A. MacCresdie, Milford.
 Rev. J. Kelly, P.P., Kilmacrenan.
 Rev. T. McGinley, C.C., Kindrum.
 S. A. Baxter, Co.C., Milford.
 Neil Blaney, Co.C., T.D., Rosnaskill.
 Rev. H. O'Boyle, P.P., Rathmullan.
 Rev. A. P. Conneff, Ramelton.
 Edward Friel, Drumoghill, Termon.
 Patrick Loughrey, Kerrykeel.
 Anthony McElwee, Milford.
 Rev. M. J. McMullin, P.P., Carrigart.
 Rev. J. Haughey, C.C., Milford.

Stranorlar Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P., Stranorlar.
 Rev. J. Dunlop, Stranorlar.
 Rev. Mr. McFall, Stranorlar.
 Rev. J. Finnegan, C.C., Drumkeen.
 Rev. J. Harkin, C.C., Bessyaghoneill.
 Rev. W. J. Sheridan, P.P., Cloghan.
 Patrick Herron, Stranorlar.
 Denis Hannigan, Co.C., Cappry, Ballybofey.
 James McMenamin, Co.C., Ballybofey.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor McFadden it was decided to ask the Clerks of the Committees to notify the names of the members who had not attended any Meetings at the end of each half-year.

181/45. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, 1945.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £80,000 for the months of July and August, 1945, for the Revenue Account.

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

182/45. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, 1945.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £90,000 for the Turf Production Account for the months of July and August, 1945.

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

183/45. COST OF THE COUNCIL'S SHARE OF THE COMBINED PRESIDENTIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

The County Manager applied for a sum of £2,000 to meet the cost of the Council's share of the recent combined Presidential and Local Government Elections.

The County Manager explained to the Council that the total sum for which he applied might not be necessary.

The application was granted unanimously.

184/45. OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL, LETTERKENNY.

Arising out of an application from the County Manager which appeared on the Agenda for a sum of £2,200 for the acquisition and re-construction of the premises known as the Old Technical School, Letterkenny, the County Manager explained that the sale of these premises to the Council had fallen through. The owners were not prepared to sell, but they were prepared to give a lease for ~~ten years~~ ~~to the Council~~ ~~to be responsible for all outgoings and repairs.~~ As the Council would not be the owners of the building he had dropped his proposals to provide Public Conveniences, and an Office for the Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

He now applied for a sum of £400 for internal alterations and repairs, and to include a year's rent at £65 per annum.

The Co. Manager's application for the sum of £400 was granted unanimously.

185/45. COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER ERNE BY THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

A letter was read from the Chief Engineer, Electricity Supply Board, referring to previous correspondence regarding Road Bridge over the Erne at Ballyshannon. The increase in cost of the new 76 ft. span bridge over the tail race, having a 40 ft. width between parapets, over the cost of a similar Bridge with approximately 25 ft. width between parapets was £3,600 as against their previous estimate of £2,000. The original figures were estimated on a pre-War basis, and the present figures might, therefore, be taken as final within 10%. He inquired if the Council proposed to proceed with the 40' ft. wide bridge, and if the Council was prepared to refund the amount of approximately £3,600 when the work on the bridge was completed.

An item also appeared on the Agenda for authority by the County Manager to contribute £1,600 for the construction of the Bridge referred to, in addition to the £2,000 already provided in the Estimates.

Councillor Baxter stated that he objected to the proposal to contribute an additional £1,600. The ratepayers of the County should not be asked to contribute this additional sum, and he proposed that the Council do not contribute such sum.

Councillor Gallagher seconded.

A long discussion ensued, in which Councillors Sheldon, Harkin, Walsh, Britton, and McIvor took part.

Councillor Scott suggested that the matter be adjourned pending further investigations.

The County Manager stated that he was agreeable to have his application adjourned, pending further investigations.

186/45. EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE, 1945/46.

A letter dated 8th June, 1945, was read from the Local Government Department, RU/212/1, stating that a grant of £34,200, subject to a local contribution of £6,000, had been provisionally allocated to County Donegal for schemes financed out of the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1945/46. The grant was subject to certain conditions which were set out in the letter.

The Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates for the Council's contribution of £6,000.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was decided to instruct the Co. Engineer to furnish the Councillors with copies of the Schemes being carried out.

It was also decided to inquire from the Local Government Department why the Grant showed a reduction on previous years' Grants.

187/45. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW QUAY AND APPROACH ROAD AT BUNBEG.

The Secretary referred to letter dated 18th April, 1945, S.W.1/3/79, from the Special Employment Schemes Office stating that the Parliamentary Secretary was prepared in the interests of the local fishing industry to provide a new Quay at Bunbeg at a cost of £1,924, on certain conditions.

The Council at their Meeting on the 24th April, 1945, Minute No. 94/45, agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding £500 towards the cost of the proposed new Quay, but the question of the proposed new road was inadvertently omitted from the Agenda, and was, consequently, overlooked by the Council at their Meeting on 24th April.

The Special Employment Schemes Office had been advised that in addition to the new Quay it would be necessary to construct an approach road about 250 yards long and having a carriageway 21 feet wide, along the route indicated on the site map in the top right-hand corner of the drawing 469/1. The proposed road, and also the Quay, would be situated on the lands of Mr. Stratford, Bunbeg. The cost of the road would probably be in the neighbourhood of £500, but they requested that the County Engineer submit a firm estimate of the cost of constructing the approach road.

The following report on the proposed new road was submitted from Mr. R. F. O'Driscoll, Assistant Co. Engineer, Dunfanaghy:-

"I wish to state that I inspected the site of the proposed road on 22nd June and estimate that its cost will be £650. The excavation in rock (granite) will be heavy at one section.

If the County Council are involved in this matter, I suggest an alternative route for the road, i.e. as shown in pencil on the plan which I return herewith. This route is about 410 yards lin., but is, I think, an easier grade, and will have the advantage of avoiding a steep grade on the existing County Road at the junction of the Office of Public Works proposed road and the County Road. The alternative route would cost £750."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, pending further inquiries into the matter by the County Engineer.

The Secretary explained that the Council would also be required to contribute one-fourth of the cost of the new road.

188/45. IMPROVEMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT AT TRYBANE, LOUGHROS POINT.

A letter dated 27th April, 1945, S.W.1/3/18, was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office, referring to previous correspondence on the subject of improvement works at Trybane, Loughros Point, and stating that the Office of Public Works' Engineer had now reported that the works had been satisfactorily completed. Before payment on foot of the Grant could be made it would be necessary to arrange:-

(a) for the submission by the County Engineer of a certified statement of the total expenditure incurred on the Scheme; and (b) a certified record of a resolution of the Council to the effect that the works had been satisfactorily completed.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to forward a certified statement of the expenditure, and to pass the following resolution:-

"The works at Trybane, Loughros Point, having been completed by the County Engineer to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works, we, the Donegal County Council, hereby undertake to maintain the said works in future."

189/45. ADOPTION OF SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS FOR THE 1945 SHEEP DIPPING SEASON.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to adopt Sheep Dipping Regulations, under Seal, for the 1945 season, on the lines of the Regulations in force for previous Seasons.

190/45. ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES OF MILFORD CO. ELECTORAL AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Con O'Donnell, Newmills, asking to have transferred back to the Milford County Electoral Area the townlands of Druminaught, Letterleague, Roughan, Milltown, and Lenalea. Councillor Baxter stated that at some future date the geographical boundaries of the Co. Electoral Areas should be overhauled. It was decided to adjourn the matter until next dealing with Polling Schemes.

191/45. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING-PLACE AT BUNANID, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 4th June, 1945, S.W.1/3/102, stating that it had been represented to the Minister for Finance that it was necessary in the interests of the local agricultural industry, to provide a landing-place at Bunanid, Arranmore Island. The site had been inspected by an Office of Public Works' Engineer who reported that it was a long narrow cove on the east side of the Island, the existing facilities consisting of a large heap of boulders roughly shaped to form a Quay. The cost of the necessary works, which, if executed, would provide a good landing-place, was estimated at £400, on the assumption that they would be carried out by the County Engineer. The Office of Public Works' Engineer stated that the extension of the County Road across the beach would provide a right-of-way to the main landing-place, but that there was no road to the site of the proposed flight of steps, nor was any road required. A right of usage seemed to exist since nets were discharged and passengers landed there at present, and the owner of the land was, it was understood, quite prepared to grant a formal right-of-way if such was considered necessary. 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, towards the proposal, subject to agreement of the Donegal County Council:-

- (i) To contribute the balance of the cost of the work;
- (ii) To arrange to have the proposed works carried out by the Co. Engineer;
- (iii) To accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the improved landing-place.

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

192/45. CONSTRUCTION OF PROTECTION WALL AT QUEENSPORT PIER, GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from the County Engineer stating that he had completed a work of improvement at Queensport Pier, Greencastle. The work consisted of the construction of a protection wall. A grant was given by the Special Employment Schemes Office with a contributory grant from the County Council. The work had now been inspected by the Office of Public Works' Engineer who had reported that a very satisfactory job had been done, and that the wall enhanced, considerably, the value of the Pier to the fishermen. The Special Employment Schemes Office now requested the adoption of the following formal resolution by the County Council:-
"The protection wall at Queensport Pier, Greencastle, having been completed by the County Surveyor to the satisfaction of the engineering adviser to the Special Employment Schemes Office, we, the Donegal County Council, hereby undertake to maintain the said protection wall in future."

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, it was unanimously decided to adopt the following resolution:-

"The protection wall at Queensport Pier, Greencastle, having been completed by the County Surveyor to the satisfaction of the engineering adviser to the Special Employment Schemes Office, we, the Donegal County Council, hereby undertake to maintain the said protection wall in future."

193/45. RESTRICTION ON NUMBER OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS TO BE LODGED BY MEMBERS.

Councillor Baxter proposed:- "That a Councillor can only have three Notices of Motion, each dealing with only one item, on the Agenda for any one Meeting of the Council."

Councillor Walsh seconded, but he suggested that this resolution be not embodied in the Standing Orders as it might bind future Councils.

A discussion ensued, and the Council adopted a suggestion of the County Manager that a member of the Council be allowed to exceed three Notices of Motion, provided he has the prior permission of the Chairman.

194/45. RESOLUTION FROM THE CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council noted the following resolution from the Cavan County Council:-

"That we desire to express our sympathy with the Catholic section of our fellow-countrymen across the Border in the harsh and unfair treatment to which they are subjected by the educational enactments emanating from the Belfast Government. We pledge our moral, and, if necessary, our material support to the Catholic Bishops and people in any action they may take to vindicate their just claims in the matter of education."

195/45. IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED AT MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Board, 13, Merrion Square, Dublin, dated 17th February, 1945, stating that they had been advised that an Improvements Committee had been set up at Mountcharles to take active measures to develop the area as a holiday resort. Unfortunately, the improvements immediately required - on the approaches to and at the seashore - were not of the type to which they could contribute financially since they were confined to schemes of a profit-earning character. There appeared to be no other Authority that could be invoked in such matters except the County Council, and they trusted that in the Council's immediate or post-War programmes of work, the requirements of this attractive district would be given special consideration.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that the Improvements Committee had referred the matter to him. He had made representations to the Irish Tourist Board and the County Engineer in the matter.

Councillor Gallagher stated that the most important improvement required was the repair of the Shore Road.

The County Engineer stated that the Shore Road was not a County Road.

It was unanimously decided to ask the Office of Public Works to give a grant for the improvement of the Shore Road in the interests of the tourist industry.

196/45. NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HARKIN RE ROADS IN INISHOWEN AREA.

Councillor Harkin asked to have the following Notices of Motion adjourned until next Meeting, and inserted early on the Agenda:-

(1) "That I will ask that an inquiry be held into the present deplorable state of the County Roads in Inishowen, and that the present unsatisfactory system of supervision be abolished, and some better method be adopted so that more of the money will be spent on work done to the roads and less on supervision."

(2) "That I will ask the County Surveyor if he is aware that a stretch of new road is being made in the Glengad Mountain by a Relief Grant, and that the material for making this road was taken by lorry a distance of from four to eight miles, while at the same time plenty of material was available convenient to where the road was being made, and a number of persons in the area who had horses and carts were deprived of work. Would the County Surveyor see that this would be remedied in future?"

197/45. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED NEW ROADWAY AT BALLYSHANNON.

The Council adjourned until their next Meeting a report from the County Engineer on construction of proposed new roadway at Ballyshannon.

198/45. LATE MR. P. J. COLE, CO.C.

A letter was read from Miss Rose Cole, Bridge Street, Carndonagh, thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the death of her father, the late Mr. P. J. Cole, ex-Co.C.

199/45. ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1945 - MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

The Co. Manager applied for a sum of £520 for maintenance work on the following Drainage Schemes:-

- (a) Carrowcannon (Ray River.)
- (b) Bortsalon and Duntinny.
- (c) Ballysallagh (Ray River.)
- (d) Cloon River.
- (e) Swilly Burn River.

The Co. Manager explained that the maintenance of (d) and (e) was formerly carried out by the Carrigans Trustees and the Swilly Burn Drainage Board. Under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, these latter bodies were dissolved, and the maintenance of these two districts was now the responsibility of the County Council. Under Section 22 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, "Drainage Rates" were abolished, and the ~~works~~ required for drainage work were now to be raised by means of the Poor Rate as a County-at-large charge.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the sum of £520 be granted.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

200/45. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE AT MORASS FERRY.

Arising out of a report by the County Engineer on the proposed new Bridge at Morass Ferry, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, that the Minister for Local Government be approached to see how far the Government could help in constructing this Bridge, which would be of great economic advantage to the people in the district, and would also be of value to the tourist industry.

It was also recommended that the Chairman and Rev. Father O'Doherty, Provincial, a native of the district, approach the Minister in the matter.

201/45. NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HUGH CALLAGHAN.

The Chairman stated that Councillor Callaghan had asked him to have the thirty-nine Notices of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda adjourned until next Meeting.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the motions be struck out.

Councillor Brennan seconded.

The motion was passed, Councillors Scott and Gallen dissenting, and the following motions were, therefore, ruled out:-

1. "That this Council grant an increase of 1/- per day to road workers, and an increase of 1s/6d per day to carters to help them to meet the very high cost of living, and that the wages of machinery workers be increased accordingly, and that this Council recommend to the Board of Works and the Irish Land Commission the granting of similar increases for their labourers and carters."
2. "That this Council take over and maintain Killybegs Cow Market, which is in a deplorable condition."
3. "Asking the County Manager to give a report of his investigations into my complaint at the last Meeting of the Council regarding the failure to supply meals in the Gaeltacht School of Coguish."
4. "Requesting the County Surveyor to give a report of the inspection of the dangerous drain alongside the County Road at Drumbarity, Killybegs, as he was instructed to do at the last Meeting of the County Council."
5. "Asking the County Manager to state what steps he has taken or what action he proposes to adopt to have the stones and rubbish removed from the fishermen's landing-place at Kelly's Quay, Killybegs."
6. "Asking the County Manager to state the estimate for the proposed Waterworks Scheme for the village of Inver, and the progress made towards having the Scheme undertaken."
7. "That in view of the failure of the potato crop in many parts, and the serious loss of potatoes caused by the recent frost, a survey be made of the potato supply in the County so that a potato famine may not occur in the County."

8. "That representations be made to reduce the fees of Veterinary Surgeons as the majority of farmers are unable to pay the exorbitant charges demanded by Vets. in the County."
9. "That the County Surveyor be instructed to complete the construction of a new footpath outside the Manse in Dunkineely Street, and cover the filthy drain leading from Dunkineely Cow Market, and passing the doorsteps of a number of dwelling-houses."
10. "Asking the County Manager to state the cause of delay in appointing a Home Assistance Officer for the Glencolumbkille District."
11. "Requesting the County Manager to let this Meeting know the number of County Council Officials in receipt of over £200 a year, stating the years of service and the full salary in each case."
12. "That a Conference of Representatives of all parties represented in the Dail, together with delegates from all religious bodies in the State, and the G.A.A., meet to select a new President, and so save the taxpayers the cost of a Presidential Election."
13. "Asking the County Manager to state when it is proposed to proceed with the erection of the proposed new Labourers' Cottages throughout the County, and urging on him the necessity for losing no time in providing homes for so many people imprisoned in unhealthy houses, and asking him to state the number of condemned houses which are occupied at present in the County."
14. "Asking the County Manager if he is aware that several plots of land acquired by the County Council for the erection of new Cottages are of a very poor quality and entirely unsuitable for tillage plots, and asking him how he proposes to deal with the matter."
15. "Requesting the Government to consider making allowance for granting all landholders' children between the ages of 10 and 14 years 25 days' special leave in the year to assist their parents during busy periods."
16. "Requesting the Government to establish Demonstration Farms throughout the country with a view to acquainting those on the land with schemes to their advantage, and raising the standards of country life."
17. "Requesting that hot meals be provided for children in all National Schools during the winter months."
18. "Asking the County Surveyor to state the full amount spent to date, including cost of unskilled and skilled labour and building materials, in erecting new fences adjoining the main County Road on the lands of the late Mrs. Rose Conwell, Straleeny, Killybegs."
19. "Urging on the Government to take steps to establish a National Heroes Fund."
20. "Protesting at the dangerous state of the tarred roads throughout the County, and requesting that safe and suitable untarred margins be left on all tarred roads."
21. "Requesting the Government to make it compulsory for all school-children to present themselves for examination at the National School Medical Examinations in their own interests."
22. "Requesting the Department of Supplies to allow increased rations of tea and sugar for farm work and turf production work in County Donegal."
23. "That I feel it would be wise for the County Council and beneficial for the ratepayers if all turf produced by the Council in future were produced on a contract basis instead of the present system with its disastrous results."
24. "That with a view to economy I request this Council in the interests of the ratepayers to amend the Direct Labour system by appointing Gangers purely on merit, and endeavour to reduce the enormous supervision expenses."
25. "Requesting the Government to amend the Children's Allowances Scheme so as to provide for all children under the age of 16, and to consider in view of the falling averages at our Schools the granting of marriage gratuities to encourage marriages."
26. "Asking the County Manager to state the amount of the County Council Overdraft at the moment, and the amount of interest being charged for same."

27. "That this Council condemns the recent insulting attacks by Ministers of State on their Lordships, Most Rev. Dr. Browne and Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, and that we request the Government to implement the Schemes of social benefits proposed by these eminent Churchmen."
28. "Requesting that steps be taken to improve the path leading to the Labourers' Cottages at Shore Road, Killybegs, and to drain the flooded Cottage Plots at the Commons, Killybegs."
29. "Urging on the County Manager to speed up repairs to Labourers' Cottages, many of which are a disgrace to the Council."
30. "Urging on the Government to take all possible steps to develop the fishing industry, which could be made a great labour content and source of income."
31. "That in the event of the Local Elections taking place, strict precautions should be taken to prevent impersonation by demanding voters to produce their Ration Books."
32. "That this Council request the Irish Tourist Association to immediately commence their scheme for the development of Bundoran."
33. "That this Council feels that the time has come for the Government to introduce legislation to prevent National School Teachers from actively participating in party politics."
34. "Requesting the County Manager to take steps to provide fuel distributing depots in each centre so as to ensure that the poor people of the towns and villages will be provided with ample supplies of fuel during times of scarcity."
35. "Asking the County Manager to state the number of affected cases and deaths resulting from tuberculosis in the County for the year ending 31st March, 1945."
36. "Protesting at the delay in connection with the investigation of claims for Emergency Supplementary Allowances, and benefits under the Footwear Scheme, and the unfair distribution of same, and asking the County Manager for an explanation."
37. "That in view of the exceedingly high cost of living, this Council earnestly request the Government to provide free school books for all children unable to pay for same."
38. "That this Council view with deep concern the failure of the Government to solve the curse of unemployment, and that we request them to depart from their lackadaisical attitude, and take steps to develop our national resources, take over control of credit, and implement such national schemes as will provide full employment and security from want for our people, whose only salvation from starvation is emigration."
39. "That considering the fact that the price of Donegal homespun paid to the producers has reduced to an unremunerative figure since the Government took over control of the industry, this Council request the Government to either increase the price to be paid to the producers by Gaeltarra Eireann to 12/- a yard or allow the producers to sell the cloth in the public market."

202/45. LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

The Chairman read the following letter dated 22nd June, 1945, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the members of the new Council:-

"At the first Meeting of the new Council I take this opportunity of addressing you and through you the members of the Council in regard to some of the most important problems to be dealt with during their term of Office. Many difficulties had to be contended with during the emergency and as a consequence many major works of importance had to be postponed. The local services generally were, however, operated by local bodies with very little curtailment or inconvenience to the citizens, while new services were successfully undertaken to meet the conditions which obtained. Of these, particular mention may be made of the valuable work done in maintaining supplies of native fuel during a very critical period for the State.

As for the future, we have many problems to face which will call for earnest consideration on the part of public representatives. It will no doubt be the desire of every local authority as the emergency conditions pass to try and give effect to measures which had to be suspended owing to the emergency and to formulate a programme of the further works required throughout their areas. Housing will, of course, rank high among such measures. Until materials are available in regular supply it would be inappropriate to formulate any basis of housing costs, but before the construction stage is reached there is a good deal of essential preparatory work which can be done in formulating a housing programme to cover the housing needs of your district in the foreseeable future, the detailed working-out of definite schemes, the acquisition and development of sites, in short in the vigorous prosecution of all and every work related to housing that can be undertaken now in preparation for the time when the supply of materials renders possible the erection of the houses. I hope, therefore, that your Council may see its way to devote a great deal of attention to this most important task and to give to it the careful thought and full consideration which it demands.

The removal of conditions which favour the spread of disease will not however suffice. If the standard of health of the community is to be raised closer attention will need to be given to health services and to the development of the positive side of public health by means of health education. In all these Public Health matters, although a great deal has already been done, much still remains which cannot be accomplished except with the support and assistance of the elected members of the local authorities, who represent the ratepayers and the local communities. The Government has given to the Dail notice of its intention to introduce a new and comprehensive Public Health Bill which, if enacted, will enable our public health services to be greatly expanded and developed. I should like to bespeak the ready and earnest co-operation of your members in giving effect to the provisions of the new legislation as soon as the Oireachtas has enacted it.

