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THE ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1939.

1/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

2/39.

A P O L O G Y.

A letter was read from Councillor Brady stating that he regretted he was unable to be present at the Annual Road Works Meeting. He trusted that the Road Estimate would be considerably reduced in view of the possibility of increases in other directions which could not be reduced so readily.

3/39.

THE LATE MOST REV. DR. O'KANE, LORD BISHOP OF DERRY.

The Chairman proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Council be extended to the Irish Hierarchy and to the priests and people of Derry Diocese on the death of the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Kane. He stated that Dr. O'Kane was a great Churchman, an outstanding scholar, and a sterling patriot. His death was a national loss.

Councillor McDaid seconded the motion, which was also supported by Councillor Mahony.

The Secretary stated that as one who had the privilege of studying under the late Dr. O'Kane he wished to be associated personally with the resolution.

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

As a mark of respect to the deceased Bishop, whose funeral was taking place that day, the Meeting adjourned for two hours.

4/39.

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1940.

The Secretary submitted the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1940, the totals of which were as follows:-

<u>REPAIR.</u>	
Main Roads.....	£41,493.
County Roads.....	£43,673.
<u>IMPROVEMENT.</u>	
Main Roads.....	£328.
County Roads.....	£1,213.
Councillors' Motions, Main Roads.....	£662.
Councillors' Motions, County Roads.....	£1,815.
<u>URBAN AREAS.</u>	
Letterkenny.....	320.
Buncrana.....	200.
Bundoran.....	200.
<u>CONTINGENCIES.</u>	
Main Roads.....	500.
County Roads.....	£1,000.
<u>MAINTENANCE OF WARNING AND DIRECTION SIGNS.</u>	
<u>OUTSTANDING LOANS.</u>	100.
Dreenan Bridge.....	£10.
Drumboe Bridge.....	£11:10:0.
Annagry-Ranafast Road.....	£177: 0:0.
Relief of Unemployment Schemes (£18,000)	£4,210: 0:0.
Relief of Unemployment Schemes (£3,000).	£684: 0:0.
Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme.....	£1,360: 0:0.
TOTAL.....	£97,956:10:0.

Councillor Scott drew attention to the fact that certain monies were proposed to be expended in Urban Areas under the heading of "Councillors' Motions", and he criticised this procedure.

In reply to a query, the Secretary stated that the expenditure proposed this year exceeded that of last year by £8,762.

Councillor McClafferty proposed that the total expenditure proposed be approved of.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

Councillor Friel proposed, as an amendment, that a reduction of £8,762 be made in the expenditure proposed for Main Roads.

Councillor McCrea seconded the amendment, which was put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment:-

Councillors Byrne, Friel, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, McCrea, McMenamin, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), and McRory.

Total 11.

Against the amendment:-

Councillors Cole, Mahony, McClafferty, McDaid, McFadden, McIvor, and Scott. Total 7.

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

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

5/39.

APPOINTMENT OF TENDERS COMMITTEES.

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

BUNGRAHA COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

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

DONEGAL COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

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

GLENTIES COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

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

LETTERKENNY COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Grerand, Hannigan, Gallon, Mahony, McCrea, McMenamin, and Wagentreiber.

MILFORD COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

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

6/39.

DECISION OF MANNER AND CONDITIONS FOR MAKING TENDERS.

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

The Secretary raised the question of filling the Bonds for double the amount of the Tender, and he stated that this increased the stamp duty levied on the Bonds, which was calculated pro-rata.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain the Council's Solicitor's advice as to the advisability of filling the Bonds for the exact amount of the Tender.

7/39.

ILLNESS OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, was ill, and he asked for permission to engage an Engineer to act in his district for a month.

The Council unanimously acceded to the application; and fixed the remuneration at £5 : 5 : 0 per week.

8/39. DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION OF TENDERS.

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

Aileach.....	Tuesday, 14th February, 1939.
Ballyshannon.....	Saturday, 11th February, 1939.
Donegal.....	Saturday, 18th February, 1939.
Dunfanaghy.....	Saturday, 18th February, 1939.
Dungloe.....	Friday, 17th February, 1939.
Glenties.....	Wednesday, 15th February, 1939.
Inishowen.....	Saturday, 18th February, 1939.
Kilcar.....	Friday, 17th February, 1939.
Letterkenny.....	Thursday, 16th February, 1939.
Lifford.....	Wednesday, 15th February, 1939.
Milford.....	Friday, 17th February, 1939.
Stranorlar.....	Friday, 17th February, 1939.

9/39. APPLICATION TO HAVE CONCRETE FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTED IN QUAY STREET, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Quay Street, Moville, applying to have a concrete footpath constructed in front of their houses. It would be about 279 feet long and would extend from the house of Edward Harold to that of Patrick Barr.

Councillor McDaid stated that this work was provided for in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

10/39. PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROADS IN TOWNLANDS OF CASHELARD AND ARDFARNA TO BE COUNTY ROADS.