Another urgent task which confronts us is that of re-constructing our road system to meet modern requirements. Like housing, a great deal of very important work under this head has been held up by a shortage of essential plant and materials. But a great deal of preliminary work has been done in investigating requirements and fixing standards of road construction. The views of my Department in regard to these aspects of the problem have been communicated to the appropriate Officers of the local authorities concerned and will after due examination come before the Council for consideration. There are many other matters which will engage attention. Chief amongst these are the advancement of vocational education and agricultural development.

I should also like to refer to the functions of local authorities under the Town and Regional Planning Acts and to ask that these should not be in any way overlooked or allowed to fall into desuetude. The development of our towns and villages should proceed on the basis of well-considered plans, which will ensure that the requirements of utility and convenience harmonise with those of amenity and good health, and the members of every local authority should take pride in ensuring that in all the districts under their control nothing will be done which would conflict with that harmony.

The Government recently issued a White Paper setting out the duties and responsibilities of the elected members of local authorities. It shows how much the members of a local body can do to ensure that the standard of the local services is properly maintained and the benefits to the ratepayers which ensue from active co-operation between the Council and the Manager in the conduct of local affairs. It is, indeed, only when the fullest and most sympathetic co-operation exists between the Manager and the elected representatives that the work of the local authority can be properly done by them within their respective spheres, without any undue trespass of the one in the proper domain of the other.

May I in conclusion express the hope that in all these matters the work of the Council will be fruitful, that there will be the fullest co-operation between the elected representatives and the Manager entrusted with executive functions of the Council, and between the local bodies and the various Departments of State. On behalf of my Department I shall offer at all times any help or guidance which the local authority may desire in formulating useful schemes for the benefit of their area.

Mise, le meas,
Sean MacEntee,
Minister for Local Government and
Public Health. "

Confined.

Neil O'Shane

Chairman.

28th August, 1945.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1945.

203/45.

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, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McMenamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

204/45.

A P O L O G I E S.

Councillor Brady apologised for the absence of Councillor McFadden, and Councillor Gallagher apologised for the absence of Councillor McIvor.

205/45.

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

Councillor Brady proposed the confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on Thursday, 28th June, 1945.

Councillor McCaul seconded.

Councillor Callaghan referred to Minute No. 193/45, and he stated that this Minute deprived Councillors of the opportunity of giving the service to the ratepayers that they wished to do.

Councillor Scott stated that until the Standing Orders were revised it was premature to enforce the terms of the Minute.

Councillor Blaney stated that the motion passed at last Meeting was going to put a big onus on the Chair, but in any case a Committee had been appointed to revise the Standing Orders, and before the next Meeting of the Council the Report of the Standing Orders Committee might be available.

Councillor Gallagher stated that no motions should be entertained which were not relevant to the business of the Council.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council were then confirmed unanimously.

Councillor Harkin stated that he would like to refer to the Minute dealing with the election of the Committee of Agriculture, but the Chairman ruled that he was out of order unless he was querying the accuracy of the Minute.

206/45. REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1945.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, 31st July, 1945.

At the outset, Councillor Gallen stated that the Report of the Committee was not accurate. At the commencement of the proceedings of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, he challenged the authority to appoint a Committee of two to review the sites for Labourers' Cottages. There was no reference in the Report to his remarks. He stated that the sites referred to were selected very carefully, and in his opinion there were no grounds for rejecting any of them as unsuitable.

Councillor Breslin proposed the adoption of the Report of the General Purposes Committee, and Councillor McCaul seconded.

Councillor Gallen proposed that that part of the Report dealing with the review of sites for Labourers' Cottages be not adopted, and Councillor Gallagher seconded.

After further discussion, it was decided to take each item of the Report of the Committee seriatim.

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
31ST JULY, 1945. (CONTINUED).

4/45. Erne Hydro-Electric Scheme - Position of Rate Collector
John Gillespie.

The Council unanimously adopted the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee.

5/45: Council's Contribution towards widening of Ballyshannon Bridge.

The Council unanimously adopted the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee, and Councillor Baxter stated that the congratulations of the Council should be extended to the Co. Manager and Co. Engineer on the success of their efforts.

7/45. Review of sites acquired for Housing under the Labourers' Acts
by the Former Rural District Councils and the Board of Health.

Councillor Gallen stated that the sites selected were, in his opinion, the very best that could be got, and he could see no grounds whatever for recommending their rejection. He was of opinion that the Council would be acting illegally and ultra vires in considering the recommendations contained in the Report of the County Medical Officer of Health and Mr. O'Reilly, as the matter had already been finally disposed of. These sites were approved of by the Department and the Inspector who conducted the Inquiry was an Engineer, and the Arbitrator was also an Engineer. The Labourers' Acts provided that if the Local Authority failed to carry out the provisions of the Acts, the labourers could take steps to have the Local Authority superseded or to compel them to carry out the provisions of the Acts. He quoted an instance where this already happened in the case of the former Strabane Union.

Councillor Gallagher stated that the Officials who carried out the inspection of the sites in Donegal should have consulted the local Councillors.

Councillor Britton supported Councillor Gallagher, and asked if Dr. Bastible, the County M.O.H., had not already approved of the sites at the time of their original selection.

Dr. Bastible stated that he had already approved of the Donegal site from a purely medical point of view, but the present recommendation of the rejection of the site was from an engineering point of view.

Councillor Baxter raised the question of the erection of Cottages on the Milford Workhouse Site, but the County Manager stated that these Cottages were not referred to in the Report.

Councillors Walsh, Scott, and Callaghan, joined in the debate.

Councillor Brady stated that there were two Engineers appointed by the late Board of Health in connection with the selection of the sites, and he inquired if this Report had been brought to their notice. He thought it was only fair that they should be given an opportunity of replying to the criticisms of the sites approved of by them.

Councillor Byrne suggested that in many cases it might be possible to arrange for alternative sites.

Councillor Sheldon stated that there was no question at the moment of finally rejecting any of the sites, and he suggested that that part of the Report be adopted in so far as it related to the building of 133 Cottages.

The Chairman stated that he was in agreement with Councillor Sheldon.

Councillors Harkin and Friel objected to these 133 Cottages being given priority over those that would have been built on the sites now rejected but for the Emergency.

The County Manager stated that he was responsible for the inspection of the Cottage Sites, and he had asked for the Report of Dr. Bastible and Mr. O'Reilly. The selection of sites was not always as good as it might have been, but he was not attaching any blame to the former Board of Health or Rural District Councils. Some of the sites selected were definitely unsuitable, and it would be absolutely fatal to erect Cottages on them. Since the sites were selected the Town and Regional Planning Acts had come into operation. He quite agreed with Councillor Gallen that the sites at Lifford, Castlefin, and Ballybofey, were magnificent sites,

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but the question of their suitability from a Town Planning point of view had to be taken into consideration. He stated that the site referred to by Councillor Gallagher was swampy, and for this reason its rejection was recommended.

The County Engineer stated that the object of the Council should be to build only on the best possible sites.

After further discussion, Councillor Breslin proposed that the Council apply for a permit for the building of 133 Cottages on the sites that had been approved of; the question of the other sites to be considered as soon as possible.

Councillor Kildea seconded the proposal, and the matter was put to a vote resulting as follows:-

For the motion:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Byrne, Callaghan, Doherty, Friel, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McMensmin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 20.

Against the motion:- Councillors Gallagher, Gallen, and Scott. Total 3.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Council also adopted a suggestion of the County Manager that a permit be applied for for the building of 8 Cottages on the former Milford Workhouse Site.

In connection with the remaining sites, the County Manager suggested that the Report of Dr. Bastible and Mr. O'Reilly be printed and circulated to the members of the Council with a view to making them fully aware of what the position was, and that another Meeting of the General Purposes Committee be held at an early date to re-consider the matter, and that any members of the Council interested be invited to attend the Meeting of the Committee, and also the two Engineers who previously inspected the sites.

The County Manager's suggestion was adopted unanimously.

8/45. Purchase of Additional Road Machinery.

The Council approved of the Report of the General Purposes Committee on this matter, but they asked that detailed figures be submitted to the next Estimates Meeting of the Council.

9/45. Hospitalisation Scheme for County Donegal.

Councillor Walsh stated that when this matter was discussed at the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, he had not got the Report of the Hospitals Commission. That Commission has recommended that the District Hospital at Glenties be retained, and that a Cottage Hospital be built at Gweedore. As a result of correspondence between the County Manager and the Department it was now suggested that a new Hospital be built at Dungloe. He contended that the Hospital at Glenties would serve Glencolumbkille and Carrick Areas better than Dungloe. In his opinion, there was a better transport service into Glenties than into Dungloe. Gweedore was a thickly-populated district.

Councillor Breslin stated that he wished to endorse all that Councillor Walsh had said, and he stated that the correspondence between the County Manager and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government had come as a bombshell to the members of the General Purposes Committee. The Hospitals Commission had gone into the matter very fully, and they took into consideration the fact that they were dealing with one of the most congested areas in the country, and they recommended that an extra Hospital be built at Gweedore to augment the services given by the Glenties Hospital. He felt that the Council should have some say in the matter. There were three very big parishes in the Gweedore Area, and surely it was not the County Manager's contention that he would be serving those people by closing down the existing Hospital at Glenties, and putting up a new one at Dungloe with 32 beds. To his mind that was a very retrograde step.

Councillor Byrne stated that he was in agreement with the suggestions of the County Manager that a new Hospital be built at Dungloe. If the records were looked up it would be found that the number of patients from that area who attended Letterkenny and Lifford Hospitals were far in excess of the number who went to

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9/45. Hospitalisation Scheme for County Donegal (continued).
Glenties Hospital. Councillor O'Boyle also favoured Dungloe.

Councillors Gallen and Gallagher stated that they agreed with Councillor Walsh about the retention of the Hospital at Glenties.

Councillor Brady also protested at the proposed closing of Glenties Hospital.

Councillor Scott stated that no member had made any reference to the proposed closing of Lifford Hospital. He was of opinion that Lifford should be retained, and he suggested that a protest against proposed closing be sent to the Department.

The County Manager stated that he had made a very strong case to the Department for the retention of Lifford.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that there should be a Hospital for the treatment of Tuberculosis alone.

The County Manager stated that the Department asked him for his views on the Hospitalisation of the County, and he gave them honestly, fairly, and objectively. They were not intended to be the views of the Council or anybody else. The letter which came from the Department did not deal with Tuberculosis or Fever Hospitals. It dealt entirely with medical, surgical, and maternity cases. Letterkenny was put forward by him as it had already been agreed by everyone that Letterkenny was the best possible centre for the new County Hospital. There never was any question as to the suitability of the Hospital at Carndonagh, and the question of the Hospital at Donegal was accepted by all parties.

The Hospitals Commission had suggested that there should be a Cottage Hospital at Gweedore, but he did not approve of that suggestion. It would be difficult to get a site, and even if a site were acquired they would be faced with the difficulty of retaining a staff. There were no recreational facilities whatever in the winter time. It was on a single bus route from Dungloe to Letterkenny, and it would be the people along that route that the Hospital would serve, and the nearer they got to Letterkenny the more inclined the people would be to go there for hospital treatment.

He suggested Dungloe for the reason that the Council had a suitable site of their own there. Dungloe would be the terminus of two 'Bus routes, once the new Gweebarra Bridge was open to traffic. It had also sewerage, water, and light.

It had not been definitely stated that Glenties was going to be closed. The Nursing Sisters there were doing heroic work, but Glenties in common with other Hospitals of this type was handicapped by the fact that it bore the stigmas of the old workhouse system. If Glenties was to be closed it was by reason of the fact that Dungloe was a more suitable centre.

Lifford had been the County Hospital for many years, and it had done magnificent work, but now with fast-moving ambulances he thought that a Hospital 20 or 30 miles away would not be too far from anyone. These were the reasons which prompted him to recommend Letterkenny, Carndonagh, Donegal, and Dungloe. Another point in favour of Dungloe was that with a Hospital in a town there was much more chance of competitive tenders for supplies.

After further discussion, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee, and, as an addendum, Councillor Walsh proposed that, whilst agreeing to the erection of a new Hospital at Dungloe, the Council respectfully recommend that the existing Hospital at Glenties be retained.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal of Councillor Walsh.

The County Manager stated that he objected. It was going to cost infinitely more to run five Hospitals than four Hospitals. The maintenance costs of the Hospitals would have to be borne by the ratepayers. Glenties was too near Dungloe.

Councillors Sheldon and Harkin also objected.

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10/45. Hospitals Act, 1939.

The Council approved of the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in this respect.

11/45. Rathmullan Pier.

The Secretary stated that since the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, the County Engineer had submitted a letter stating that plans had been prepared for the re-construction of Rathmullan Pier in reinforced concrete to re-place the present timber structure, which was in a dangerous condition. The estimated cost of the re-construction would be not less than £12,000.

Councillor Kildea stated that the wooden structure at the edge of the Pier was in danger of collapsing.

The Council decided to ask the Board of Works what financial assistance they would be prepared to give towards the re-construction of this Pier in reinforced concrete.

12/45. Post-Emergency Water and Sewerage Schemes.

Councillor Gallen referred to the proposed Water Supply Scheme for Castlefin, Convooy, Raphoe, and Killygordon, and he stated that in his opinion the solution would be to continue the Ballybofey and Stranorlar supply right down.

Councillor Brennan stated that Dunkineely should have been No. 1 in order of priority.

Councillor Sheldon stated that no mention had been made in the Report of Ramelton.

The Co. Engineer stated that the condition of the Ramelton supply had been brought to his notice only recently.

Councillor Baxter stated that the Ramelton people wanted the pipes cleaned.

The County Engineer stated that at the present time he was engaged in overhauling a lot of water supplies.

Councillor Britton inquired if there was any hope of an improved water supply for Ballyshannon.

The Co. Engineer stated that Ballyshannon was using double the quantity of water per head of any other town in the County, and he was considering the installation of a waste water meter to locate where the waste was.

Councillor Byrne mentioned the case of Burtonport.

The County Manager stated that Burtonport was receiving every consideration, because in its case a higher grant would be obtained.

Councillor Callaghan mentioned Inver, where there were over 100 people living.

The Council approved of the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in relation to Post-Emergency Water and Sewerage Schemes.

13/45. Fixing of Water Rate for Laundry Purposes.

14/45. Appointment of representatives to negotiate with Letterkenny Urban Council.

15/45. Salary fixed for position of Temporary Assistant Surveyor.

16/45. Rate Collection.

The Council unanimously approved of the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in relation to the above matters.

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17/45. Proposal to provide a Machinery Yard at Lifford.

The County Engineer stated that he considered this a very important matter.

The County Manager stated that the effects of the provision of this Machinery Yard would have a lasting effect, and he suggested that the Council raise a loan for, say, a long period of 25 years.

The Council approved of the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee, and on the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor O'Boyle; it was decided to approve of the raising of a loan of £3,000 re-payable over a period of 25 years.

207/45. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31ST JULY, 1945.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the Scholarships Committee held on 31st July, 1945, and, on the motion of Councillor Brady, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was unanimously decided to adopt the Report.

Arising out of the Report, the Secretary read a letter from Mr. C. O'Byrne, N.T., Ardara, stating that his daughter, Mary Celine, to whom the Scholarships Committee recommended the award of a Scholarship of £42 per annum for each of five years, had also obtained a Scholarship, valued £30 per annum, tenable for three years at the Convent of St. Louis, Carrickmacross.

He also read a letter from the father of Connell Cunningham, Candidate No. 7, to whom the Scholarships Committee had recommended the award of a partial Scholarship of £40 for each of three years, stating that his son had obtained a Scholarship of £25 per annum for each of two years from St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, which he had declined to accept.

The Council decided to grant a Scholarship of £12 per annum for the first three years to Mary Celine Byrne, and a Scholarship of £42 per annum for each of the remaining two years, and, as a result of the saving effected in her Scholarship, they decided to grant a full Scholarship of £42 per annum for each of five years to Connell Cunningham.

208/45. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE INISHOWEN AREA.

Councillor Harkin proposed the following Motion:- "That I will ask that an Inquiry be held into the present deplorable state of the County Roads in Inishowen, and that the present unsatisfactory system of supervision be abolished, and some better method be adopted so that more of the money will be spent on work done to the roads and less on supervision."

A deputation consisting of Messrs. John Burns, Robert Carey, and F. Cassidy, appeared before the Council in connection with the motion.

Mr. Burns stated that the roads in his district had practically gone beyond repair. He mentioned particularly the road from Balleighan Three Roads to Ballymacarter, 120 perches in length.

Mr. Carey stated that it was a shame to see the way road work was being carried on. He mentioned particularly the road from Noone's Bridge to Tremone. He also mentioned Road, Map No. 189. This road was roughly repaired about three years ago but nothing had been done to it since.

Mr. Cassidy stated that he came to voice the opinion of the people of Inishowen generally, who were dissatisfied with the condition of the County Roads. He mentioned particularly the Claggan Road leading to the Church at Beem and on to the main road at Culdeff. On parts of this road the foundation stones had never been coated. He stated that the roads of which the deputation complained were all on Direct Labour.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE INISHOWEN AREA
(CONTINUED).

Councillor Harkin stated that he had been complaining of the condition of the County Roads in Inishowen for the past two years. He mentioned the Main road from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh, over which it was dangerous to ride a bicycle at the moment. Last week Council workmen came along with shovels and shovelled the loose stones on the road through the hedges. A coating of bad clay was then put on the road. He was told that if he raised the matter at a Meeting of the Council that would finish the matter.

The County Engineer called on Councillor Harkin to give him the names of the workmen who shovelled the stones through the hedges, and also of the person who made the other statement alleged. He stated that he would give the information to the County Engineer afterwards.

The County Engineer stated that he had made a note of the roads about which particular complaint was made. He would have inquiries made into these roads and also into the allegations made by Councillor Harkin. He stated that this had been a particularly bad year on roads. There had been a heavy frost, followed by terrific rain, and he had seen roads torn up a foot deep. Many of the County roads were never intended to carry lorry traffic. He would inspect the roads and would call on Mr. Harkin.

Councillor Friel asked the Co. Engineer to include in his inspection the Cloontagh Road, Clonmany, and Councillor Kildea asked him to inspect the road from Buncrana to Dunree.

Councillor Scott stated that a lot of the roads had been damaged by National Turf traffic, and a grant might be got for their repair.

209/45.

RATE COLLECTION.

A letter was read from Councillor Callaghan enclosing copy of a resolution adopted at a Meeting of the Executive of the Co. Donegal Farmers' and Workers' Association viewing with deep concern the proposed change in the system of Poor Rate Collection, and stating that a deputation would appear before the next Meeting of the Council in connection with the present Rates position.

Councillor Callaghan introduced a deputation, of which Messrs. Stewart and McGuinness acted as spokesmen.

Mr. Stewart stated that he objected to the First Moiety being demanded so early in the year, and the Second Moiety on the 1st of October. He stated that ratepayers had very little money at this time of the year, and that the present economic conditions were unfavourable to the small farmer. He had never been in arrears with the payment of his rates and he wanted to keep to the September and March payments.

Mr. McGuinness stated that the people objected to paying two moieties of rates within such a short period. They were quite willing to pay as heretofore.

Councillor Callaghan stated that the origin of this grievance was that a number of notices had been circulated by the Rate Collectors to the ratepayers in South Donegal. He stated that it had always been the custom to pay the rates in two moieties, the first in September and the second in March. Some Rate Collectors had already served six-day Notices on ratepayers. The ratepayers were prepared to pay their rates as they had done in the past, but he hoped that in the cases of those people not able to pay, that they be allowed until the 31st March to pay the last moiety, and that legal proceedings be not instituted against them.

RATE COLLECTION (CONTINUED).

Councillor Sheldon stated that he would like to point out that other people as well as the small farmers had the same difficulty. He would like to make a case on behalf of the farmers of the Lagan and Finn. The months of July, August, and September were the most severe on the large farmers, and they had no income during these months. He understood the difficulty that had arisen and the necessity for getting in money.

Councillor Gallen stated that the only solution was to de-rate agricultural land.

Councillor Harkin spoke in support of Councillor Callaghan's motion, but he stated that he knew of instances where the Rate Collectors had not collected rates from persons in a position to pay.

Councillor Brennan suggested that the time for payment of the second moiety be extended until the end of December.

The County Manager stated that there had been no change in the system of Rate Collection. The law was the same as it had been since the passing of the Local Government Act, 1898. The first moiety was payable on the service of the Demand Note, and the second moiety on the 1st October. No resolution which the Council would pass would interfere with the powers of a Rate Collector as given to him in his warrant. It was within a Rate Collector's power to collect the rates as he thought fit. A stage might be reached where the Department would not sanction any Overdraft at all, and they could all visualise what the position would be then. The Rate Collectors would, he was sure, exercise their discretion, but he knew of cases where people of means had defied the Rate Collectors to collect the rates.

210/45. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mulreany, Killybegs, thanking the Council for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of her husband.

211/45. RE-CONSTRUCTION OF PORTION OF RAMELTON PIER.

A letter was read from the County Engineer stating that portion of Ramelton Pier would require to be re-constructed and the cost would be about £200.

The County Manager applied for a sum not exceeding £200 for this purpose.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the application of the County Manager be granted.

Councillor McCaul seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

212/45. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER, 1945.

The Secretary stated that he estimated that Overdraft accommodation would be required, as follows, for the months of September, October, and November, 1945:-

Revenue Account.....	270,000.
Capital Account.....	£14,000.
Turf Account.....	£110,000.

He stated that he hoped it would not be necessary to avail of the total figures asked for, but it would be better to have sanction up to the higher figure in case it were needed.

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

213/45. CONNECTION OF EXISTING SEWER AT MOVILLE TO THE SITE OF THE NEW SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Very Rev. D. L. McLaughlin, P.P., Moville, inquiring if the Council would connect existing sewer to the site of the new School at Moville, a distance of 135 feet.

The County Manager stated that the Co. Engineer estimated the cost of the work at £50, and he asked the Council to grant him this amount.

The Council unanimously agreed to grant a sum of £50 for the extension required.

214/45. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW QUAY AND APPROACH ROAD AT BUNBEG.

The Secretary referred to letter dated 18th April, 1945, S.W.1/3/79, from the Special Employment Schemes Office stating that the Parliamentary Secretary was prepared in the interests of the local fishing industry to provide a new Quay at Bunbeg at a cost of £1,924, on certain conditions.

The Council at their Meeting on the 24th April, 1945, Minute No. 94/45, agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding £500 towards the cost of the proposed new Quay, but the question of the proposed road was inadvertently omitted from the Agenda, and was, consequently, overlooked by the Council at their Meeting on the 24th April.

The Special Employment Schemes Office had been advised that in addition to the new Quay it would be necessary to construct an approach road about 250 yards long and having a carriageway 21 feet wide, along the route indicated on the site map in the top right-hand corner of the drawing 469/1. The proposed road, and the Quay, would be situated on the lands of Mr. Stratford, Bunbeg. The cost of the road would probably be in the neighbourhood of £1,000 but they requested that the County Engineer submit a firm estimate of the cost of constructing the approach road.

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"I have now considered the question of the new approach road to the proposed new Pier at Bunbeg. I have had discussions with Mr. Mallon of the Office of Public Works, and Mr. McBride of Bunbeg. In my view it would be better to use the existing approach along Mr. McBride's Pier. Mr. McBride is very willing to accommodate us in every way, and has promised to keep clear at all times a passageway for vehicles using the new Pier. It would be necessary, however, to construct a wall and widen the roadway beside the slip. This means filling up the slip and incorporating it in the roadway. I estimate the cost of this at £300. The position, therefore, is that in addition to the cost of the Pier, an additional cost for the approach to the Pier will be £300."

Councillor Breslin proposed that the Council agree to contribute a sum of £75 towards the construction of the approach road.

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

215/45. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING-PLACE AT BUNANID, ARRANMORE

A letter was read from the Special Employment Schemes Office dated 4th June, 1945, S.W.1/3/102, stating that it had been represented to the Minister for Finance that it was necessary in the interests of the local agricultural fishing industry to provide a landing-place at Bunanid, Arranmore Island. The site had been inspected by an Office of Public Works' Engineer who reported that it was a long narrow cove on the east side of the island, the existing facilities consisting of a large heap of boulders roughly shaped to form a Quay. The cost of the necessary works, which, executed, would provide a good landing-place, was estimated at £300 on the assumption that they would be carried out by the Co. 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.

The Co. Engineer submitted the following report:- "I have carried out an inspection at Bunanid. I understand this slipway is meant to serve purely the landing of wrack. It does not appear to me that the provision of this slipway is of sufficient importance to justify my recommendation. Wrack is landed at many places along the coast of Donegal, and it is questionable whether we should undertake the provision of landing-places at all these places. This is a question of policy on which the Council should be able to give a better judgment than myself."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter for six months.

216/45. MATERIAL FOR NEW ROAD BEING MADE IN GLENGAD MOUNTAIN.

Councillor Harkin proposed:- "That I will ask the Co. Surveyor if he is aware that a stretch of new road is being made in the Glengad Mountain by a Relief Grant, and that the material for making this road was taken by lorry a distance of from four to eight miles, while at the same time plenty of material was available convenient to where the road was being made, and a number of persons in the area who had horses and carts were deprived of work. Would the County Surveyor see that this would be remedied in future?"

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"The grant referred to was Employment Schemes Vote No. 244/45, and it was found necessary to haul the surfacing stone from Priestfield Quarry to this grant as there is no suitable stone in the Glengad District for this work. The distance from the work to Priestfield is 6 miles.

The strengthening stone for this work was quarried at Portaleer and Claggan Quarries, which are respectively $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Grant. Stone from these Quarries had to be hauled up very considerable gradients quite unsuitable for haulage by horse and cart.

During the grant period most of the available carts in the locality were employed on Minor Employment Schemes and Bog Development Schemes in the surrounding district as there was never a very large number of carters in this locality."

The Council noted the report.

217/45. PROVISION OF 'BUS SERVICES BETWEEN BALLYBOFEY AND LIFFORD AND BETWEEN BALLYBOFEY AND LETTERKENNY.

Councillor Sheldon proposed:- "That this Council make the strongest possible representations to the Companies and Authorities concerned to have a Road 'Bus Service instituted between Ballybofey and Lifford to obviate the delay and inconvenience at present caused to travellers by rail between these places through the enforced double crossing of the Border."

Councillor Sheldon, speaking in support of his motion, stated that children attending School in Lifford were often $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours late for classes.

Councillor McCaul stated that he would second Councillor Sheldon's motion, if Councillor Sheldon agreed to include also the provision of a 'Bus service from Ballybofey to Letterkenny.

The motion was passed.

Councillor Walsh stated that this motion might have an adverse effect on the Railway Companies operating in the County. He suggested instead that the Revenue Commissioners be asked to expedite the Customs Examination at the points concerned. He intended to put down a Motion for some subsequent Meeting of the Council to propose that a deputation from the Council interview the Minister for Industry and Commerce in connection with the transport services in County Donegal.

218/45. ERECTION OF PUBLIC LAVATORY IN BALLYBOFEY.

Councillor McMenamin proposed:- "That the County Manager be asked to make the following Order:- 'That a Public Lavatory be erected in Ballybofey.' "

The County Manager stated that he would have an estimate prepared.

219/45. SUBSIDY FOR KILLING OF FOXES.

Councillor McMenamin proposed:- "That the subsidy of 5/- for the killing of foxes be increased to 10/-."

It was decided to refer the matter to the Committee of Agriculture.

220/45. ERECTION OF SHEEP DIPPING BATH AT MEENAGRAUV, WELCHTOWN.

Councillor McAnamin proposed:- "That a Sheep Dipping Bath be erected at Meenagrauv, Welchtown."

The Council decided to ask the Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector for the area if a Bath was necessary, and, if so, if a suitable site could be obtained.

221/45. COMPLETION OF ACCOMMODATION ROAD FROM LISSAVADDY TO MEENABROCK, DUNKINEELY.

Councillor Gallagher proposed:- "That this Council recommend to the Board of Works for a free grant to complete the accommodation road from Hannah McGill's, Lissavaddy, to Willie Burn's, Meenabrock. The length of the road is about 700 yards and it would serve the townlands of Drimasorna, Drimarainey, Brenter, Lissavaddy, Keelogs, and Drumaniscal. It would also suit Dunkineely for turf haulage. This road was last repaired six years ago and work would be pointed to Board of Works' Inspector by Mr. Richard Given, Lissavaddy, Dunkineely P.O."

The motion was passed unanimously.

222/45. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The County Council noted the following report on the audit of the accounts of the Co. Donegal Committee of Agriculture for the period, 1st October, 1941 - 31st March, 1945:-

"The Committee's account at March 31st, 1945, had a credit balance of £2,152 : 13 : 0 as compared with £3,492 : 9 : 3 at the beginning of the period audited. Insurance premiums have been paid up to date and Fidelity Bonds are in order."

223/45. FLOODING OF MAIN ROAD AT GLENREE, CARRIGART, CAUSED BY GLENREE STREAM.

A letter was read from the Carrigart Parish Council asking to have the following resolution put before the County Council:-

"That Carrigart Parish Council earnestly urges the Donegal County Council to take the necessary steps to induce the Board of Works to immediately undertake the work of cleaning and sinking 800 yards of Glenree Stream, Carrigart E.D., in order to prevent the flooding of the main road at Claggan, between Carrigart and Creeslough which, during the winter and spring just past, has caused serious dislocation of traffic and great dissatisfaction among all classes of the travelling public."

Councillor Baxter proposed that the County Surveyor prepare a special report. This summer a 'Bus was held up for six hours owing to the flooding of the road. The outlet had not been cleaned.

It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to submit a special report to next Meeting of the Council.

224/45. GLENVAR PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Glenvar Parish Council, asking to have his Council made an "Approved Local Council" under Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1941.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of Glenvar 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.

225/45. RESOLUTION RE PENSIONS OF EX-EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the R. M. S., District Mental Hospital, Waterford, enclosing the following extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Management of the Waterford District Mental Hospital at their Meeting held on the 14th May, 1945:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to consider the introduction of a Bill on the lines of the Pensions Increase Act, 1920, to make provision for increase in pension of ex-employees of Local Authorities to enable them to meet the increased cost of living."

The Council noted the resolution.

226/45. REPRESENTATIVES OF SIX-COUNTY PARLIAMENT.

The Council noted the following resolution from Ailtire na h-Aiseirghe:-

"Mindful that Dail Eireann of 1919 inter alia was representative of 32-County Ireland, we request the Government in Ath Cliath, as part of a democratic endeavour to bring Partition to an end, to invite the newly-elected representatives of the Six-County area to take their seats, presently as non-voting members, in Leinster House rather than attend at Stormont."

227/45. NATIONAL TEACHERS' SALARIES AND PENSIONS.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the following resolution from Dungarvan Urban District Council:-

"That in the very best interests of Eire and especially of those of the rising generation, the Dungarvan Urban District Council urgently call on the Government to increase substantially and immediately the salaries of the Irish National Teachers and the pensions of ex-Teachers, who have made repeated applications for same."

228/45. PREFERENCE TO CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS WITH OLD I.R.A. RECORDS.

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

"That we, the members of the Clare County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to give preference to suitable candidates who have old I.R.A. records for any appointments at his disposal. In particular, we request that those candidates should not be penalised because of their lack of a knowledge of Irish. We also request the Minister for Defence to treat the survivors of 1916-1921 at least equally as generous as he has been treating the men of 1939-1945."

The Council adopted the resolution, and pointed out that the terms of the resolution had always been the practice of the Donegal County Council.

229/45. DEMAND FOR INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSIONS AND MODIFICATION OF MEANS TEST.

A letter was read from Cothrom na Feinne, 35, Mountjoy Square, Dublin, stating that their Executive had requested that the plight of the Old Age Pensioners be placed before the Council for consideration, and they respectfully request the co-operation of all the members to help their endeavour in demanding an increase to all Old Age Pensioners and the modification of the Means Test.

The Council unanimously decided to support the request of Cothrom na Feinne.

230/45. SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN OF HIS LORDSHIP, THE BISHOP OF CLONFERT.

The Council unanimously adopted the following resolution from Arklow Urban District Council:- "That we, the Arklow Urban District Council, call upon the Government to introduce legislation for the implementing of the Social Security Plans of His Lordship, the Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert."

231/45. ALLOWANCE OF PETROL FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC BOARDS.

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

"That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, most earnestly request the Minister for Supplies to grant to owners of motors who have been elected to Public Boards, Permits and even a moderate allowance of petrol to facilitate them in the fulfilment of their public duties, pointing out the fact that many such are living in backward and inaccessible districts removed from all helpful road transport."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

232/45. COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT, 1940.

The Council adopted the following resolution from Laoighis County Council:-

"That we, the members of the Laoighis County Council, call upon the Government to so amend the County Management Act as to restore to the democratically-elected representatives of the people their full powers and authority."

233/45. REQUEST FOR ERECTION OF PALING AT MILLYOWN COTTAGES, BALLYSHANNON.

Councillor Gallagher proposed:- "Asking what has been done about memorial from six Cottage tenants in Ballyshannon handed in by me at last Meeting."

The Secretary read the following reports:-

1. The iron paling suggested would require to be about 60 yards long. I have been unable to determine what height would be necessary to prevent children from crossing same as this would appear to depend on the individual child. In any case, such a paling is at present unobtainable. I would suggest that a wire mesh fence, when obtainable, might be erected. A wall would be out of the question, as it would be unsightly and would be expensive and difficult to erect.
2. This refers to Mulhern's pass, over which we have no jurisdiction at all. The only thing that can be done here is to stop the pass altogether when it approaches the Cottages.
3. A gate could be erected where suggested. A wooden gate is the only type available at present, and I would not recommend the erection of anything but an iron gate in this position. It might be well to defer this question pending the arrival at an agreement with Mulhern about the use of this pass in lieu of the pass mentioned in 2. above.
4. I estimate the cost of the division walls between the cottages at £160."

Councillor Gallagher stated that these Cottages were badly in need of a division wall, and that as soon as concrete posts and wire were available a fence ^{should} be erected. He proposed a motion to this effect which was passed unanimously.

234/45. ROAD WORKERS' WAGES.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That this Council increase the road workers' wages by 1/- per day, and the carters' wages by 1s/6d a day, and grant increases to machinery workers accordingly, and make representations to the proper authorities to have similar increases granted to workers on Land Commission and Board of Works' Schemes."

The matter was adjourned until the Estimates Meeting in January next.

235/45.

TARRING OF ROADS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That I request the County Surveyor to have the many dangerous parts of the tarred roads made safe and suitable for horse traffic before winter."

The matter was referred to the County Engineer.

236/45.

LETTING OF COTTAGE AT BRACKEY, KILLYBEGS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager to state why he did not let Labourer's Cottage previously occupied by Denis Callaghan at Brackey, Killybegs, to Charles McMonagle, an unemployed man with a wife and family, who some time ago was refused a Cottage let to a landowner."

The County Manager stated that there were three applicants for this Cottage:-

Richard Burke.
John McCloskey.
Charles McMonagle.

The County Manager stated that all three applicants were living in lodgings. Burke and McMonagle had each two children. McCloskey had no children. The Rent Collector reported that McMonagle had had a good house which he had let fall into disrepair, and for this reason he let the Cottage to Burke.

Councillor Callaghan then raised the question of the letting of another Cottage, but the County Manager stated that he should have received notice of this matter so that he could have the file before him. In the case referred to, the person accepted was the only applicant living in a condemned house, as far as he could remember.

237/45.

LETTING OF COTTAGE AT ARDNASOOL, BALLINDRAIT.

Councillor Gallen referred to the County Manager's Order No. 10914 in connection with the letting of a Cottage at Ardnasool, Ballindrait.

The County Manager stated that on the recommendation of the Engineering Staff this Cottage was let to Supervising Ganger John McGettigan, a married man who was living in a condemned house, and who came within the terms of an "Agricultural Labourer." McGettigan was brought to the Lifford District to take charge of work in that area, and the Council, he felt, owed a certain duty to their own officials.

The Chairman ruled that the discussion on this item was out of order as the matter was not on the Agenda.

Confused.

Wm Blaney.

Chairman of Co. Council.

Date. 19th November 1945

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1945.

238/45.

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, Callaghan, Doherty, Gallen, Greene, Hannigan, Harkin, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McCaul, McIvor, McMennamin, McNulty, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

239/45.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors McFadden and Gallagher.

240/45.

C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Michael Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, and to the relatives of the late Mr. James Boyle, Falcarragh, both of whom had been former members of the Council.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unenimously.

241/45.

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 McCaul seconded by Councillor Brady, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 28th day of August, 1945, were confirmed unenimously.

242/45.

C O U N T Y M A N A G E R ' S O R D E R N O . 1 2 4 9 9 R E B O A R D E D - O U T C H I L D R E N .

Councillor Brady referred to County Manager's Order No. 12499 dated 25th September, 1945, re boarded-out children. He stated that he considered the Report of the Department's Inspector a very serious reflection on the administration of the Council, and he proposed to lodge Notice of Motion for next Meeting of the Council in the matter.

He also suggested that in the revision of the Standing Orders provision be made for discussion at Council Meetings of County Manager's Orders.

The matter was noted.

243/45.

O V E R D R A F T A C C O M M O D A T I O N O N R E V E N U E A C C O U N T F O R T H E M O N T H S O F D E C E M B E R , 1 9 4 5 , A N D J A N U A R Y , 1 9 4 6 .

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation, as follows, on the Revenue Account for the months of December, 1945, and January, 1946:-

December, 1945.....£50,000.
January, 1946.....£70,000.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Brady, the application was granted unenimously.

244/45.

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

The Secretary stated that for the months of July and August, the Council had approved of Overdraft accommodation of £12,000 on the Capital Account, but at the end of August it was found that the highest figure reached for a day or two was £12,176, and it would be necessary for the Council to authorise Overdraft accommodation up to this figure.

He also applied for accommodation as follows on the Capital Account for the months of December and January:-

December, 1945.....£14,000.
January, 1946.....£15,000.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Brady, the Council unenimously decided to authorise Overdraft accommodation as follows on the Capital Account:-

July and August, 1945.....£12,200.
December, 1945.....£14,000.
January, 1946.....£15,000.

245/45. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION ON THE TURF PRODUCTION ACCOUNT.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation of £82,000 on the Turf Production Account for the months of December, 1945, and January, 1946.

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

246/45. REPORT OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23RD OCTOBER, 1945.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 23rd October, 1945.

23/45. Conference re Lough Salt Water Supply Scheme.

In reply to a query, the County Manager explained to Councillor Baxter that the original Agreement of the 16th November, 1939, provided for the payment by the Letterkenny Urban Council of 35% of the cost of the Scheme, and by the County Council of 65%.

26/45. Production of Limestone. Geologist's Report on Limestone in East Donegal.

Councillor Gallen referred to this item and stated that it was his intention that the Geologist's Report be brought officially to the notice of the Chief Agricultural Officer so that the matter could be raised at a Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture.

The Secretary explained that the Geologist's Report was addressed in the first instance to the Chief Agricultural Officer, but he would take the necessary steps to implement Councillor Gallen's request.

30/45. Turf Production Accounts.

Councillor Scott stated he would like fuller figures in this matter. He asked the County Engineer to submit to the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee a full and detailed financial statement to date in continuation of and starting from the statement already furnished up to 24th July, 1943, and showing how the "deficit" of £41,874 and 5,250 tons of unusable turf had been accounted for.

Councillor Baxter inquired if the Department had guaranteed the Council against loss on turf produced since 1941.

The County Engineer stated that since 1943 90% of the turf produced had gone to Fuel Importers. The only turf used in the County was some turf for machinery. All the turf sent to Fuel Importers was "guaranteed."

The County Engineer also stated that there was a figure of £3,000 and a figure of £4,000 which the Council might have to bear. Strong representations had been made to the Department on these items and he understood that the Department were now prepared to waive the figure of £3,000. No decision had been issued on the figure of £4,000. The loss of the £3,000 arose out of selling turf to merchants in the County at less than the cost of production, and the loss of £4,000 related to turf supplied to County Institutions at less than the cost of production.

It was decided to refer the matter to the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor McCaul, the Report of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 23rd October, 1945, was adopted unanimously.

247/45. SCHEME OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

The County Manager applied to the Council for authority to expend a sum of £24,301 on the provision of Emergency Supplementary Allowances to Old Age Pensioners, Blind Pensioners, Recipients of Disablement Benefit, and dependent children of Blind Pensioners and of recipients of Disablement Benefit.

He stated that when this matter came before the Council at their April Meeting they were in favour of the Scheme, but Minute No. 105/45 was a bit vague.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Breslin it was unanimously decided to authorise the Co. Manager to expend a sum of £24,301, of which £18,226 would be recouped to the Council.

248/45. DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODS IN CO. DONEGAL IN OCTOBER, 1945.

The County Engineer submitted to the Council a report on the damage caused by floods throughout County Donegal on the 24th October, 1945, and he stated that the total cost was estimated at £22,987. Over the whole County 10 road bridges were completely destroyed, 57 bridges were damaged to a greater or less extent, 10 culverts and 9 retaining walls were either damaged or destroyed, and a large number of roads were also damaged. In the area west of the Buncrana-Clonmany road alone 9 bridges were destroyed.

Councillor Scott asked would it not be possible to divert the Employment Schemes Vote Grant of £49,200 to the repair of the damage. *

The County Engineer stated that the Department had agreed in principle to re-allocate the Employment Schemes Vote Grant, but the amount which would be available for re-allocation was negligible in relation to the damage caused. The Department would allow re-allocation only within each Roads District. They would not allow monies to be transferred from one Roads District to another, as the primary purpose of the Employment Schemes Vote Grant was the relief of unemployment. In the Inishowen area where the damage was most severe, the re-allocation of the Grant would provide only a few thousand pounds to meet the flood damage and this amount would be altogether insufficient.

Councillor Brady proposed that strong representations be made to the Local Government Department in this matter, and that it be pointed out that through no fault of its own the Council was faced with an expenditure of £22,987, and that they be asked to give a special grant.

Councillor Walsh seconded the motion which was passed unanimously, and it was decided that a deputation consisting of the Deil Deputies for the County, the County Engineer, and County Manager, approach the Local Government Department in the matter.

In reply to a query by Councillor Kildea, the County Engineer stated that he considered Westbrook Bridge, Buncrana, reasonably safe at the moment as it was founded on rock.

The County Manager asked for authority to expend a sum of £22,987 on the repair of the damage caused.

Councillor Brady proposed that the County Manager be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £10,000; this amount to be expended on the works considered most necessary by the County Engineer.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

249/45. WALL AROUND MENTAL HOSPITAL DAMAGED BY FLOODING.

The County Manager stated that 44 yards of a wall around the Mental Hospital, 12' high, had been washed away by the floods on the 23rd-24th October, 1945. Tenders had been invited and had been submitted at a figure around £300.

The Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Scott, to allow a sum of £300 for the building of the wall referred to.

250/45. RATE FOR 1946/47 FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of his Committee held on the 16th October in which it was recorded that the Committee decided to apply to the Council for a rate of 3½d. in the £. for the coming year.

The matter was adjourned until the Estimates Meeting.

251/45. SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR 1946.

A letter was read from the Office of National Education approving of the draft Scheme submitted for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, and asking to be informed whether the County Council had determined to carry into execution the approved Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McCaul, the Council unanimously decided to carry into execution the Scheme as approved by the Minister for Education.

On the works considered most necessary by the County Engineer, the County Council unanimously decided to carry into execution the Scheme as approved by the Minister for Education.

251/45. RATHMULLAN PIER.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 3rd November, 1945, C87: 8/2/36, from the Office of Public Works referring to Minute No. 11/45 of the Report of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 31st July, 1945, regarding Rathmullan Pier, and stating that they had no funds available from which a contribution towards the cost of the work could be made.

Councillor Baxter stated that during the last five years the farmers of the Milford district had shipped very considerable quantities of potatoes from Rathmullan Pier, and if these potatoes had been exported, via Derry, their cost would have been very much higher. The passenger traffic from Fahan to Rathmullan last season was well over 12,000. He submitted a letter from the Wexford Steamship Co. stating that they were going to load potatoes for Spain at Rathmullan. Rathmullan was the only deep seaport in Donegal, and the value of the export trade to the State was considerable.

About ten or twelve years ago a grant of £7,500 had been given by the State for the repair of the gangway, but this expenditure was in vain unless the dolphins were repaired.

He proposed that a deputation, consisting of the Dail Deputies for the County, the County Engineer, and County Manager, approach the responsible Department in Dublin in the matter.

Councillor Kildea seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Baxter also suggested that a levy should be fixed for passenger traffic from Fahan, and this would prove a useful source of revenue.

253/45. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LAND 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 kipping station on the east side of the Island:-

- (a) the construction of a quay about 30 ft. long with a deck 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.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting of the Council. He would like a full report from the County Engineer as to the suitability of the proposal, and also as to whether the proposed structure could not be placed nearer the houses on the Island.

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

254/45. DUNFANAGHY OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Dunfanaghy Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee asking to have Rev. J. Kerr, C.C., Dunfanaghy, appointed a member of the Committee in place of Mr. James Boyle, deceased.

The Council unanimously agreed to the recommendation of the Sub-Committee.

255/45. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT LEABGARROW, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th September, 1945, C87/184/1/43, referring to the improvements being carried out to the landing facilities at Leabgarrow, Arranmore, and stating that following representations received from the local fishermen, their Engineer had revised his scheme of improvements. The works now proposed, which were considered more useful than those previously proposed, were:-

1. Raising the level of the existing pier deck above H.W.O.S.T. for a distance of about 155 feet from the upper end of the slip.
2. Removal of about 70 feet of the existing storm wall at the landward end of the Pier, re-building along a new line, and filling the space between the Pier and the new wall to form a boat storage ground.
3. Extension of the seaward end of the Pier by about 7 feet at its present level to form a low water landing platform about 30 feet long.
4. Re-decking of the low water landing place.
5. Reconstruction of damaged portions of the walls of the existing structure and the replacement or consolidation of hearthing where necessary.
6. Regrading of the pier from the end of the proposed new high deck level (item 1 above) to form a ramp leading to the low water landing platform (items 3 and 4 above.)
7. Construction of a storm wall along the pier and boatyard; this storm wall to be 5'.0" high above the lower deck level, and 4'.6" above the deck of the ramp, high level quay and boatyard.
8. Providing a perch to mark the seaward end of the Pier.

They understood that the County Engineer was in agreement with the new proposals. The estimated cost of the revised scheme was £2,235 an increase of £191 on the previous scheme. A Receivable Order was enclosed to enable the Council's contribution of £48 towards the increased cost of the works to be lodged.

The County Manager applied for permission to expend a sum of £48 on the Council's contribution towards the improvement of the landing facilities at Leabgarrow, Arranmore Island.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that sum of £48 applied for by the County Manager be granted.

Councillor Breslin seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

256/45. EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN AT FALCARRAGH.

An application was submitted from Very Rev. P. Canon Kerr, P.P., Gortahork, for an extension of the water main at Falcarragh to provide a supply to the Chapel, Schools, and Parochial House,

The County Engineer stated that he estimated it would take a sum of £150 to cover this extension.

The Secretary stated that Very Rev. Canon Kerr had given a written undertaking to instal flush lavatories and proper sewage disposal system.

The Council, on the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Brady, unanimously granted the application of the County Manager for authority to expend a sum not exceeding £150 on the extension.

Councillor Gallen inquired if a 1" connection would not be sufficient.

The County Engineer stated that they had to look to the future. In years to come there might be several houses along the road, and in that event a 1" connection would not be sufficient.

257/45. EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN TO MEENALECK NEW SCHOOL.

An application was submitted from Rev. P. Carr, P.P., Annagry, for an extension of the water main to Meenaleck new School, accompanied by a written undertaking to instal flush lavatories and proper sewage disposal system.

The County Manager applied for authority to expend a sum of £128 on the provision of this extension.

On the motion of Councillor Breslin seconded by Councillor Kildea, the Council unanimously decided to grant the Co. Manager's application.

258/45. EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN TO THE RECTORY AT ARDARA.

Arising out of the two previous Minutes, Councillor Brady stated that he did not object to these extensions being carried out, but for several years he had been trying to get the water main extended to the Rectory at Ardara.

The County Manager stated that the two applications referred to in Minutes Nos. 256/45 and 257/45 were in connection with Schools. The extension for which Councillor Brady had applied was to a private house.

259/45. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE AT GOLAND, BALLYBOFEY, ON THE ROAD LEADING FROM CAPPY TO GOLAND.

Councillor Hennigan proposed:- "That a concrete top be put on the Goland Bridge, Ballybofey, on the road leading from Cappy to Goland."

He stated that this bridge was a wooden structure and that the planks were always giving way.

The County Engineer reported that the existing timber flooring of this bridge was in a very bad condition. To re-place it by a concrete floor would, it was estimated, cost £200.

Councillor Hennigan stated that the work could be done for £50.

The County Engineer stated that he would take tenders for the carrying out of the work.

260/45. LIGHTING OF THE STREETS OF LIFFORD.

Councillor Charles Doherty proposed:- "That I will ask the County Manager to make arrangements with the Electricity Supply Board to have the streets of the town of Lifford lighted during the winter months."

The County Manager stated that on receipt of Councillor Doherty's motion he had taken up this matter with the Electricity Supply Board, but they had informed him that they were unable to undertake the work at present. In view of the fact that the position may have altered in the meantime, he would take the matter up with them again, and he, therefore, asked for authority to expend a sum of money of the street lighting of Lifford.

Councillor Doherty proposed that the County Manager be authorised to expend a sum of money not exceeding £20.

Councillor McCaul seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

261/45. FLOODING OF ROAD AT KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

Councillor Byrne proposed:- "That an ample grant be allotted immediately for the purpose of erecting flood panels on the Keadue viaduct to prevent 200 yards of a perfect road being destroyed by the tide."

Councillor Breslin seconded.

The County Engineer stated that he estimated it would take £75 to underpin the Bridge.

Councillor O'Boyle inquired if it would not be possible to erect floodgates.

The County Engineer stated that he would have this road re-inspected and report to next Meeting of the Council.

The matter was adjourned.

262/45. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the next Meeting of the General Council would be held early in December, and any matters for the Agenda should be forwarded before the 24th November, 1945.

The matter was noted.

263/45. VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AT LOUGHANURE AND STRANORLAR.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor McIvor was withdrawn:- "That a return be obtained from the Chief Executive Officer of the Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee of the number of Teachers in Loughanure and Stranorlar Technical Schools; the amount of salaries paid; and the number of pupils in attendance at each School for the last three school years."

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264/45. ADMINISTRATION OF SCHEME OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES.

Councillor Byrne proposed the following Notice of Motion:- "That I would ask the County Manager to give a satisfactory explanation as to why the numerous Old Age Pensioners (whose names I hold) have been deprived of the extra 2/- allowance, while others of more substantial means of livelihood are still receiving it."

Councillor Brennan proposed:- "That this Council devise a new system for the consideration of Emergency Supplementary Pension Allowance Claims."

Councillor Brennan stated that in his district he found numerous people in receipt of the allowance who should not be getting it, and others who were in deserving circumstances were not getting it. He thought the applications first submitted were granted, and then as the money became exhausted the later ones were refused. These claims should be referred to the Old Age Pensions Committee.

Councillor McCall proposed that the means test be abolished, and Councillor Harkin seconded.

Councillor Scott supported the suggestion that the Old Age Pensions Committees should investigate these claims.

Councillor Byrne stated that the remarks of Councillor Brennan also applied to his area.

The County Manager stated that the Emergency Supplementary Allowances were intended to be given to Old Age Pensioners, Blind Pensioners, and persons in receipt of National Health Disability allowances, who were in necessitous circumstances. The difficulty was to determine exactly who was in necessitous circumstances. If he had given the allowance to every pensioner who applied for it, the money would not have covered half the applications. Another difficulty was to get the applications uniformly. Different Home Assistance Officers took different views of what were "necessitous circumstances," and at the beginning they were inundated with applications. At the 1st March, 1945, there was not sufficient money to continue the allowance until the end of the financial year, with the result that the payment of the allowances had to be stopped some weeks before the end of the year, and to be on the safe side payments for the current year did not commence until the 1st May, and the maximum allowance granted to any person was 2/- per week. Since then the applications had been combed out and the total number was brought down very considerably, and as from the 29th October, 1945, the allowance was being raised to 2s/6d per week in all necessitous cases. If there were any very necessitous cases of whom Councillors knew he would be glad to investigate them on being given the names.

Councillor Brennan suggested that instead of increasing the allowance to 2s/6d per week that it be given to more applicants.

The County Manager stated that he would review the position again at the 31st December, 1945.

265/45. MOTION RE PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "That this Council, realising that unemployment is criminally wasteful and is the primary cause of the misery which overshadows the lives of countless Irish families, depriving them of their natural rights, views with deep concern the failure of the Government to solve this curse, and that we request the Government to depart from its present lackadaisical attitude, and take steps to immediately undertake to develop our national resources, take over control of credit, and implement such national schemes as will provide full employment for all our people and restore to them the God-given right of a decent livelihood and social security denied them under the present economic system, which is responsible for the loss of the best blood of the nation through emigration."

Councillor Callaghan spoke in support of his proposal, but the motion was not seconded.

266/45. ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHILDREN'S FOOTWEAR SCHEME.

Councillor Byrne proposed:- "That the County Manager would explain why the free footwear - allowed by the Board of Health for poor children - have not yet been distributed in Loughanure or Annagry, and the cold winter period close at hand."

The County Manager stated that there was a limit to the number of pairs of footwear received, and if he had started giving out boots as the applications came in he would find that one district would get more than another.

The applicants had been divided into three classes:-

- (a) Persons in receipt of Home Assistance.
- (b) Persons whose incomes were under 30/- per week.
- (c) Persons whose incomes were in excess of 30/- per week.

The total number of applications received to date was 1849; and 309 vouchers had been issued to persons in Class (a). He hoped to have vouchers issued to persons in class (b) during that week. Where a number of applications had been received from the same family, it was preferred to give the boots to children of school-going age. At the moment he was limited to 3,300 pairs of boots. The applications of persons who did not benefit under the Scheme last year were being considered first this year.

Councillor Sheldon stated that the County Manager stated he was limited to 3,300 pairs of boots but he presumed the County Manager was referring to vouchers. One great fault of the Scheme was that the shopkeepers might not hold sufficient pairs of boots to cover the vouchers issued.

Councillor Callaghan asked that special attention be given to the Kilcar and Carrick Areas where for several months there had been no Home Assistance Officer.

Councillor Callaghan also suggested that the Scheme should be administered by the Parish Councils, and he inquired what was the cost of the administration of the Scheme last year.

The County Manager stated that this information had been circulated in County Manager's Orders.

267/45. PAYMENT OF BOG TRESPASS TO IRISH LAND COMMISSION TENANTS.

Councillor Brady proposed:- "That this Council recommend to the County Surveyor the payment of 'reasonable' trespass to Irish Land Commission tenants on whose holdings turf is being cut."

Councillor Breslin seconded.

Councillor Brady stated that the County Council had for several years been cutting turf on bogs at Carrickatuggart, Killybegs, and they had paid no trespass. Local people who cut turf there paid trespass to those people on whose lands they trespassed, and the County Surveyor should adopt the practice of the local people. During the period the turf was lying on the banks the local people were deprived of the use of the land. Even there was no legal obligation to pay trespass, there was a moral obligation to do so.

Councillor Callaghan supported Councillor Brady, and quoted a case where a bog-owner had to fence off at heavy cost a field of 5 acres that had been taken over by the County Council. There was also a good deal of dissatisfaction at the manner in which the County Council workmen left the banks.

The County Engineer stated that this question had been discussed time and again at Council Meetings. The bog referred to by Councillor Brady was owned by the Irish Land Commission, and royalties had been paid to the Irish Land Commission. The Land Commission had informed him that this was quite sufficient and that they would deal with any claims these people made.

Councillor Brady stated that a grievous hardship had been imposed on the people referred to and he was not satisfied with the County Engineer's explanation. The ordinary rate of trespass paid by private persons cutting turf was 1/- per spade's cutting, and he proposed that the Fuel Section of the Local Government Department be requested to sanction a reasonable payment of compensation per spade's cutting to the people who had been deprived of the use of the land for grazing.

Councillor Callaghan seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

268/45. COMPLAINT RE EXTRAVAGANT EXPENDITURE BY THE COUNCIL.

Councillor Callaghan proposed:- "Realising that there is a growing feeling of dissatisfaction amongst ratepayers at the present campaign of extravagant expenditure pursued by this Council, and that there is a public demand for commonsense close economy when every citizen is finding it harder than ever to pay his way owing to the increased and increasing cost-of-living, I request that a special Meeting of this Council be held immediately to consider ways and means of reducing expenditure and carrying out the work of the Council with strict economy and in satisfaction to the ratepayers of this County."

Councillor Harkin seconded the motion.

Councillor Brennan stated that the motion was a vote of censure on the Council and implied that they were not capable of looking after their affairs.

The matter was put to a vote, and the following voted for the motion:- Councillors Callaghan, Gallen, Greene, and Harkin. Total 4.

The following voted against the motion:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Breslin, Britton, Hannigan, Kelly (John), Kelly (Patrick), Kildea, McGill, O'Boyle, O'Donnell, Sheldon, and Walsh. Total 15.

Councillors Byrne and McMenamin did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

269/45. TRANSPORT SERVICES OF COUNTY DONEGAL.

Councillor Walsh proposed:- "That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to receive a deputation from this Council to discuss proposed changes in public transport in County Donegal."

Councillor Walsh stated that it was freely rumoured that in the not far distant future certain sections of the Lough Swilly and Co. Donegal Railways systems were to be closed, and that a broad gauge was going to be established between Strabane and Ballintrait. The roads of the County were not fit to bear the traffic that would be thrust upon them following these changes, and there would be considerable delays in the transport of turf and livestock from West Donegal.

He suggested that the Deputies for the County, the County Engineer, and County Manager, interview the Minister for Industry and Commerce in the matter, with a view to getting the Government to subsidise the Railways which it was proposed to close, and if it were proposed to establish a broad gauge line he suggested that it should run to Stranorlar, which was the headquarters of the present Co. Donegal Railways, and where it would mean that more employment would be given to persons from the County.

Councillor Brennan seconded the motion.

Councillor Breslin stated that a broad gauge line should also be run to Letterkenny. At the present time it took 12 hours to come from Dublin to the Rosses, whereas some years ago it only took 8 or 9 hours.

Councillor Sheldon stated that on the night of the 12/11/1945 it took 3½ hours for a train to come from Letterkenny to Lifford.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that if it had not been for the War the Lough Swilly Railway lines would have been lifted as far as Letterkenny, and now that the Emergency was over the Railway Co. had power to lift the rails. Goods carried by lorry were not as well looked after as goods carried by rail.

The County Manager suggested that Councillor Walsh be also appointed on the deputation and the suggestion was approved of.

Councillor Walsh's motion was passed unanimously.

270/45. SALE OF LIVESTOCK AND FARM PRODUCE BY THE FARMERS.

Councillor Callaghan asked to have the following Notice of Motion adjourned until next Meeting:- "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."

271/45.

VETERINARY DISPENSARIES.

Councillor Brennan proposed:- "That arrangements be made for the Veterinary Surgeon, stationed in Donegal Town for the Donegal area, to attend weekly Dispensaries in Dunkineely, Kilcar, and Glencolumbkille, to facilitate live-stock owners in those areas."

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal.

A letter was also submitted from Mr. William Cunningham, Secretary, Glencolumbkille Parish Council, stating that at the monthly Meeting of the Glencolumbkille Parish Council it was unanimously decided to ask the County Council to establish in the Glencolumbkille District a Veterinary Dispensary once a week, as the loss of cattle in the district during the past six months had been very heavy. They felt that a "Vet." holding a Dispensary in the district, with medicines, etc., would be a means of saving many animals which might otherwise die.

Councillor Brady stated that about 140 Veterinary Dispensaries had been established in the Congested Districts, which included the greater part of Co. Donegal.

The County Manager stated that the Veterinary Dispensaries referred to were operated by the Congested Districts Board who paid all the costs. He stated that the Department of Agriculture had appointed a special Committee to go into the question of the Veterinary Services of the country, and the Report of the Committee was available at the moment. They proposed to increase the number of Veterinary Surgeons throughout the country according to the cattle population. The County Council had no power at present to pay Veterinary Inspectors to attend at these Dispensaries. He suggested that the Council approach the Department and suggest that pending the introduction of their Scheme the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council be allowed to attend at Dispensaries throughout the County.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Department of Agriculture be asked for permission to allow the Council's Veterinary Inspectors to attend at Veterinary Dispensaries, pending the re-organisation of the Veterinary Services of the country, and that the Glencolumbkille district be tried as an experiment.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

272/45.

SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS AT VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Ardara Parish Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-

"That this Council demand that village school lavatories be linked up with village sewerage and water systems."

The County Manager stated that in every case where the Manager of a National School gave an undertaking to instal flush lavatories and connect up with the sewerage system, the question of extending the water supply systems would be considered.

273/45.

SUPPLIES OF SEED OATS AND SEED POTATOES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Ardara Parish Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-

"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to make provision for augmented supplies of seed oats and seed potatoes this Spring as both crops are on the wane due to non-changing of seeds."

Councillor Brennan proposed the matter be referred to the Committee of Agriculture and the proposal was passed unanimously.

274/45.

INSPECTION OF MILCH COWS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Ardara Parish Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-

"That the Ardara Parish Council demand the immediate institution of milch cow inspection so as to minimise tuberculosis transmission."

As this matter was related to the re-organisation of the Veterinary Services on which the Post-War Committee had reported, it was decided to take no action for the time being.

275/45. RESOLUTIONS RE HOSPITALISATION SERVICES OF THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from Mr. William Cunningham, Secretary, Parish Council, Glencolumbkille, stating that at the monthly meeting of the Glencolumbkille Parish Council the proposed closing of the Glenties Hospital was discussed, and in view of the services given by this Hospital to the extensive area from Glencolumbkille to Lettermacaward, the members considered that it would be a retrograde step to have it closed down. They felt that the retention of Glenties Hospital was essential for the convenience of the community in the South-West Donegal Parishes. In fact, it was the opinion of the Glencolumbkille Parish Council that there should be an additional Hospital established in Killybegs which was a great necessity for the convenience of the poor in the Parishes of Glencolumbkille, Kilcar, Ardara, Killybegs, and Killaghtee.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Ardara Parish Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:- "That the Ardara Parish Council most emphatically protest against the proposed closing of Glenties District Hospital, and regard any such step as retrograde and in utter disregard of the needs of the vast remote area from Glencolumbkille to Gweebarra."

A letter was read from the Cloughaneely Development Association stating that at a representative Meeting of their Association it was proposed and unanimously agreed upon that the claims of that district to a Cottage Hospital be placed before the County Manager either with a view to his favourable consideration of them in view of such buildings being about to be erected in other places. Their area was a large and populous one situate midway between Dungloe and Letterkenny. The distance to either of these places was very long and in some parts the roads were rough and pot-holed causing suffering to sick people travelling to Hospital. If a Hospital were erected there valuable time could be saved.

On the suggestion of the County Manager the Council decided to note the letters received and to put them on the files for future consideration.

276/45. ADJOURNMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HARKIN.

Councillor Harkin asked to have the following Notices of Motion adjourned and to have them inserted early on the Agenda for the next Meeting:-

(a) "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."

(b) "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."

277/45. REDUCTION IN EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE GRANT, 1945/46.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20/9/1945, R/RU/212/7, referring to an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 28th June, and stating that the slight reduction (£300) in the provisional grant for rural Employment Schemes for 1945/46 as compared with the grant sanctioned last year was due to variations in the numbers of the qualifying electoral divisions in the country as a whole, and to variations in the number of unemployment assistance recipients residing in these qualifying electoral divisions.

The Council noted the letter.

278/45. SITES FOR LABOURERS' COTTAGES IN THE RAMELTON AREA.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Ramelton Town Improvement Committee, stating that his Committee wished to have the following matters placed before the Council:-

(a) "That the County Council be urged to proceed with the building of houses on the 16 sites selected and approved in Castle Street and Church Street as soon as material becomes available."

(b) "That all the remaining sites, selected and purchased by the late Board of Health but not approved, be now re-examined and that notice of the time of re-examination be given to this Committee to enable it to be represented on the re-examination and submit its views to the Officers who will re-examine the sites. It is submitted that not more than 6 of these sites should be recommended for condemnation."

(c) "That all available and suitable sites in the town be built on before any houses are built on the outskirts of the town, and that all unsuitable sites should be cleared out and walled off at the earliest opportunity."

The County Manager stated that the Report on the Housing Sites would become before the General Purposes Committee at its Meeting on Tuesday, 27th November, 1945, when the Ramelton resolutions could be fully considered.

279/45. PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLIES IN THE CARNDONAGH AREA.

Councillor John Kelly proposed:- "That this Council provide a suitable water supply either by means of a well or pump at Ballybig, Carndonagh; Collins (Glassalt School); Carnmalin Lower; and also at Upper Greencastle."

The County Engineer reported as follows on the different proposals:-

Ballybig Water Supply.

"I hope to have a report on this matter for the next Meeting of the Council."

Collin Water Supply.

"This is a very urgently-needed water supply as there are about 100 persons and an average of 100 school-children with no drinking water nearer than approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile. I am told that a diviner located a supply on the roadside near the School some years ago. I would suggest that permission to employ a diviner be given, and that, if successful, a well and pump could be erected. The present sources used after boiling are badly polluted with animal refuse, etc."

Carnmalin Water Supply.

"An ample supply is available from the source of the present supply which, however, is ineffective due to the collapse of the storage tank and general bad condition of the system. I would suggest that this supply be made available for Carnmalin Upper and Lower, which includes about 100 persons in all. I have recently obtained a quotation for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Asbestos Cement Pipes at 2s/9d per 2 metre lengths, complete with joints, and I estimate that the cost of the above work to provide 2 pumps and the necessary tanks, etc., would be about £190."

Upper Greencastle Water Supply.

"I estimate the cost of erection of a small concrete tank and low lift pump over the site of the present wall at £12 10 : 0."

The Council unanimously decided to adjourn the question of Ballybig until next Meeting for a report from the County Engineer.

In connection with Collin, Carnmalin, and Upper Greencastle, Councillor John Kelly proposed, Councillor Patrick Kelly seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the County Manager be authorised to expend the monies necessary.

280/45. ERECTION OF PUBLIC LAVATORY AT THE DIAMOND, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor John Kelly proposed:- "That this Council provide a public lavatory at The Diamond, Carndonagh, where there is an urgent need of such a convenience."

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"I estimate the cost of public lavatory at Carndonagh at £700; the lavatory to include on the men's side a 4-stall urinal and one W.C., and on the ladies' side, 2 W.C.'s. and a third stall to be used as a brush store, etc., but which can be equipped as a third W.C., if necessary."

Councillor Kelly proposed that the County Manager be authorised to expend the necessary amount of money, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to make an Order fixing the Former Rural District of Inishowen as the Area of Charge.

Councillor Kildea seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

281/45. ERECTION OF PUBLIC LAVATORY AT BALLYBOFEY.

Arising out of a Motion at last meeting by Councillor James McMenamin, the County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"I estimate the cost of Public Lavatory at Ballybofey at £650; the lavatory to include on the men's side a 4-stall urinal and one W.C., and on the ladies' side 2 W.C.'s and a third stall to be used as a brush store, etc., but which can be equipped as a third W.C., if necessary."

Councillor McMenamin proposed that the County Manager be authorised to expend the necessary money, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to make an Order fixing the Former Rural District of Stranorlar as the Area of Charge.

Councillor Hennigan seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

282/45. FLOODING OF ROAD AT GLENREE, CARRIGART.

Arising out of Minute No. 223/45 of the County Council at their meeting on the 28th August, 1945, on a complaint of Carrigart Parish Council regarding the flooding of the road at Glenree, the County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"I submitted a report to the Special Employment Schemes Office on the 5th January last concerning this problem. No grant is yet forthcoming for the work and perhaps further representations might be made to the Special Employment Schemes Office."

The Chairman stated that he would take the matter up with the Special Employment Schemes Office if he had a copy of the County Engineer's report.

283/45. PROVISION OF 'BUS SERVICES BETWEEN BALLYBOFEY AND LIFFORD, AND BETWEEN BALLYBOFEY AND LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 13/9/1945, T.S.10140, referring to the extract from the Minutes of the Council's Meeting of 28th August in regard to the provision of 'Bus Services between Ballybofey and Lifford and Ballybofey and Letterkenny, and stating that the Minister regretted that having regard to the existing supply position of petrol, spare parts, etc., he was unable to authorise the operation of any new services at the present time.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Department to give these proposed services an early preference when the supply position improves.

284/45. REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Office of the City Manager, Dublin, stating that the following resolution was passed at a Meeting of the Dublin City Council:-

"That this Meeting of the Dublin City Council views with the deepest concern the present unhappy plight of the Old Age Pensioners in Eire, and that we call upon the Government to introduce legislation forthwith in order to provide a substantial increase on the existing pensions so as to ensure a more reasonable standard of life; that we request a modification of the present means test and the substitution of a more just and equitable method in the calculation of individual income."

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

285/45. RESOLUTION FROM WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL:

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

"That co-operation between the local bodies and the Ministerial Department of Local Government (which is greatly lacking for a considerable time), be restored, and that in the future, when so many new activities of local bodies are contemplated, an authoritative member of the Local Government Department personally discuss important Schemes with representatives of local Councils, with a view to amicably carrying through new Schemes, and so retard the present very increased tendency to complete bureaucratic control or dictatorship which has proved itself to be the painful downfall of any country adopting same."

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Scott, the resolution was marked "read."

286/45. RESOLUTION RE PROVISION OF COWPARKS.

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

"That we call on the Government to introduce legislation to enable County Councils to acquire land for the provision of cowparks, so as to facilitate people living in towns and villages who are desirous of keeping a cow, as under the existing law whereby Councils are able to obtain cowparks only in areas where estates are being divided by the Irish Land Commission, the cowparks are situated generally in outlying areas at considerable distances from towns, and townspeople are thereby debarred from availing of the facility."

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to adopt the resolution provided the words "by agreement or otherwise" were inserted after "acquire" in the second line of the resolution,

287/45. AGE LIMIT FOR EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

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

"That we request the Department of Education to agree to make the age limit of candidates for Scholarships, 14 years on the 31st December of the year in which the Examination is held."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

288/45. CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SOCIETY.

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

"That this Council expresses disappointment at the action of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in failing to re-appoint Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, as Chairman of the National Health Insurance Society, having regard to the exemplary service rendered by Dr. Dignan to the cause of social security, as outlined by the Dignan plan. It is evident that during his period of office, Dr. Dignan, who desired no monetary recompense or political advantage, devoted a considerable amount of time and thought to the subject and displayed his deep interest in the welfare of the worker and the unemployed; and, in our opinion, the least compliment that should have been paid to him was to re-appoint him as Chairman of the National Health Insurance Society for a further period of Office."

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

"That we, the members of the Laoighis County Council, protest against the action of the Government in failing to re-appoint His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, as Chairman of the National Health Insurance Society, and we place on record the great work of His Lordship in preparing a plan for improved Social Services in this country."

Councillor Callaghan proposed that the resolutions be adopted, and stated that there was great dissatisfaction at the appointment in Most Rev. Dr. Dignan's place of a Civil Servant.

The proposal was not seconded.

289/45. PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Sligo Vocational Education Committee, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Committee:-

"That it is the unanimous opinion of this Committee that an Agricultural School should be established in this County for the youth of the agricultural community in the North-West, and that, further, this Committee feels that there should be much closer co-ordination between the Departments of Education and Agriculture in the matter of providing suitable education for the agricultural community."

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

290/45. CARRIGANS DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The County Manager stated that there was a legal action threatened by the land-owners in the area of the Carrigans Drainage District. The Council had spent a sum of £50 on the Scheme this year and they were not bound to keep it in any better repair than it was kept before.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until the meeting of the General Purposes Committee,

Confirmed.

Conmac Breen

Chairman of County Council
2nd January, 1946.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 1945.

1/45. A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P. (presiding), Very Rev. Arthur McLoone, Mr. A. M. Raffan, and Mr. C. Sweeney.

The County Manager was also in attendance.

2/45. A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Very Rev. P. Canon Kerr, P.P., Gortshork, Very Rev. Dr. McDowell, President, St. Colum's College, Derry, Captain J. Scott, and Mr. B. M. Brady, T.D.

3/45. 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 Friday, 28th July, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

4/45. A P P L I C A T I O N B Y G A R D A S C O T T , B A L L Y S H A N N O N , F O R F I N A N C I A L A S S I S T A N C E T O W A R D S T H E E D U C A T I O N O F H I S D A U G H T E R.

An application was submitted from Garda John Scott, Ballyshannon, for financial assistance from the Council towards the education of his daughter, Dorothy Mary, a pupil at Mount Lourdes Intermediate School, Enniskillen. This girl obtained fourth place in the 1944 Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, but was unable to produce evidence of her age.

The Committee unanimously decided to refuse the application.

5/45. C O M P L A I N T R E E X A M I N A T I O N F O R S C H O L A R S H I P S I N S E C O N D A R Y A N D V O C A T I O N A L S C H O O L S C L A S H I N G W I T H D E P A R T M E N T ' S E X A M I N A T I O N F O R P R E P A R A T O R Y A N D G A E L T A C H T S C H O L A R S H I P S.

A letter dated 4th January, 1945, was read from Mr. James McBride, N.T., Thorr M.S., Crolly, stating that the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools clashed with the Department's Examination for Preparatory and Gaeltacht Scholarships, and that several cases of hardship had been caused through this arrangement.

The Committee unanimously decided to refer Mr. McBride's letter to the Department of Education with a strong recommendation that the Examinations be arranged for different dates.

6/45. A P P L I C A T I O N S F O R P E R M I S S I O N T O C O M P E T E A T T H E E X A M I N A T I O N F O R S C H O L A R S H I P S I N S E C O N D A R Y A N D V O C A T I O N A L S C H O O L S T O B E H E L D D U R I N G E A S T E R W E E K , 1 9 4 5.

The County Manager submitted to the Committee the applications which had been received for permission to compete at the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools to be held during Easter Week, 1945.

He stated that the applications of the following had been received subsequent to the 15th January, 1945, which was the last date laid down by the Department for receipt of applications:-

Patrick James McLaughlin, Buncrana.
Catherine Ester Cooney, Beaghmore, Fintown.
Brigid McKelvey, Currian, Fintown.
John Francis Doherty, Beaghmore, Fintown.
Mary Theresa Boyle, Marneelan, Dungloe.
Brigid Philomena O'Donnell, Drumaweir, Greencastle.
Hugh Alphensius Sweeney, Croagh, Dunkineely.

In view of the fact that the applications were in all cases, save one, only one day late, and in view of the short period allowed this year for the acceptance of applications, the Committee recommended that the Council accept the applications of the above-named applicants.

The Co. Manager stated that a number of the applications were not accompanied, as required, by Registrar's Birth Certificates, and the Committee recommended that these applications be accepted provisionally, subject to their lodging Registrar's Birth Certificates within one month.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

ROADS SUB-COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO COMPETE AT THE EXAMINATION
FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.
(CONTINUED).

The Committee considered the applications seriatim, and they recommended that the applications of the following be refused on the grounds that their parents' means exceeded the limits prescribed in Clause 10 of the Scheme:-

William Eunan Curristin, Ballykillone, Leghey.
Charles Cunningham, Malinmore, Glencolumbkille.

The Committee recommended the acceptance of the applications of the following:-

Eliza Mary Bonner, Mullinard, Convoy.
Marjorie Patricia Boner, Crickamore, Meenbanad.
Grace Patricia Boyle, Inniskeel, Clooney.
Una Boyle, Belcruit.
Mary Theresa Boyle, Marameelan, Dungloe.
Catherine Teresa Brennan, Meenbanad.
Ann Celine Breslin, The Diamond, Ardara.
Thomas Joseph Byrne, Brenter, Inver.
Annie Teresa Brogan, Meenderry, Falcarragh.
Brigid Agnes Carr, Meendreen, Glencolumbkille.
Brigid Nuala Carr, Kilcar.
Margaret Eithna Carr, Portscharan, Kilcar.
Catherine Ester Cooney, Beaghmore, Fintown.
Lucy Cunningham, Carrick Upper, Carrick.
Connell Cunningham, Aghragh, Carrick.
Connell Joseph Cunningham, Doochery.
Michael B. Cunningham, Carrick.
Anna Attracta Doherty, Meenbanad.
Eileen Anne Doherty, Mill Brae, Carndonagh.
Sarah Bernadette Doherty, Annaugh, Clonmany.
Teresa Josephine Doherty, Terhoren, Clonmany.
John Francis Doherty, Beaghmore, Fintown.
Sighle Ní Dhubhgháin, Belle-An-Easa, An Falcarragh.
Brigid Faughnan, Cathedral Place, Letterkenny.
James Finnegan, Coolmore, Rossnowlough.
Margaret Elizabeth Flood, Mill Street, Pettigo.
Brigid Teresa Gallagher, Drimnakillew, Inver.
Brigid Rose Gallagher, Dunfanaghy.
Margaret Rosina Gallagher, Glencar, Letterkenny.
Bernard Myles Gallagher, Conlin Road, Killybegs.
Thomas Francis Gallagher, Wooden Bridge, Ardara.
Donal Columba Gallagher, Station House, Falcarragh.
Kathleen Philomena Gibbons, Claggen, Portsalon.
Margaret Celine Guilfoyle, College Street, Ballyshannon.
Aine Ní Ailpín, Glencar, Letterkenny.
Oisín Ó h-Ailpín, Glencar, Letterkenny.
Victor Joseph Harkin, Upper Main Street, Letterkenny.
Mary Elizabeth Hughes, Quay Street, Donegal.
Barbara Ingram, Edeninfagh, Glenties.
Gerald Hilary Keane, 1, Castle Avenue, Buncrana.
Ita Josephine Kernan, Post Office, Newtowncunningham.
James Benedict Kerr, Ardglass, Portsalon.
Patrick Kerrigan, Bachelor's Walk, Ballyshannon.
James Joseph Logue, Ardara.
George McCallig, Ballycrowey, Dunkineely.
Margaret Mary McConnellogue, Bridge St., Carndonagh.
Patrick Pascal Baillon McDaid, Fir Cottage, Ballymacool,
Letterkenny.
Mary Celine McDermott, Garshuey House, Bogey, Newtowncunningham.
Henry Michael McErlain, Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny.
Mary Sophia Teresa McGee, Falcarragh.
Cormac McGill, Convoy.
Bernard McGlinchey, Cove Hill, Letterkenny.
Maureen Dolores McGranaghan, Main Street, Letterkenny.
Gerald Joseph McGranaghan, Diamond, Raphoe.
Francis McKeever, Meenagory, Buncrana.
Brigid McKelvey, Currian, Fintown.

Anne Mary Bernadette McLaughlin, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny.
 James Patrick McLoughlin, Carrick.
 Patrick James McLaughlin, Bunorena.
 Mary Teresa McLoone, Meenachallow, Glenties.
 James Joseph McMahon, Quay Street, Donegal.
 John Benedict McMahon, Corlecky, Welchtown.
 Brian Joseph MacNally, Glencar, Letterkenny.
 Margaret Mary Martin, c/o Mrs. O'Brien, Glenhola, Meenlaragh.
 Patrick Christopher Meehan, Main Street, Donegal.
 John Patrick Meenan, Shrove, Greencastle.
 Mary Kathleen Philomena Mohan, Newtown, Donegal.
 Helena Margerita Moss, Aughnahoo, Pettigo.
 Martin Joseph Moyne, Drumhaggert, Muff.
 Mary Bernadette Murphy, Garda Barracks, Clonmany.
 John Murphy, Chapel Street, Ballyshannon.
 Margaret Mary Murray, Kilcar.
 Robert Murray, 16, Ballymacool Terrace, Letterkenny.
 Katie O'Boyle, Ballycrowey, Dunkineely.
 Kathleen Philomena O'Boyle, Meenacross, Glencolumbkille.
 Mary Celine O'Byrne, Ardara.
 Roisin Maire O'Callaghan, McClure's Terrace, Letterkenny.
 Brigid Philomena O'Donnell, Drumaweir, Greencastle.
 Brigid Philomena O'Donnell, New Row, Donegal Town.
 Nora E. O'Donnell, Dunfenshy.
 Patrick Joseph O'Donnell, Dunkineely.
 Charles A. O'Gara, Carrick Lower, Carrick.
 Annie Noel Theresa Sharkey, Belcruit, Kinrosslagh.
 Mary Sweeney, Upper Keedue, Meenbanad.
 Hugh Alphonsus Sweeney, Croagh, Dunkineely.
 Kevin James Timoney, Castle Street, Donegal.
 Daniel Toland, Bellinavee, Isle of Doagh, Clonmany.
 Catherine Mary Ward, Upper Main Street, Letterkenny.
 Bridget Ward, Stranabratte, Cloghan.
 Nora Mary Ward, Cruit Island, Kinrosslagh.
 John Desmond Watson, Larynasillagh, Killybegs.
 Brendan Laurie Whelan, Carrick, Derrybeg.

7/45. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, stating that at a Meeting of the Academic Council it was decided that the attention of County Councils be directed to certain suggestions in connection with Schemes for the award of Scholarships. Some of the suggestions, which were as follows, might be already covered in the Council's University Scholarships Scheme:-

- (1) Candidates must have attained or will within three months attain the age of seventeen years on the 15th of October of the year in which the Scholarship is awarded.
- (2) Candidates must obtain the Matriculation Certificate of the National University of Ireland in the Faculty in which they intend to pursue courses before commencing attendance at lectures.
- (3) The following subjects should not be taken into account for the award of Scholarships:- Physiology and Hygiene; Domestic Science; Drawing.
- (4) That Scholarships in the Faculty of General Agriculture be awarded on the results of a special examination in Agriculture (written, oral, and practical), and that Students to be eligible to compete at the examination should have passed the Matriculation Examination of the National University of Ireland in the subjects required for entrance to the Faculty of General Agriculture or the equivalent subjects of the Leaving Certificate Examination. The Agricultural Science Syllabus for Matriculation in the National University of Ireland shall also be the Syllabus for the special examination, with an oral and practical examination in addition to a written test.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME (CONTINUED);

- (5) That for the original award of a Scholarship a candidate should obtain an average of at least 50% in the subjects taken into account for the award of a Scholarship.
- (6) That a Scholarship should not be renewed unless the holder has passed his or her examination with, at least, honours in two subjects or with second-class honours at the examination as a whole; except that in professional examinations a pass should be considered satisfactory progress.

The Committee considered the matter very carefully, and they recommended that the County Manager act as follows on the suggestions:-

- (1) That the suggestion be adopted.
- (2) Candidates must obtain the Matriculation Certificate in the Faculty in which they intend to pursue courses before commencing attendance at Lectures.
- (3) That the suggestion be adopted; the change to take effect for the 1947 Scholarships Examination and future years.
- (4) The Committee did not consider this suggestion acceptable as Agriculture was not taught in any of the Secondary Schools in County Donegal.
- (5) This point has already been covered in the Council's Scheme.
- (6) Clause No. 6 of the Council's Scheme covers this point.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Confirmed.

Arthur MacLoone

Chairman of Co. Council.
30th January 1945.

Chairman of Scholarships Committee.
31st July, 1945.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 1945.

8/45.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:—Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P., Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P., Rev. Dr. Molloy, P.P., Rev. Arthur McLoone, B. M. Brady, Co.C., George McCaul, Co.C., S. R. O'Donnell, N.T., Eugene P. Gallagher, N.T., and Charles Sweeney.

9/45.

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

On the motion of Canon McCafferty seconded by Dr. Molloy, Rev. Arthur MacLoone, President, St. Eunan's College, was unanimously elected Chairman.

10/45.

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 Tuesday, 23rd January, 1945, were confirmed unanimously.

11/45.

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

A letter dated 18th July, 1945, was read from the Department of Education referring to the adoption of Schemes for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools. They wished to clarify the position regarding the acceptance of application forms received after the prescribed date. In no case should a date later than the 15th January in each year be fixed by Councils for the receipt of application forms. As long as possible should elapse between the date of publication of the Scheme and the latest date for the receipt of application forms so as to give intending candidates ample time to secure forms, birth certificates, etc. It was, accordingly, requested that Schemes for the 1946 Examination should be submitted for the Minister's approval as early as possible, and not later, in any case, than the 15th August, 1945. When the Minister's approval had been given the Scheme should be published without delay.

Father McLoone proposed that the Scheme for the 1946 Examination be the same as that for the 1945 Examination.

Dr. Molloy seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

12/45.

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

A letter was read from Mr. Cathal Faughnan, Letterkenny, stating that owing to illness he had been unable to attend the last term lectures and was not able to do his examination. He enclosed a Medical Certificate to show that he had been a patient in Clonskeagh Fever Hospital from 30th May until 10th July. He had been ill from the 22nd April, and would forward another Medical Certificate to cover from that date until the date of his admission to Clonskeagh. His doctor had advised him on no account to attempt to do the Autumn Examination. He, therefore, wished to apply for an extension of his Scholarship for an extra year.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Faughnan had been awarded a Scholarship in 1942, tenable for four years. The course which he was pursuing was a four-year course, and three years of the course had expired.

The Committee unanimously recommended that Mr. Faughnan's scholarship be extended for a fifth year in the special circumstances.

13/45.

R E S U L T O F E X A M I N A T I O N F O R S C H O L A R S H I P S I N S E C O N D A R Y A N D V O C A T I O N A L S C H O O L S H E L D D U R I N G E A S T E R W E E K , 1 9 4 5.

The Secretary submitted the following statement from the Office of National Education in connection with the above Examination:—

ROADS SUB-COMMITTEE
GENERAL PURPOSES
MINUTE.

SCHHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. EXAMINATION HELD AT EASTER, 1945.

No. in order of merit.	Exem. No.	Name of Candidate.	Irish.		English.	History and Geography.	Total marks for obligatory subjects.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Drawing.	Rural Science or Nature Study.	Needle-work.	TOTAL MARKS.
			Oral.	Written.									
Maximum Marks for a Pass.													1100.
1.	4413.	Henry Leo J. Letterkenny	125	103.	200.	200.	900.	100	100	100		100	885.
2.	4461.	Mrs. Celine Ereslin, The Fl. mund, Ardara.	136.	109.	148.	155.	720.	54.				85.	859.
3.	4425.	Ita Josephine Kernan Newtown Cunningham.	120.	82.	149.	184.	678.	96.				68.	842.
4.	4385.	Margaret O. Gullfoyle Ballyshannon.	119.	108.	132.	125.	607.	98.	88.				793.
5.	4456.	Mary Celine O'Lyne. Fedara.	138.	97.	164.	120B.	652.		67B.			63B.	782.
6.	4386.	Mary L. Rebeth Hughes Donegal.	101.	76.	152.	137.	608.	64.	94.				766.
7.	4471.	Connetl Cunningham, Carrick.	126.	83.	131.	124B.	558.	98B.	93.				749.
8.	4376.	James Flanagan, Ballyshannon.	105.	91.	128.	151.	601.	56.	78.			80B.	735.
9.	4481.	Margaret Mary Murray.	129.	88.	144.	98.	579.	58B.					717.
10.	4412.	Paacol Patk. Modald.	98.	88.	150.	104.	553.	70.	83.		39.	65B.	706.
11.	4401.	Mary B. Murphy.	128.	75.	140.	135B.	599.						703.
12.	4377.	Patrick Kerrigan.	85.	87.	141.	119.	560.	55.	76.				691.
13.	4431.	Getterlan A. Ward.	112.	77.	133.	108.	554.	54.					690.
14.	4447.	Mrs. Teresa Boyle.	135.	98.	124.	142B.	610.	8B.					680.
15.	4487.	Lucy L. Whelan.	117.	63.	114.	121B.	509.	75B.	90B.				674.
16.	4409.	Olsh. Healdin.	125.	71.	137.	68.	506.	74.	92.				672.
17.	4480.	Lucy Cunningham.	128.	73.	129.	116B.	537.	59B.					663.
18.	4427.	Maureen Loddenehen.	122.	92.	134.	109.	587.	4.				75B.	662.
19.	4415.	Bernard McCallinchee.	108.	45.	125.	136.	519.	82.	60.				661.
20.	4401.	St. Cath B. Lougherty.	118.	90.	125.	128.	567.	30.				58.	655.
21.	4471.	James P. Koughlin.	133.	58.	103.	113B.	467.	99B.	86.				652.
22.	4380.	Patrick J. Meenan.	76.	57.	114.	132.	482.	75.	94.				651.

No. in order of merit.	Exam. No.	Name of Candidate.	Irish		English	Arithmetic	History and Geography		Total marks in compulsory subjects.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Drawing.	Rural Science or Nature Study.	Needle-work.	TOTAL MARKS.
			Oral.	Written.			History.	Geography.							
Maximum Marks.															
23.	4488.	"Nags" Nora Mary Ward.	129	91	131	78	51B	45B	525	72				53	650
24.	4475.	Angie T. Brogan.	126	83	111	151B	42B	37B	550	43				53B	646
25.	4417.	Brian J. McNally.	110	76	113	97	46B	44	486	73				58B	645
26.	4304.	Brida P. O'Donnell.	119.	68.	121	90B	81B	74B	553.	33B					644.
27.	4444.	Connell J. Cunningham.	130.	94.	110	110B	51B	69B	564.	42B	29B				635.
28.	4456.	Mary Jelene McDermott.	120.	91.	125	101B	47B	31B	537.	48B					626.
29.	4397.	John Patrick Meenan.	130.	80.	122	87B	57.	41.	508.	76.					623.
30.	4403.	Margt. M. McConnellogue.	122.	80.	123	91.	52B.	45B.	508.						605.
30.	4464.	Kathleen P. O'Byrne.	130.	87.	123.	87B	65B	48B.	540.	8.					605.
32.	4383.	Elene M. Mc ss.	95.	62.	113.	101.	42.	37.	450.	62.					590.
32.	4399.	Martin J. Myne.	120.	62.	110.	102	43.	50.	487.	43.	60.				587.
34.	4437.	Stephle M. Dubhgalan.	115.	72.	81.	131B	65B.	47B.	511.	29B					586.
35.	4460.	Grace Patricia Boyle.	141.	87.	134.	60B	45B.	52.	519.	17.					584.
36.	4463.	Berbara Ingram.	120.	75.	104.	118B	37B.	36B.	490.	39B					579.
37.	4472.	Michael B. Cunningham.	133.	76.	116.	91B	40B.	48B.	504.	33B	42.				574.
38.	4459.	Jugh Alphonus Sweeney.	110.	57.	121.	83	46.	33.	450.	62.					573.
39.	4430.	Polain M. O'Callaghan.	123.	70.	129.	91	30B.	30.	473.	33					569.
40.	4477.	Brigid Agnes Carre.	132.	72.	92.	117B	54B.	32B.	499.	16.					559.
41.	4384.	Irgeret E. Flood.	107.	92.	136	73	41.	40.	489.	43.					558.
42.	4414.	Cornao McGill.	110.	56.	125.	67	61.	64.	483.	27.	32.				557.
43.	4439.	Maire Nic Aoidh.	100.	70.	102.	88	38.	55.	453.	43.					557.
44.	4419.	Maria Mary Bonner.	75.	37.	127.	118	33.	60.	450.	31.					547.
45.	4373.	Seamus MeMahon.	73.	43.	121.	126	43.	48.	454.	36.	56.				546.
46.	4381.	John Murphy.	77.	78.	110.	109	35B.	56B.	465.	43.	32.				540.
47.	4435.	Dorel Gallagher.	99.	54.	88.	137B	30B.	52B.	460.	37.		35B.			532.
48.	4476.	John Gerard Watson.	115.	41.	95.	155	40.	40.	480.	46.					526.
49.	4394.	Terada H. Keane.	118.	68.	117.	90	34.	46.	481.	0.					481.
CANDIDATES WHO FAILED THE EXAMINATION.															
		Thomas Joseph Byrne.	57.	15.	109.	124	55.	58.	419.	28.	49.				496.
		George McCallig.	80.	45.	88.	86	14.	20.	333.	0.					333.
		Patk. J. O'Donnell.	69.	45.	97.	98	43.	49.	401.	23.					424.
		Kevin James Timoney.	68.	29.	122.	122	29.	23.	393.	33.	20.				446.
		Patrick C. F. Mohan.	73.	52.	136.	40	43.	47.	391.	55.					515.

No. in order of merit.	Exam. No.	Name of Candidate.	Irish		English.	Arith- metic.	History and Geography		Total Marks in obligatory subjects.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Drawing.	Rural Science or Nature Study.	Needlework.	TOTAL MARKS.
			Oral.	Written			History.	Geography.							
4379.		Miss M. O'Foyle.	88	45	109	69	16	24	450.	100			58.	409.	
4380.		Patrick's Lakever.	120	46	110	46	31	33	386.	6			9B.	386.	
4381.		Pat. Jas. McLaughlin.	70	7	84	19	10	16	206.	0			66.	206.	
4400.		Mleen Arne Doherty.	120	60	132	128B	32B	15B	487.	48.		36		523.	
4401.		Fergus J. Doherty.	120	54.	112	94.	19B	41.	440.					554.	
4402.		James Benedict Kerr.	95	12.	61	61.	8.	6.	243.	6.				243.	
4403.		Gerald J. McGranaghan.	88	36.	89	99.	6B.	15.	333.	35.				333.	
4404.		Robert Murray.	120	62.	101	85.	21B.	23.	412.	21.				447.	
4405.		Alne M. Allin.	118	52.	111	77.	25B.	17B.	400.	8.			8AB.	505.	
4406.		Bridget Rose Gallagher	99	38.	83	44.	26.	33B.	354.	11.			65.	419.	
4407.		Yora E. Ni Lhomnall.	105	39.	93	83.	23.	62B.	366.	23.			67.	433.	
4408.		Yarjorie F. Boner.	126	32.	77	69.	8.	50.	400.	10.			40.	439.	
4409.		Ura Boyle.	124	26.	52	60.	6.	17.	285.	10.			39.	324.	
4410.		Catharine T. Brennan.	125	28.	71	69.	3.	4.	300.	16.			42.	342.	
4411.		Anna Fitzmacla Doherty.	119	45.	69	66.	5.	26.	330.	16.			59.	389.	
4412.		Annle Noel T. Sharkey.	126	27.	113	70.	22.	22.	380.	27.			62.	459.	
4413.		Mary Sweeney.	116	33.	85	70.	19.	23.	347.	5.			34.	381.	
4414.		Thos. Franc. Gallagher.	115	26.	96	28.	46.	38.	349.	4.				349.	
4415.		Thos. Joseph Logue.	105	47.	89	80.	41.	19.	381.	19.				381.	
4416.		Mary Dolcone.	107	59.	95	37B	34B.	40B.	372.	3B.				349.	
4417.		Edgect Ward.	133	61.	77	69B	41B.	15B.	396.				32B.	392.	
4418.		Brian Gallagher.	110	23.	70	84.	15.	17.	319.	31.				350.	
4419.		Charles J. O'Gara.	126	75.	103	80B	28B	11B.	423.	82B.				350.	
4420.		Regid Nuala Carr.	125	25.	106	63B	20B	34B	374.	4B.				421.	
4421.		Edgect, Ethne Carr.	130	47.	67	45B	19B	17B	325.	6B.				421.	
4422.		CANDIDATES WHO WERE ABSENT FROM THE EXAMINATION.													
4423.		Deniel Toland, Seltre N.S.			Brigid Philomena O			24	900	100				58.	409.
4424.		Victor Herkin, St. Eunan's N.S.			Brigid Faulstner,			33	900	100				58.	409.
4425.		Brigid T. Gallagher, Legan N.S.			Margaret Rosina,			16	900	100				58.	409.
4426.		Kathleen P. Gibbons,			Ann Mary McLaughlin,			6	900	100				58.	409.
4427.		Croaghross N.S.			Margaret Mary Martin,			6	900	100				58.	409.
4428.		John Doherty, Shalloegans N.S.			John Benedict Mahan,			6	900	100				58.	409.
4429.		John Doherty, Shalloegans N.S.			Brigid McKilvey,			6	900	100				58.	409.
4430.		John Doherty, Shalloegans N.S.			Brigid McKilvey,			6	900	100				58.	409.

14/45. AWARD OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS AS A RESULT OF THE 1945 EXAMINATION.

A letter was read from Mr. James Breslin, The Diamond, Ardara, father of Ann Celine Breslin, who had obtained second place in the Examination, stating that she had also obtained a Scholarship of £40 per annum tenable for three years at the Convent of St. Louis, Carrickmacross.

The Committee recommended that Scholarships be awarded, as follows, to the first six candidates:-

	<u>1945/46.</u>	<u>1946/47.</u>	<u>1947/48.</u>	<u>1948/49.</u>	<u>1949/50.</u>
1. Henry Michael McErlean.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
2. Ann Celine Breslin.	£2.	£2.	£2.	£42.	£42.
3. Ita Josephine Kernan.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
4. Margaret C. Guilfoyle.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
5. Mary Celine O'Byrne.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
6. Mary Elizabeth Hughes.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.

In view of the saving to be effected in the Scholarship of Ann Celine Breslin, the Committee recommended that a Scholarship of £40 per annum for each of the years 1945/46, 1946/47, and 1947/48, be awarded to candidate No. 7, Connell Cunningham, Carrick, or, in the event of his not accepting it, to the next continuing candidate wishing to avail of it.

15/45. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1941 FOR FIVE YEARS.

Satisfactory reports on their conduct, studies, and progress having been received, the Committee unanimously recommended that Scholarships originally granted in 1941 to the following be renewed as follows:-

<u>Name of Scholarship holder.</u>	<u>Amount. (1945/46.)</u>
John Ward.	£42.
Patrick J. McGlinchey.	£42.

16/45. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED IN 1942 FOR FIVE YEARS.

The Secretary stated that satisfactory reports on the conduct, studies, and progress of the following students had been received.

The Committee unanimously recommended that, subject to their having passed with Honours the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination, their Scholarships be renewed as follows:-

<u>Name of Student.</u>	<u>1945/46.</u>	<u>1946/47.</u>
Seamus Edward Tiernan.	£42.	£42.
Margaret M. Gallagher.	£42.	£42.
Mary Ellen McNulty.	£42.	£42.
Patricia M. Fenelon.	£42.	£42.
James C. McShane.	£42.	£42.
Mary Christina Gallagher.	£42.	£42.

17/45. RENEWAL OF SECONDARY 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 be renewed as follows:-

<u>Name of Student.</u>	<u>1945/46.</u>	<u>1946/47.</u>	<u>1947/48.</u>
Michael O'Byrne.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Berard A. McKiernan.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Charles Joseph McCann.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Thomas Curran.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Conn Halpin.	£42.	£42.	£42.

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18/45. 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:-

Name of Student.	1945/46.	1946/47.	1947/48.	1948/49.
Connell J. Cunningham.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Mary Margaret Garvin.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Peggy Celine Boyle.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
William J. Breslin.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Noel Patrick O'Boyce.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.
Mary T. D. Mullahy.	£42.	£42.	£42.	£42.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Confirmed

Arthur M. L. L. L.

Edmund Brennan

Chairman of Scholarship Committee

Chairman of Scholarship Committee.

~~28th August, 1945.~~

28th Aug of January 1946.

~~24th January, 1946.~~

25th January 1946.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH ROADS WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1945.

1/45. A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McNulty (presiding), Baxter, and Andrew O'Donnell, and *Scott*.

The County Manager stated that as there were certain matters affecting Ballyshannon Town coming under consideration, he had invited Councillor Myles.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor McNulty seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that Councillor Myles be co-opted a member of the Committee, and Councillor Myles then took part in the business of the Meeting.

The County Engineer and County Manager were also in attendance.

2/45. C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the first Meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 12th December, 1944, were confirmed unanimously.

3/45. A L T E R A T I O N S I N B A L L Y S H A N N O N B R I D G E.

The County Engineer informed the Committee that the Electricity Supply Board had notified him that they proposed removing five arches of the existing Bridge across the Erne at Ballyshannon on the North side, and in its place on the same lines substituting a new span of 76 feet with an approach embankment in place of the remainder of the Bridge. The existing width of the Bridge was 25 feet, and the Electricity Supply Board were only obliged to construct a new Bridge and approach road of the same width. He had been in touch with the Engineers of the Electricity Supply Board and the Department, and it was suggested that the new Bridge should be of a total width of 40 feet between parapets. The Electricity Supply Board had indicated that the difference in cost represented by the increase of the width from 25 feet to 40 feet would be £2,000.

The further additional cost to the Council represented by increasing either the width of the remainder of the Bridge, or widening instead the approach embankment also to the width of 40 feet would cost an additional £7,000. This additional cost would be a liability on the County Council. The new span would probably be constructed this year, and, therefore, the first liability of £2,000 would fall within the coming financial year. The widening of the remainder of the Bridge or the construction of a new approach embankment would not be carried out for four or five more years, and the Council would then become liable for the further £7,000.

The County Engineer submitted all the relevant plans and particulars to the Committee, and they were fully discussed.

The Committee unanimously considered it highly advisable that the new Bridge be widened to 40 feet, and they recommended the Council to make an allowance out of revenue in the coming year's Estimates for a sum of £2,000 to cover their liability. They also recommended that the Council agree to accept responsibility at a cost of £7,000 for the further widening of the Bridge or the construction of the new approach embankment to the same width of 40 feet. The payment in this case would not have to be made until the work was being done.

The County Engineer informed the Committee that the Electricity Supply Board would provide a temporary Bridge on the downstream side of the existing Bridge to carry traffic whilst the new Bridge was being made.

ROADS SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR ARCHIVAL PURPOSES

ALTERATIONS IN BALLYSHANNON BRIDGE (CONTINUED).

The County Engineer also submitted tentative plans for a new roadway to connect from a point at approximately the centre of the existing Bridge westerly along the line of the Erne River, entering on West Port at a point where the Rock Road joins it; and easterly along the line of the Erne River from the centre of the Bridge joining the Belleek Road at a point near the Railway Road.

These plans were considered very carefully, and the Committee agreed that this new development would make for considerable improvement in the town of Ballyshannon, and would take full advantage of the changes in the river bed following the work of the Electricity Supply Board. This proposed roadway would ease the main line traffic, and would bye-pass the narrow streets of West Port and East Port, which at the present time are scarcely able to carry two lines of traffic.

As this latter development was still only in the tentative stages, the Committee decided that the County Engineer be instructed to prepare more detailed plans for consideration at a later date.

4/45. RAPHOE PUBLIC URINAL.

The Committee considered a request from Raphoe Parish Council for the closing of the public urinal except on Fair days.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the urinal be left open.

5/45. SALARIES OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEERS.

The County Manager referred to Minute No. 276/44 in which the County Council recommended an increase in the salaries of the Assistant County Engineers, with an over-riding clause that the increase do not apply in any case in which the Assistant County Engineers would receive over £450 per annum from basic salary and emoluments.

He stated that the Council's recommendation would be difficult to make operative, as in many cases fees were not paid for some considerable time after the end of the financial year, and as well in some cases it would work out inequitably. Members of the Survey Staff with short service would benefit much more than other members who had given longer service.

After some discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that a new scale be adopted of £300 per annum rising by annual increments of £20 to a maximum of £450; all Assistant County Engineers to get an immediate increase of £50 to bring them to their proper place on the new scale.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Confirmed.

Wickie O'Connell

Chairman of Co. Council.

Chairman of Roads Sub-Committee.

30th January 1945.

GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 1945.

1/45. A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Brady, Breslin, Gallen, Kildea, McCaul, McMenamin, O'Boyle, Scott, Sheldon, and Walsh.

2/45. A P O L O G Y.

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

3/45. A P P O I N T M E N T O F C H A I R M A N.

Councillor McCaul proposed the appointment of Councillor Cormac Breslin, T.D. as Chairman.

Councillor Kildea seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed the appointment of Councillor Edward Gallen, but Councillor Gallen would not allow his name to go forward, and Councillor Breslin was thereupon unanimously elected.

4/45. ERNE HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME - POSITION OF RATE COLLECTOR JOHN GILLESPIE.

Mr. F. Gallagher, Solicitor, Donegal, appeared before the Committee on behalf of Rate Collector John Gillespie, Ballyshannon. Mr. Gallagher stated that Collector Gillespie's position would be seriously affected by the carrying out of the Erne Hydro-Electric Scheme. The Electricity Supply Board were taking over lands and buildings in Ballyshannon, the total valuation of which would be about £1,500. These lands and buildings would be exempt from rates, and it would be seen that this would mean a very big loss in income to Collector Gillespie. The Electricity Supply Board were also taking over the Electric Power Station in Ballyshannon, which was a very heavily rated concern. Collector Gillespie had 38½ years' service, during which time he had been a faithful and efficient Collector, and it would be most unfair that within a few years of his retirement he should suffer such a loss in income.

The County Manager suggested that Mr. Gillespie's remuneration, after the de-valuation of the lands and buildings referred had taken effect, be fixed at an amount not less than the average of his income for the three years ended 31st March, 1945.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Scott it was unanimously recommended that the suggestion of the County Manager be adopted.

5/45. COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS WIDENING OF BALLYSHANNON BRIDGE.

The County Engineer reported that he and the County Manager had met the Chief Engineer of the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the above matter. As a result of this interview, the Electricity Supply Board had authorised the Contractors to proceed with a 40-ft. Bridge, and had given an assurance that the contribution from the County Council would not be more than £2,000. It might be something less.

The Committee expressed their appreciation of the result of the interview.

6/45. PLAN FOR PROPOSED ROADWAY ALONG THE BED OF THE RIVER ERNE.

The County Engineer asking to have adjourned for the present consideration of Plan for proposed roadway along the present bed of the River Erne.

7/45.

REVIEW OF SITES ACQUIRED FOR HOUSING UNDER THE LABOURERS' ACTS BY THE FORMER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

A report was submitted to the Committee from the County Medical Officer of Health and Mr. T. J. O'Reilly on sites acquired for housing under the Labourers' Acts by the former Rural District Councils and Board of Health.

The foreword to the report was circulated to the Council in County Manager's Order No. 11840 dated 23rd July, 1945.

The County Engineer stated that the following was a summary of the recommendations contained in the Report:-

No. of sites acquired.....	93.
No. of sites recommended.....	18.
No. of sites which should be rejected...	53.
No. of cases where suitable alternative sites should be sought.....	9.
No. of cases where decision should be deferred.....	11.

The following report was submitted from the County Engineer:-

"I have gone carefully through the report submitted by Dr. Bastible and Mr. O'Reilly on the examination of Housing sites acquired by the Council. This report raises one of the most important aspects of Housing policy, and the report is, in my opinion, one of the most valuable submitted for a long time. The report is very thorough and exhaustive, and a great deal of work has been put into it.

As you are aware, the re-examination of these Housing sites by Dr. Bastible and Mr. O'Reilly was governed by the following five main considerations:-

- (1) Proximity to existing or projected piped water supply services;
- (2) Proximity to existing or projected main sewerage services;
- (3) Proximity to local light supply lines;
- (4) Proximity to Schools;
- (5) General suitability of site as regards soil, aspect, foundations, drainage, etc.

There will, I think, be general agreement with the five basic points set out above, and also with the view that for modern housing conditions every effort should be made to see that these five considerations are applied as far as is possible to the siting of new houses.

As may be seen from an examination of the report, many of the sites already selected do not fulfil some of these five conditions and some of the sites do not fulfil any of them. I may say that I am fully in agreement with all the recommendations set out in this report."

A long discussion ensued, in which most of the members of the Committee took part.

The County Manager stated that except in cases where Nurses' Cottages were badly wanted, he felt it would be better to build on sites which were approved for groups of houses, and he instanced the following:-

Dunkineely.....	4.
Dunfanaghy.....	5.
Glenties.....	14.
Buncrana.....	5.
Moville.....	15.
Kincraigy.....	8.
Letterkenny (Oldtown.)...	10.
Ramelton.....	16.
Convey.....	20.
Ballybofey.....	20.

TOTAL.....117.

REVIEW OF SITES ACQUIRED FOR HOUSING UNDER THE LABOURERS' ACTS BY THE FORMER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The County Manager suggested also that the Council should consider the possibility of increasing the number of houses on the Glenties site from 14 to 20, and on the Oldtown (Letterkenny) site from 10 to 20.

The Committee recommended that the suggestion of the County Manager be adopted and that the County Council apply for a permit for the building of 133 Cottages.

They recommended also that a further report be prepared by the County Engineer showing the reasons for the rejection of the different sites under the various heads, for example, lack of water or other conveniences; distances from Churches, Schools, etc.; interference with Town Planning.

Councillor O'Boyle asked that the County Medical Officer of Health and Mr. T. J. O'Reilly be asked to investigate the possibilities of getting suitable sites in the Dungloe Area for housing.

Councillor McCaul suggested that some of the rejected sites should be drained to see if any improvement would be effected.

Councillor Gallen asked to be taken as dissenting from the entire proceedings.

8/45.

PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ROAD MACHINERY.

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"The Council during the past five years approved of two Loans for the purchase of Machinery for the maintenance of roads, each of £6,000. These Loans were to be redeemed in five years. One of them will expire on the 1st November, 1945, and the other on the 1st December, 1946. The total interest on a Loan of £6000 for five years is £652 :12 : 9, so that a £6000 Loan costs £6,652 :12 : 9 to re-pay.

It will be necessary, as soon as plant becomes available again, to make considerable purchases to re-place worn-out or obsolete plant which we have been trying to keep in service, and also for the purchase of new types of equipment, so as to employ more modern methods of road construction and maintenance. Our Machinery Account has to bear the total cost of re-payment of principal and interest on these loans, and this is met by increased hireage charges for our plant. During recent years, we have been paying over £3,000 per annum in re-payment of interest and principal on loans out of the Machinery Account. I suggest that it might be advisable, so as to avoid the payment of interest charges, to allow me to purchase directly out of my Machinery Account, plant up to a limit of £2,000 per annum, without having recourse to a loan. My Machinery Account would, therefore, avoid having to pay heavy interest charges. In brief, this proposal means that instead of buying a large number of machines at the one time, I would spread my purchases over a longer period."

The County Manager stated that he had no objection to the proposal of the County Engineer. He stated that the principal on which the Machinery Account operated was that the County Council borrowed £10,000 or £12,000 which was charged by way of loan, the loan being payable over a period of five years. The Machinery Account had to bear the loan instalments and the interest charges each year, and these in turn had to be made good by the charges for the hire of machinery. He stated that an item of £2,000 or £3,000 for the purchase of machinery could be included in the Estimates each year.

The Committee approved of the suggestions put forward by the County Engineer, but Councillor Scott asked that detailed figures be available for consideration at the Estimates Meetings.

9/45.

HOSPITALISATION SCHEME FOR COUNTY DONEGAL.

The County Manager submitted the following letter dated 20th July, 1945, P. (V.W.), 12563/45, which he had received from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd October last and previous correspondence regarding the Hospital facilities to be provided in Co. Donegal, I am directed by Dr. Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to state that having carefully considered your representations in favour of certain alterations in the Hospitalisation Scheme as originally approved and having taken into account all the present relevant circumstances, he would be prepared to approve of the provision of new Hospitals at the following centres:-

County Hospital at Letterkenny.....	120 beds.
District Hospital at Donegal.....	40 beds.
District Hospital at Carndonagh.....	26 beds.
District Hospital at Dungloe.....	32 beds.

Under this Scheme, the County Hospital, Letterkenny, would remain the premier Institution for surgical cases for the County as a whole, but the performance of major surgical operations in Donegal District Hospital would be authorised, with provision for the Surgeon from Letterkenny attending the District Hospital to undertake operations of special gravity or urgency.

The Hospitals at Lifford and Glenties and the District Hospital at Ballyshannon would cease to be used as general Hospitals. The use to which these Institutions might be devoted should be considered by you."

The Committee discussed the substitution of a new District Hospital at Dungloe for the former proposal for a Cottage Hospital at Gweedore.

The County Manager stated that he had recommended Dungloe in preference to Gweedore for several reasons. It was the most populous town in West Donegal. It was only 14 miles from Gweedore. It had sewerage, water, and light, and it would very likely in the near future be the terminus of two 'Bus routes. The Council owned a suitable site there.

Councillor Walsh favoured the continuance of the District Hospital at Glenties.

The Committee recommended that all possible steps be taken to proceed with the erection of the three new Hospitals at Letterkenny, Donegal, and Carndonagh.

10/45.

HOSPITALS ACT, 1939.

A suggestion was submitted from the Local Government Department that the possibility of arranging for an Establishment Order under the Hospitals Act, 1939, be examined.

The Committee recommended that a sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Brady, Britton, and Gallagher, be appointed to look into the matter and report back.

11/45.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

The County Engineer asked to have adjourned a report of his re repairs to Rathmullan Pier.

12/45.

POST-EMERGENCY WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

The following report from the County Medical Officer of Health and the County Engineer was submitted on Post-War Emergency Water and Sewerage Schemes:-

WATER SUPPLIES.

The County Medical Officer of Health and the County Engineer after consultation and discussion have agreed that the following should be the order of priority in respect of new Water Supplies in the County:-

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| 1. Castlefin, Convoy, Raphoe, and Killygordon. | } To be served by the one Water Supply System. |
| 2. Creeslough, Portnablagh, Marble Hill, and later Dunfanaghy. | |
| 3. Dungloe. | |
| 4. Burtonport and District. | |
| 5. Culdaff. | |
| 6. Shrove and Greencastle. | |
| 7. Kilcar. | |
| 8. Ballindrait.
Carrigans.
Dunkineely.
Laghey.
Malin.
Manorcunningham.
Muff.
Newtowncunningham.
Quigley's Point.
Rosnaskill and Tamney.
Rosnawlagh.
Tyrladen or Glenvar. | } These are all necessary Schemes, but the order of priority is difficult to determine, and the exact order in which they should be carried out may be deferred pending future developments in our Public Health programme. |

Major improvements or extensions.

Lifford.

Ballyshannon.

Clonmany and Ballyliffin.

These have existing Water Supplies. In the case of Lifford the supply is inadequate as regards pressure, and a reservoir at a higher level and probably a new distribution system will have to be provided. In the case of Ballyshannon the quantity of water available is ample, but there are serious losses in the system which have not yet been located. There is also a necessity for the provision of filters. In the case of Clonmany and Ballyliffin the source of supply is inadequate for needs or for extensions and a new source is being gauged.

Of the above Schemes plans have been prepared and can be put in hands as follows:-

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| Burtonport and District. | } Plans prepared as included in original Rosses Regional Scheme. |
| Kilcar. | } Gaugings, plans, and section prepared. |
| Rosnaskill and Tamney. | } Surveys, reports, gaugings, and plans prepared, also detailed estimate. The gaugings, however, are not satisfactory. |
| Tyrladen or Glenvar, | } A small Scheme for which plans, specification, and detailed Estimate have been prepared. |

Fahan.

Ballybofey.

Ardara.

Falcarragh.

NOTES ON WATER SUPPLIES.

Castlefin, Convoy, and Killygordon.

Only the most primitive water and sewer services are available in these towns.

Raphoe.

There is a water supply of sorts in Raphoe. The pressure is practically "nil", and the supply is very poor. There is really no proper sewerage in the town.

Creeslough.

The present water supply to the town (a well) has been condemned by the County Medical Officer of Health, and the need for a proper water supply is immediate.

Portnablagh.

This is a rising tourist centre and the provision of a water supply would form a good improvement.

Dunfanaghy.

There is an existing water supply in Dunfanaghy, but it is not at all satisfactory. There is no great urgency, however, for the provision of a new supply.

Marble Hill.

This is a popular and rising seaside resort. A water supply to this locality would, we think, lead to rapid development, and is necessary for the immediate needs of the population.

Dungloe.

The existing water supply is altogether inadequate. The water is only turned on in the mains for about four or five hours per day, and even then the supply is very poor. The district immediately surrounding Dungloe is in a very bad way for water, and there is no doubt that Dungloe should come very high in the priority list for water supply.

Culdaff.

The existing water supply in Culdaff, which is a well, has been condemned by the County Medical Officer of Health; hence the need for a new supply.

Shrove and Greencastle.

These two places are rising seaside resorts and the demand for water supply is urgent.

SEWERAGE.

The following should, in our opinion, be the order of priority for the construction of Sewerage Schemes:-

1. Rathmullan.
2. Falcarragh.
3. Ramelton.
4. Mountcharles.
5. St. Johnston.
6. Castlefin.
7. Convoy.
8. Raphoe.

NOTES ON SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

Plans and specification and detailed estimates have been prepared for Rathmullan, and Mountcharles, and the plans, sections, and details for septic tank at St. Johnston have also been prepared.

(Signed) M. J. Bastible,
COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

(Signed) Thomas MacMahon,
COUNTY ENGINEER.

Dated this 27th day of July, 1945.

POST-WAR EMERGENCY WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES (CONTINUED).

Councillor O'Boyle stated that he was particularly interested in the Burtonport District, the water supply scheme for which should have been completed years ago had things been normal. To his mind, Burtonport was more important than Dungloe, which had a water supply of a kind. Burtonport had no water supply at all. He would like to see Burtonport in a more favourable position in the report.

Dr. Bestible stated that he went into this matter very fully, and he found great difficulty in allocating the order of priority.

The Committee recommended that all necessary steps be taken to have the first seven Schemes mentioned in the report carried out.

Councillor Scott asked the County Engineer and County Medical Officer of Health to look into the question of Fahan Sewerage Scheme, which he thought was high on the priority list, but about which no mention had been made in the report submitted. He also mentioned difficulties in connection with Fahan, Muff, Manercunningham, and Newtowncunningham Water Supply Schemes or proposed Schemes.

13/45.

FIXING OF WATER RATE FOR LAUNDRY PURPOSES.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Sheldon, the Committee recommended that a rate of 9d. per 1,000 gallons, with an addition of 2/- per quarter for the hire of the meter, be fixed for water supplied for laundry purposes.

14/45.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NEGOTIATE WITH LETTERKENNY URBAN COUNCIL.

The County Manager asked the Committee to appoint a representative to negotiate with representatives of Letterkenny Urban Council on:-

- (a) financial adjustment arising out of the Lough Salt Water Scheme;
- (b) rent of room for Letterkenny Urban Council Offices; and
- (c) any other matters affecting the Urban and County administration.

The Committee recommended that Councillors Scott and Blaney be appointed as the County Council's representatives.

15/45.

SALARY FIXED FOR POSITION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The County Engineer stated that a protest had been received from the Association of Municipal and County Engineers at the fixing of a salary of £5 : 5 : 0 per week for the temporary position of Assistant Surveyor in the Lifford Area, which had recently been advertised. They asked that a salary scale of £7 : 7 : 0 per week be fixed.

The Committee recommended that the salary be fixed at £6 : 6 : 0 per week, and that the salaries of all temporary Assistant County Engineers be increased to £6 : 6 : 0 per week.

16/45.

RATE COLLECTION.

Councillor Brady stated that there appeared to be a misunderstanding about the Rate Collection for the current year. Many people were under the impression that the law in the matter had been changed.

The County Manager stated that the law in regard to the Rate Collection was the same as it had been since the passing of the Local Government Act, 1898. The first moiety was payable on the service of the Demand Note, and the second moiety on the 1st October.

The amount of interest being paid on overdraft was considerable, and the Collectors had been urged to do everything possible to speed up the collection.

17/45. PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A MACHINERY YARD AT LIFFORD.

The County Engineer submitted the following report:-

"The Council's Road Plant consists of:-

13 Steam Rollers; 2 Diesel Rollers; 2 Petrol Rollers; 7 Traction Engines; 6 Compressors; 1 concrete mixer; 2 drill sharpeners; 17 stonebreakers; 26 living-vans; 46 units of tarring plant; 6 Jack hammers, including 1 concrete breaker.

During the war years we have endeavoured to keep this plant in repair, and serviced from a small shed, measuring 40' x 8', in the Market Yard, Stranorlar.

Quantities of spare parts and oils are stored in this shed, leaving a very restricted space for repair work. Much of the heavy spares are lying outside the shed in the Market Yard, which is open to the public.

We are obliged to store many of the smaller spare parts, and quantities of oil at our Machinery Foreman's premises in order to keep check and control of the Council's property.

We have little or no space under a roof to carry out the many repairs that are constantly required to road-making machinery. Practically all our repairs have to be done in the open, and, consequently, much valuable time is lost during wet weather and the short winter days. Our equipment for dealing with this work is improvised, and we are in great need of lifting gear. Much repair work will have to be done during the next year to prepare our Machinery for the post-War schemes and to overtake work on renews which had to be left over owing to the lack of steel and iron supplies.

I also beg to point out that we have to store much equipment as well for the repair and maintenance of the various waterworks and pumps in the County. We have also to repair and store parts for cranes, sewerage works, beacon lights, Courthouse heating boilers, etc. This work demands some floor space and proper storing accommodation where the Council's property can be easily checked and accounted for. Our methods in dealing with this work at present are cumbrous and out-of-date. With a proper store, materials and tools can be purchased in bulk much cheaper, and a more efficient service provided to our various works and plants.

I have no hesitation that given a fairly-large sized workshop where we can do our repair work, house our stores, make and repair certain parts which we must now import, our repair expenses could be cut very considerably and unnecessary delays in operating the road machinery practically eliminated."

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Kildea, the Committee approved of the report, and recommended that the County Engineer submit an estimate of the cost of the provision of a Machinery yard.

Adopted by Co. Council.

Neil Blaney
Chairman of Co. Council

28th August 1945.

Confirmed

John MacKillop
Chairman of General Purposes
Committee

23rd October, 1945.

COMHAIRLE CHONNDAE DHUN NA nGALL.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1945.

18/45.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Breslin (presiding), Brady, Blaney, Gallen, Kildea, McCaul, McFadden, McMenamin, Sheldon, and Walsh.

19/45.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors Britton, O'Boyle, and Scott.

20/45.

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 Blaney seconded by Councillor Sheldon, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 31st July, 1945, were confirmed unanimously.

21/45.

L O C A L A U T H O R I T I E S (A C C E P T A N C E O F G I F T S) A C T, 1945.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd October, 1945, Circ. No. 106/1945, enclosing a copy of the Local Authorities (Acceptance of Gifts) Act, 1945. Under this Act a Local Authority might at any time adopt a Scheme for the acceptance, holding, and administration of gifts of property for civic improvement. Civic improvement included anything which tended to improve local amenities or was conducive to the welfare of the people. A Scheme made under the Act must provide for the establishment of a separate fund into which the moneys given for the purposes of the Scheme would go. On the adoption of a Scheme the fund established thereunder would be open to all citizens who desired to give or bequeath property for the purpose of civic improvement. Where a gift was offered the Local Authority might accept and administer it if there was a Scheme in existence; otherwise, acceptance and administration of the gift would be subject to the adoption of a Scheme. With the aid of a Civic Improvement Fund, the Local Authority could undertake Schemes for benefit to the community which would be outside their normal statutory functions. The purpose of establishing a Separate fund under a Scheme was to ensure that the gifts would be devoted to the specific purposes for which they were given and to no other purposes. The adoption of a Civic Improvement Scheme would be a matter wholly for the elected body.

The Committee noted the letter.

22/45.

F I R E - F I G H T I N G - C O - O P E R A T I O N W I T H L E T T E R K E N N Y U R B A N C O U N C I L.

The County Manager stated that it would be necessary to come to some working arrangement with the Letterkenny Urban Council about Fire-fighting. At the moment the Letterkenny Urban Council Fire Brigade was under no obligation to attend fires outside the Urban Area. He suggested that representatives be appointed to meet representatives of Letterkenny Urban Council to draw up some working arrangement.

The Committee recommended that Councillors Blaney and Scott be appointed as the representatives of the County Council.

23/45.

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

The following Report was submitted of the Conference at Letterkenny on Monday, 8th October, between representatives of the County Council and Letterkenny Urban District Council regarding the Lough Salt Water Supply Scheme:-

COMHAIRLE CHONNDAE DHUN NA NEALL.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE RE LOUGH SALT WATERWORKS SCHEME HELD AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, LETTERKENNY, ON MONDAY, THE 8TH OCTOBER, 1945.

The following were the representatives present:-

Representing the County Council:- Councillor Blaney, Councillor Scott, Mr. W. J. Doherty, M.R.I.A.I., Mr. V. P. Duffy, Solicitor, Co. Manager, Secretary, and Mr. D. O'Flannagain, Chief Clerk.

Representing Letterkenny Urban Council:- Councillor McKendrick, Councillor McGill, Mr. Moriarty, N.T., Mr. P. Magee, former Town Clerk, Mr. J. Doyle, Acting Town Clerk, Mr. C. V. McLaughlin, A.I.A.A., and Mr. M. R. Regan, Solicitor.

C H A I R M A N.

The Conference appointed the County Manager Chairman.

P O I N T S F O R D I S C U S S I O N.

The items for discussion were:-

- (a) Question of Mr. C. V. McLaughlin's fees being treated as initial engineering expenditure, and, therefore, payable pro-rata by all bodies.
- (b) The liability of the Urban Council for the extra expenditure on part of the Scheme from the reservoir to the town.
- (c) Question of the extra charge for water consumed by Kilmacrenan.
- (d) The Urban Council's contention that through the failure of the County Council to carry out the Scheme completely to the Urban Boundary they suffered certain financial loss.

As regards (a), the discussion centred on the interpretation to be put on the phrase "preliminary expenses" embodied in the Agreement dated 16th November, 1939, entered into between the Letterkenny Urban Council and the former Board of Health. The Urban District Council representatives contended it should cover fees incurred since June, 1932, but the County Council representatives held that only specified fees incurred since 8th November, 1937, were intended to be covered by the Agreement, on which latter date it was claimed that the Scheme was born. The Urban Council's claim under this heading was for £293 : 13 : 0, but the County Council contended it was liable only for £24 : 17 : 0.

No agreement was reached on this item.

As regards (b), the Urban District Council held that the original estimate of £27,000 approximately submitted by the Consultant of the former Board of Health was inadequate, and, accordingly, that the State Grant received was less than it would have been if the original estimate approximated closer to the final cost, viz., £30,000 approximately.

Mr. Doherty pointed out that his original estimate was based on pro-war costs, and it was due to War increases, mainly the abnormal increase in the cost of pipes, that his estimate was upset, and that his estimate was quite close to the final cost, making allowance for the increase in the cost of pipes. Councillor Scott stated that the former Board of Health regarded the State Grant as a very generous one.

No agreement was reached on this item.

As regards (c), under the original Agreement of 1913, the Urban District Council were paid £10 per annum to supply water to Kilmacrenan. When the Board of Health requested the Urban Council to give an adequate supply to the Mental Hospital, the Urban Council informed the Board of Health that it would have to charge £13 per month to supply Kilmacrenan thenceforth. The Urban Council claimed £546 for the supply of water to Kilmacrenan from October, 1939, to January, 1943. Councillor Scott pointed out that the Board of Health informed the Urban District Council at the time that it would not pay more than £10 per annum, and he contended that they acquiesced in this when they accepted the annual payment of £10.

Mr. Magee contended that the Urban Council accepted the £10 p.a. as a payment on account, and that the Board of Health were notified to this effect before the Paying Orders were cashed.

No agreement was reached on this item.

As regards (d), the Urban District Council held that if tenders were taken for the provision of the pipe from the reservoir to the Urban Boundary at the same time as tenders were taken for the provision of the pipe from Lough Salt to the Reservoir, the Scheme would have cost both parties much less.

Mr. Doherty stated that his original instructions were to submit an estimate of the cost of the pipe from the Lake to the Reservoir. He pointed out that the Report of Mr. O'Dwyer, Consulting Engineer, who acted for the Urban District Council, made no mention of a pipe from the Reservoir to the Urban Boundary. At that stage it was believed that if the pipe from the Lake to the Reservoir was rectified, the supply to the town would be quite adequate. Only at a later date was it discovered that the pipe from the Reservoir to the Boundary was defective, and an Agreement was drawn up in November, 1939, to cover this, but that Tenders for the original Scheme had already been taken prior to the date of the Agreement, and hence the Tenders could not have included the cost of the pipe from the Reservoir to the Asylum building.

Mr. Regan stated that the cash value of the Urban Council's claim represented the difference between the original tender of October, 1939, and the subsequent tender of 1943, for the extension of the pipe from the Reservoir to the Urban Boundary.

No agreement was reached on this item.

On the suggestion of the County Manager, the Conference adjourned, and both parties held a private discussion, with a view to making a compromise.

On resumption, Mr. Duffy made the following offer on behalf of the County Council, subject to the County Council's final ratification, viz.:- "that items (a) and (c) be coupled, and that the County Council would pay the Urban District Council a sum of £100 in settlement of the Urban District Council's claims under those heads, the County Council to accept no liability for items (b) and (d)."

Mr. Magee, on behalf of the Urban District Council, stated that the Urban Council would accept £1,000 in settlement of items (b) and (d), and submitted that while the Urban Council may not have any legal claim in respect of item (a) they had an equitable claim.

In view of the divergence between the parties, the County Manager suggested an adjournment so that both parties could confer privately.

The County Council representatives subsequently decided to make an offer to accept the Urban Council's contribution as specified in the Agreement of 16th November, 1939, less a sum of £600 in full settlement of the claims of the Urban Council under all items (a), (b), (c), and (d), without any admission of liability, provided the Urban Council agreed to regard Mr. McLaughlin's fees as a matter for settlement between Mr. McLaughlin and the Urban Council independently; this offer to be subject to ratification by the County Council.

The Conference resumed and Mr. Duffy made the offer referred to in the foregoing paragraph, which was accepted by the Urban District Council. X

RENT FOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES IN "OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL", LETTERKENNY, AT PRESENT LEASED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the Urban District Council pay the County Council a sum of 10/- per week for the rent of the Urban District Council Offices in the "Old Technical School"; this rent to include cost of heating, cleaning, and lighting.

The Conference then ended.

LOUGH SALT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME (CONTINUED) - REPORT OF
CONFERENCE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND
LETTERKENNY URBAN COUNCIL.

The County Manager stated that he considered the result of the Conference a happy ending to an unfortunate dispute.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Report of the Conference be recommended to the County Council for adoption.

Councillor Walsh seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

24/45. PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

The following letter dated 21/9/1945, IR/191, was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is most anxious to ensure that every possible step will be taken to secure the machinery and materials that will be required by local authorities to enable them to resume normal road maintenance at the earliest possible date and to undertake an extensive and continuous programme of road improvement works.

There is reason to believe that small quantities of machinery and materials will become available immediately, and that an improvement in the supplies position may be expected if the demand is shown to exist. It is realised that prices may be high at the outset but it would be unwise to defer purchases in expectation of the lower costs that may ultimately prevail. It is essential that all the road machinery and materials which come on offer should be secured by local authorities as promptly as possible.

Arrangements are being made by the Minister to ascertain the prospects of supplies and to notify City and County Managers from time to time as to the location of supplies. The Minister trusts that on receipt of such notification no time will be lost in placing appropriate orders. Copies of all orders placed by local authorities should be transmitted to this Department.

It is recommended that you lay the matter before the local authorities with a view to getting a general authorisation to make such purchases as are deemed necessary in anticipation of resolutions authorising the expenditure, and, if needed, the borrowing for the purpose."

The County Engineer stated that he had received offers of machinery which might not be available in a very short time. He stated also that a lot of the Council's present plant was wasteful and should be scrapped. It might be too late to defer the matter until the Estimates Meeting.

The Committee recommended, on the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Blaney, that the County Engineer be authorised to expend a sum of £2,500 on the purchases of machinery; the Council to decide later whether the money is to be raised by way of loan or to be provided for in the Estimates.

25/45. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ROADS UNDER ROAD CONTRACT SYSTEM.

When this item came up for discussion, the Secretary read the following extract from a letter from Councillor Scott:-

Road Contracts. "Amounts expended in respect of each district for each of the four years covered by the Report should be furnished to the members. Such statement should show amounts actually paid under (a) the Contract and (b) the Direct Labour systems. We can then compare these with the amounts for which Tenders were invited. It is contended by the Contractors that the amounts offered for the Contracts are insufficient, and that the charges for machinery are excessive. It will be interesting to see what are the charges for machinery under the Direct Labour system."

Councillor Gallen stated that to his mind the system of Tenders should be abolished. There should be a fixed price for all roads.

Councillor Sheldon stated that the percentage of the total cost of advertising should be given.

The Committee recommended that the matter be adjourned, and that the extra figures mentioned by Councillors Scott and Sheldon be circulated.

(Figures circulated to General Purposes Committee appended to this Report.)

26/45. PRODUCTION OF LIMESTONE - GEOLOGIST'S REPORT ON LIMESTONE IN EAST DONEGAL.

The Committee considered the Geologist's Report on Limestone in East Donegal which had been circulated to all members of the County Council on the 17th October, 1945.

The County Manager stated that he was of the opinion that the survey was part of a general survey of the country, and he hoped it would not cost the Council anything, but he would make inquiries in the matter.

A general discussion on the report then took place.

The County Engineer was asked if it would be practicable to operate a portable plant so that as many quarries as possible could be worked. He stated that in his opinion this would not be practicable.

Councillor Gallen was of the opinion that lime deficiency was the chief cause of the failure of the wheat crop. The only good crop of wheat he had this year was in a field the soil of which was not deficient in lime.

Councillor Sheldon proposed that the Committee recommend that the limestone at Tullydonnoll be subjected to a more detailed chemical analysis with a view to ascertaining the percentage of abrasive matter it contained.

Councillor Blaney seconded the recommendation which was adopted unanimously.

The County Manager stated that the Council had already allocated a sum not exceeding £100 in connection with the survey. He suggested that a further sum of £100 be granted by the Council, but it would not be necessary to expend this further sum if the Department charged no fee for the survey already made. The original sum of £100 could then be used for the cost of chemical analyses and any other matters involving expenditure which arose out of the survey. The Committee recommended that the amount be granted.

It was also decided to circulate copies of the report to those members of the Committee of Agriculture who were not members of the Council.

27/45. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANT.

The Committee proceeded to consider the question of the appointment of a Town Planning Consultant for the County Health District.

The Secretary stated that Waterford County had appointed a Planning Consultant and that his fee was £100 plus £25 expenses. His work comprised a preliminary survey and report indicating the lines upon which a Draft Scheme should be designed.

Councillor Brady inquired if this work could not be done by the new Engineer appointed to deal with Public Health Services.

The County Engineer stated that the new Engineer would have his hands full. He warned the Council that Town Planning was going to cost them a good deal of money.

Councillor Brady proposed that the matter be adjourned for twelve months.

Councillor Gallen seconded the proposal.

The County Engineer stated that there was a certain amount of urgency about the matter. Materials were becoming available again, and building would be resumed perhaps on a large scale.

Councillor Walsh inquired if the Urban Councils would be responsible for portion of the cost.

The County Manager explained that Bundoran Urban Council had made an arrangement with the Irish Tourist Board whereby they agreed to co-operate with the Board and contribute a sum not exceeding £100. The other Urban Councils had not yet appointed Consultants. The Co. Council was responsible for the planning of the County Health District.

Councillor Brady inquired if Mr. T. J. O'Reilly could not be seconded to Town Planning.

The County Manager stated that the Council might be faced with the problem of fighting a big law case, and Mr. O'Reilly, not being a member of the Institute of Town Planning, would not be in a position to give expert evidence, which might be required in such a case.

27/45. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANT (CONTINUED).

The Secretary stated that having adopted a Planning Resolution, the Town Planning Acts envisaged the Council adopting at a later stage a comprehensive Planning Scheme. Before a draft Scheme could be prepared, it would be necessary to have a preliminary survey carried out outlining the main points of such a draft Scheme. The making of this preliminary survey would initially be the main task of the Planning Consultant.

Councillor Walsh stated that an expert Planner might be Urban-minded and might not understand rural problems.

Councillor Bredy withdrew his original proposal, and proposed that the County Manager make further inquiries from other Counties with a view to ascertaining a more accurate picture of the probable cost.

Councillor Sheldon seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

28/45. REPAIR OF RAMPART ON ROAD AT DOE CASTLE.

The Committee proceeded to consider the question of the repair of rampart on the Doe Castle Road.

The County Engineer stated that several Councillors were interested in this question. There were two jobs to be done, (1) the putting in of a new flapgate at the culvert on the embankment, and (2) the closing of the holes on the embankment to prevent flooding of the County Road. Prolonged negotiations had been carried out between the Council and the Irish Land Commission on the question of responsibility for this work. The area of land which would benefit by the repairs was very small, something like 25 or 30 acres, but the repairs would be of considerable benefit to the County Road. The estimated cost of the work would be £400. Originally, the Irish Land Commission were not prepared to accept any liability, but eventually agreed to give a grant of £175 plus a further £25 if the cost reached £450. As the result of an interview with the Secretary of the Land Commission, he got him to increase the grant to 50% of any expenditure up to £400. The Secretary of the Land Commission also promised to recommend to his Commissioners that a further grant of 50% would be given if the cost reached £450.

It might not be possible to carry out the repairs during the winter months as work during bad weather would increase the cost, but the work would be carried out during the Spring.

The County Engineer asked the Committee to recommend that a sum not exceeding £200 be granted for this work.

Councillor Sheldon proposed that the Committee recommend the County Council to grant a sum not exceeding £200.

Councillor Blaney seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

29/45. EMBANKMENTS ALONG THE RIVER FINN AT CLADY.

Councillor Gallen stated that the embankments along the River Finn at Clady were broken and causing flooding of the road.

The Chairman suggested that Councillor Gallen lodge Notice of Motion in this matter for the next Meeting of the County Council.

30/45. REPORT FROM COUNTY ENGINEER ON TURF ACCOUNTS.

In connection with this item the Secretary read an extract from a letter from Councillor Scott in which he stated that the term "Report" was really a misnomer, and that a proper financial statement should be furnished in continuation of and starting from the statement already furnished up to the 24th July, 1943.

The County Engineer stated that the figures circulated to the Councillors were the figures as audited by the Officials of the Local Government Department.

The Committee noted the report, it being pointed out that the whole matter could be gone into at the next Meeting of the Council when Councillor Scott would have an opportunity of raising any points on which he desired further information.

31/45. PAYMENT OF BOG TRESPASS.

Councillor Bredy raised the question of payment of trespass to bog-owners in respect of bog entered upon by the Council. He gave instances of cases where the trespass had not yet been paid, and he stated he would raise the matter by way of Notice of Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council.

32/45. NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Councillor Walsh stated that sufficient notice had not been given of that meeting of the General Purposes Committee. The Committee decided to have another Meeting on Tuesday, 13th November, 1945, at twelve noon.

Adopted by Co. Council

Neil Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council.

13th November, 1945.

Confirmed.
Colm Mac Brosnan

Chairman of General Purposes
Committee

11th December, 1945.

ROAD CONTRACTS.

TABLE A.

District	Amount for which Tenders were invited.	Amount for which tenders were received and accepted.	Col. 2. as a percentage of Col. 1.	1942/43.		Col. 5 as a percentage of Col. 4.
				No. of roads for which Tenders were invited.	No. of roads for which Tenders were received and accepted.	
Alleach.	£2,869: 3:0	£230: 6:0	8	103	7	5.8
Ballyshannon.	£75: 0:0	£293: 9:0	39	34	12	35.3
Donegal.	£1,985: 0:0	£224: 5:0	31.4	117	41	35.0
Dunfaneghy.	£1,453: 0:0	£184: 5:0	39	44	13	29.5
Glenties.	£1,355: 0:0	£910: 9:0	67	80	40	50.0
Inishowen.	£4,220: 0:0	£117: 6:0	10	214	29	13.5
Lettirkenny.	£2,166: 0:0	£504: 12:0	23.2	105	30	28.6
Lifford.	£3,222: 0:0	£421: 14:0	13	141	29	20.6
Millford.	£3,48: 0:0	£163: 0:0	47	25	12	48.0
Stranorlar.	£1,279: 0:0	£118: 17:0	17	80	16	20.0
TOTAL.	£18,663: 0:0	£3,966: 3:0	21.2	943	229	24.3
Alleach.	£2,542: 7:0	£5: 0:0	.2	104	1	.9
Ballyshannon.	£70: 0:0	£200: 0:0	27	30	6	20
Donegal.	£2,532: 16:0	£281: 15:0	11	130	18	13.8
Dunfaneghy.	£1,263: 0:0	£59: 18:0	77	7	5	71.4
Glenties.	£1,263: 0:0	£187: 0:0	15	76	12	15.8
Inishowen.	£5,217: 10:0	£185: 17:0	3.6	246	11	4.4
Lettirkenny.	£1,984: 5:0	£187: 17:0	19	52	11	20.0
Lifford.	£1,953: 3:0	£51: 18:0	7.7	101	6	5.9
Millford.	£39: 0:0	£22: 0:0	56.0	4	2	50.0
Stranorlar.	£2,790: 6:0	£211: 0:0	7.6	126	13	10.3
TOTAL.	£18,145: 4:0	£1492: 5:0	8.2	879	85	9.7

TABLE A. (CONTINUED).

1944/45.

District.	Amount for which Tenders were invited. (1)	Amount for which Tenders were received and accepted. (2)	Col. 2 as a percentage of Col. 1. (3)	No. of roads for which Tenders were invited. (4)	No. of roads for which Tenders were received and accepted. (5)	Col. 5 as a percentage of Col. 4. (6)
Atleach.	£3,917: 0: 0.	£19:10: 0.	.5	142.	2.	1.4
Ballyshannon.	£1,215: 0: 0.	£515: 4: 0.	26.0	57.	13.	22.8
Donegal.	£4,117: 0: 0.	£1,176: 3: 0.	28.6	181.	50.	27.6
Dunfanaghy.	£1,046: 0: 0.	£100:10: 0.	9.5	80.	8.	10.0
Glenties.	£4,942: 0: 0.	£1,588:10: 0.	32.1	245.	97.	35.8
Inishowen.	£8,227: 2: 0.	£365:11: 0.	4.4	330.	25.	7.6
Letterkenny.	£4,161:15: 0.	£1,012: 0: 0.	24.3	145.	35.	22.8
Lifford.	£2,426: 0: 0.	-----	---	102.	---	---
Millford.	£4,173: 0: 0.	£2,009:10: 0.	48.0	208.	122.	58.6
Stranorlar.	£2,669: 0: 0.	£370: 0: 0.	14.0	117.	20.	17.1
TOTAL.	£36,973:17: 0.	£6,956:18: 0.	18.8	1,605.	360.	22.4.
			1945/46.			
Atleach.	£4,152:10: 0.	£52: 0: 0.	---	138.	---	---
Ballyshannon.	£1,069:10: 0.	£143: 0: 0.	4.8	46.	2.	4.3
Donegal.	£3,495: 0: 0.	-----	4.1	109.	10.	9.2
Dunfanaghy.	£1,174: 0: 0.	-----	---	6.	---	---
Glenties.	£4,996: 0: 0.	£413: 4: 0.	8.3	164.	21.	12.8
Inishowen.	£7,530: 0: 0.	£222: 0: 0.	3.0	283.	14.	4.9
Letterkenny.	£3,816: 0: 0.	£197: 0: 0.	5.1	74.	6.	8.1
Lifford.	£2,671: 0: 0.	48: 0: 0.	1.8	87.	2.	2.3
Millford.	£2,952:10: 0.	195: 0: 0.	6.6	100.	11.	11.0
Stranorlar.	£2,674: 0: 0.	61: 0: 0.	2.3	74.	5.	6.8
TOTAL.	£34,550:10: 0.	£1331: 4: 0.	3.8	1,081.	71.	6.5

TABLE B.

EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRACT SYSTEM.

Year.	Printed Schedules.	Press advertisements and posters.	Stationery and embossing.	Expenses of Tenders Meetings.	TOTAL.
1942/43.	£130 :10: 0.	£17: 0 : 0.	£129: 0: 0.	£19 :10 : 0.	£296: 0: 0.
1943/44.	£121 : 8: 4.	£17: 0 : 0.	£89: 0: 0.	£19 :10 : 0.	£246:18: 4.
1944/45.	£255 : 4: 8.	£17: 4 : 0.	£188:10: 0.	£19 :10 : 0.	£480: 8: 8.
1945/46.	£225 :15: 8.	£19: 4 : 0.	£36: 9: 1.	£19 :10 : 0.	£300:18: 9.
TOTAL...	£732 :18: 8.	£70: 8 : 0.	£442:19: 1.	£78 : 0 : 0.	£1324: 5:9.

TABLE C.
 TABLE SHOWING THE NATURE AND NUMBER OF THREE-YEARLY CONTRACTS ACTUALLY TAKEN, AND THE PAYMENTS MADE ON FOOT OF THESE CONTRACTS DURING THE CONTRACT PERIOD.

DISTRICT.	Yearly value of contracts taken on 1/4/1942.		No. of contracts taken.	Amount paid for year 1942/43.		No. of contracts.	Amount paid for year 1943/44.		No. of contracts.	Amount paid for year 1944/45.		No. of contracts.	Amount paid for year 1944/45.		No. of contracts.		
	£	s		£	s		£	s		£	s		£	s			
Allach.	230	6	0	29	11	0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.		
Ballyshannon.	295	9	0	208	19	10	72	10	0	5	5	0	29	5	0		
Donegal.	624	5	0	505	9	9	305	6	3	24	164	8	0	164	8	0	
Dunfanaghy.	182	5	0	102	1	8	72	15	0	5	31	16	8	31	16	8	
Glenties.	910	9	0	869	11	6	712	5	8	35	355	14	6	355	14	6	
Inishowen.	417	6	0	340	7	2	181	4	0	15	146	0	4	146	0	4	
Letterkenny.	504	12	0	318	2	8	226	6	8	16	152	19	4	152	19	4	
Lifford.	421	14	0	296	8	0	102	0	0	6	56	0	0	56	0	0	
Milford.	165	0	0	137	0	0	116	10	0	8	35	15	0	35	15	0	
Stranorlar.	218	17	0	137	18	0	55	17	0	4	22	17	0	22	17	0	
TOTAL...	£3,966	3	0	£2,945	9	7	£1,844	14	7	116	£392	15	10	£392	15	10	70
Allach.	5	0	0	5	0	0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Ballyshannon.	200	0	0	119	15	0	55	0	0	4	55	0	0	55	0	0	
Donegal.	281	15	0	107	6	0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	
Dunfanaghy.	59	18	0	49	15	0	19	0	0	2	19	0	0	19	0	0	
Glenties.	187	0	0	122	10	0	52	10	0	4	52	10	0	52	10	0	
Inishowen.	185	17	0	154	17	0	130	10	0	9	130	10	0	130	10	0	
Letterkenny.	187	17	0	120	18	0	46	8	0	4	46	8	0	46	8	0	
Lifford.	151	18	0	88	18	0	35	0	0	1	35	0	0	35	0	0	
Milford.	32	0	0	5	10	0	5	0	0	1	5	0	0	5	0	0	
Stranorlar.	211	0	0	96	0	0	52	16	8	4	52	16	8	52	16	8	
TOTAL...	£1,492	5	0	£870	9	0	£396	4	8	29	£396	4	8	£396	4	8	29

TABLE C.

TABLE C. (CONTINUED).

District.	Yearly value of contracts taken on 1/4/1944.	No. of contracts taken.	Amount paid for year 1944/45.	No. of contracts.
Alleach.	19 : 10 : 0.	2.	Nil.	---
Ballyshannon.	515 : 4 : 0.	13.	221 : 0 : 8.	11.
Donegal.	£1,176 : 3 : 0.	50.	769 : 9 : 0.	43.
Dunfanaghy.	100 : 10 : 0.	8.	89 : 10 : 0.	7.
Glenties.	£1,583 : 10 : 0.	87.	£1,138 : 10 : 0.	71.
Inishowen.	365 : 11 : 0.	25.	282 : 6 : 0.	22.
Lettirkenny.	£1,012 : 0 : 0.	33.	423 : 7 : 8.	22.
Lifford.	Nil.	---	Nil.	---
Milford.	£2,009 : 10 : 0.	122.	£1,559 : 0 : 0.	106.
Stranorlar.	370 : 0 : 0.	20.	299 : 0 : 0.	18.
TOTAL....	£6,356 : 18 : 0.	360.	£4,782 : 3 : 4.	300.

NOTE:- The reduction in the amounts paid during the period of the contract was due to failure on the part of Contractors to carry out the work contracted for. This led to the breaking of the contracts.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1945.

33/45. A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:-
Councillors Breslin, T.D. (presiding), Sheldon, T.D., Blaney, T.D., Brady, T.D., Scott, McCaul, Britton, O'Boyle, Kildea, and Gallen.

34/45. A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillor Louis Walsh, and Dr. M. J. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health.

35/45. 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 Brady seconded by Councillor Blaney, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1945, were confirmed unanimously.

36/45. R E V I E W O F S I T E S F O R L A B O U R E R S ' C O T T A G E S.
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A S S I S T A N T C O U N T Y E N G I N E E R O ' R E I L L Y.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Mr. J. B. McNulty, Solicitor, Raphoe, asking to be heard on behalf of the East Donegal Development Association, and the Committee agreed to hear Mr. McNulty.

Mr. McNulty stated that he was interested in two sites, viz., Site numbered 715-732 in the townland of Coneyburrow (Page 17 of the Report), and Site numbered 777-798 in the townland of Dundee (Page 23 of the Report.)

He put forward a number of points regarding these sites, and he asked that the recommendations as given in the Report regarding these sites be not accepted.

He then withdrew, and thanked the Committee for hearing his views.

Councillor Gallen stated that he wished to point out again that in his opinion the Report was out of order, and that any action which the Council or Committee might take thereon was ultra vires.

Councillor Scott agreed with Councillor Gallen and pointed out that these sites had already been approved by the Department's Engineers and had been adjudicated upon by an Arbitrator, and that the Council had no option but to proceed and build upon all the sites already acquired.

During the course of the discussion on individual sites, the question of density (the number of cottages per acre) was discussed. It was agreed that in the case of cottages built in groups near villages or towns, the density could be increased to between six and ten to the acre. In rural areas it might be necessary to allow a plot of half-an-acre to go with each Cottage.

In the course of the discussion regarding sites in the Ramelton Area, the representations of the Ramelton Town Improvements Committee were considered, and it was agreed to have a re-examination of all the sites recommended for rejection as requested by the Committee.

Councillor O'Boyle pointed out that the Housing needs of the Dungloe Area appeared to have been overlooked, and he also appealed for the erection of a Nurse's Cottage on Tory Island, and a Nurse's Cottage at Kincasslagh.

The Committee agreed that on the re-inspection of the Lackenagh site (Page 114 of the Report), an effort should be made to select suitable sites for houses in the Dungloe Area.

It was also pointed out that the Housing needs of the following areas would require consideration:-
Culdeff; Carndonagh; Ballyshannon Rural; Gweedore; and Ardara; it being noted that the Ardara Parish Council had made representations regarding their own area.

The Committee agreed that the possibility of obtaining suitable sites to serve these areas should be explored immediately. Each site was discussed separately, and the following is a tabulated statement of their recommendations to the County Council:-

(1) Sites in respect of which the Committee recommended that Building Licences be applied for by the County Council.

<u>Page No. of Report.</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
7.	647 - 656.	Proviso to be inserted in Contract that Drainage works be carried out.
8.	657.	
16.	709-714.	Eight Cottages recommended to be built, and density to be increased to twelve if possible.
17.	715-732.	
21.	743-756.	
23.	777-798.	
25.	803-805, 805a, 806.	
26.	806a.	Inquire if there is room available on site for one further Cottage.
52.	993-994.	
54.	999.	
56.	1002.	
58.	1020-1021.	
61.	1031-1033.	
65.	1054-1057.	Water diviner to be employed, and if water is available, Cottages to be built and density increased.
77.	121.	
83.	128.	
87.	22.	
94.	80.	
96.	220.	
100.	584.	
102.	101-102.	
106.	415.	
108.	436.	
109.	467.	
110.	515.	

(2) Sites in respect of which the Committee recommended that consideration should be adjourned generally.

3.	600-603.	
11.	665-666.	
12.	667-668.	Views of local Councillors to be obtained.
18.	733-734.	
19.	735-736.	Views of local Councillors to be obtained.
24.	799-802.	
27.	807-810.	
32.	841-842.	
35.	845-846.	
36.	861-862.	
51.	990-992.	
53.	998.	
62.	1034-1035.	
64.	1049-1050.	
69.	62.	
70.	64.	
78.	122.	
91.	54.	
92.	55.	
95.	161.	
101.	31 and 32.	
107.	416.	

- (3) Sites recommended for joint re-inspection by the Officers of the Council, the Consultant Engineers, and the local Councillors.

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37.	851a - 862b.B.	
38.	863 - 866.	
39.	867 - 871.	
40.	872 - 873.	
41.	878 - 883.	
43.	888-891.	
47.	934 - 945.	
48.	946 - 957.	
67.	1064 - 1068.	
88.	39.	Co. Engineer to submit special Report.
99.	581.	
104.	285. 286.	
114.	1075.	

- (4) Sites recommended for offer back to the original owner in accordance with Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1883. (If the original owners do not desire to have these sites re-conveyed to them, the sites will be sold by public auction.)

5.	615- 616.	
10.	664.	
14.	688a.	
28.	811 - 812.	
29.	813 - 814.	
33.	843 - 844.	
46.	912 - 913.	Further Cottage to be built on Plot No. 31A. (Ranny, Kerrykeel.)
71.	113.	
72.	114 and 115.	
73.	116.	
74.	117.	
75.	118.	
76.	119.	
79.	123.	
81.	125.	
82.	126.	
84.	129.	
90.	51.	

- (5) Sites in respect of which the legal position should be clarified before further consideration.

105. 298 - 299.

- (6) Sites in respect of which the Committee recommended that consideration be adjourned, pending search for alternative sites.

<u>Page No. of Report.</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
9.	659.	
15.	689 - 708.	
20.	737 - 742.	
49.	982 - 985.	
55.	1000.	
60.	1028 - 1030.	
63.	1036 - 1037.	
80.	124.	
89.	49 and 50.	Alternative site to be sought in Tamney.
93.	56	
103.	121A, 122A, 123A, and 124A.	Compensation to be claimed from Electricity Supply Board.

- (7) Alternative sites offered by former owners to be built on if suitable; all legal costs to be borne by former owners, and consent of Minister for Local Government to be obtained.

59.	1022 - 1023.	Former Owner (Mr. P. Mahon.)
111.)	552. }	Site No. 552a to be inspected and reported upon.
112.)	552a. }	

- (8) Sites in respect of which the Committee noted that Building Licence had already been applied for as decided by County Council at their Meeting on 28th August, 1945. (206/45 C.C.)

3.	604 - 608.	
6.	633 - 646.	
13.	669 - 688.	Density to be increased.
22.	757 - 776.	Alternative site offered by former owner to be inspected immediately.
30.	815 - 824.	Density to be increased.
31.	833 - 840.	
42.	884 - 887.	
44.	892 - 897.	
45.	898 - 903.	
50.	986 - 989.	
57.	1003 - 1017.	
113.	904 - 911.	Density to be increased.
66.	1059 - 1063.	Density to be increased.

37/45. HARBOURS BILL, 1945.

A letter was submitted from the Department of Industry and Commerce enclosing a copy of the Harbours Bill, 1945, and stating that the Minister would be glad to be furnished with any observations or representations in connection with the Bill which the Council may desire to submit. Representations should be made in writing not later than the 16th December, 1945.

The Committee decided that any representations necessary could be made by the Deputies for the County when the Bill is next before the Dail.

38/45. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS.

Consideration of all other items on the Agenda was adjourned until next Meeting.

Adopted by Co. Council.
Thomas Dolan
 Chairman of Co. Council.
 29th January, 1946.

Confirmed
Thomas Dolan
 Chairman of General Purposes Committee.
 15th January, 1946