The following Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor McShea stood on the Agenda:-

- (1) "That the new road between County Roads Nos. 2094 and 2096 in the townland of Cashelard be declared a County Road."
- (2) "That the new road between the County Road at James Boyle's in the townland of Ardfarna and the County Road near the Leitrim Border be declared a County Road."

Mr. O'Reilly stated that no provision for the maintenance of these roads had been made in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

Owing to the fact that Councillor McShea had left the Meeting before these items were reached, consideration of the matter was further adjourned until next Meeting.

11/39. ROAD IN ELECTORAL DIVISION OF EANYMORE DECLARED A COUNTY ROAD.

The following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Gallagher was proposed by Councillor McRory and seconded by Councillor McShane:-

"That the connecting road from the end of the road at William Hogarty's, Edenamuck, to the County Road at Drumnaherk School, in the District Electoral Division of Eanymore, be declared a County Road."

Mr. O'Reilly stated that this road complied with all the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Secretary stated that the required public notice had been given in the Press.

Mr. O'Reilly further stated that the surface of the road was very bad, and that only £30 had been included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for its repair and maintenance. He estimated that it would take £150 to make the road properly, and he stated that £30 would only make about 20 perches of the road.

The Council unanimously decided to declare 20 perches of the road a County Road.

12/39. PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROAD IN CASTLEFIN AREA TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

The following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor McKenamin was withdrawn:-
 "That the road leading from County Road No. 1478 (Castlefin-Convoy between Castlefin Railway Station and Doohan Four Roads) to the houses of W. Kerr, T. Wylie, T. Harron, and W. Harron, be declared a County Road."

13/39. LISTING OF ROADS IN NUMERICAL ORDER OF MAP NUMBERS.

Councillor McDaid made a suggestion that when listing roads in future they should be entered in numerical order of Map Numbers. The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor to look into.

14/39. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

The Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, 28th March, 1939.

Confirmed.

Wm W. Fadden

Chairman of Lp. Council.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1939.

15/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

16/39.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors McClafferty and McShea.

17/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 29th December, 1938, were confirmed unanimously.

18/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on the 10th January, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

19/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 29th December, 1938, was adopted unanimously.

20/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor McIvor the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 29th December, 1938, was adopted unanimously.

21/39.

R E P O R T O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G H E L D O N T H E 2 9 T H D E C E M B E R , 1 9 3 8.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 29th December, 1938, was adopted unanimously.

22/39.

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

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 10th January, 1939, be adopted.

Councillor Brady called attention to Minute No. 10/39 of this Report regarding the payment to Mr. Patrick Maguire, Cloghervaddy, Inver, of poundage fees due to Mr. Eamonn Ward, ex-Rate Collector, and he stated that there were other persons, in addition to Mr. Maguire, who had claims against Mr. Ward.

It was decided to refer this Minute back to the Sub-Finance Committee for re-consideration, and the remainder of the Report was adopted unanimously.

23/39.

R E P O R T O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G H E L D O N T H E 1 7 T H J A N U A R Y , 1 9 3 9.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 17th January, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

24/39.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 17th January, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

Arising out of the Report, Councillor Brady called attention to the amount of the Solicitor's Bill of Costs for the year 1938, and he stated that he thought the time was coming when the Council would have to take steps to amalgamate the law services of the Council with those of the Subsidiary Bodies, and appoint a whole-time Solicitor.

Councillor Scott stated that he was in agreement with Councillor Brady.

No action was taken in the matter.

25/39.

LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1938.

The List of Payments for the quarter ended 31st December, 1938, was submitted, and payment ordered as recommended by the Finance Committee.

26/39.

LICENCES IN CONNECTION WITH REMOVAL OF GRAVEL FROM THE FORESHORE AT FANAD.

Councillor Blaney referred to the removal of gravel from the foreshore at Fanad by certain persons for County Council works. The persons who removed the gravel had to apply for the necessary licences themselves, and he thought that these licences should be obtained by the Surveyors.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the obtaining of licences for the removal of gravel was a matter for the persons concerned, and that the Department of Industry and Commerce had pointed this out to the Council on a previous occasion.

27/39.

MR. J. G. McIVOR, ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd December, 1938, enclosing copy of letter addressed to Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, Dunfanaghy, informing him that the Minister was satisfied that he possessed a knowledge of Irish sufficient to enable him adequately to perform through that language the duties of his Office as Assistant County Surveyor.

Councillor Scott proposed and it was unanimously decided to extend the Council's congratulations to Mr. McIvor on his success.

28/39.

MESSRS. JOHN MCGINLEY AND WILLIAM J. CRAMPSEY, RATE COLLECTORS - KNOWLEDGE OF IRISH.

Letters were read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd December, 1938, enclosing copies of letters addressed to Messrs. William J. Crampsey and John McGinley, Rate Collectors, informing them that they had failed to satisfy the Minister that they possessed a knowledge of Irish sufficient to enable them adequately to perform their duties through the medium of that language.

Councillor Lynch proposed that in view of the fact that Collector Crampsey was 60 years of age and Collector McGinley 55 years of age, the Department of Local Government be requested to waive their regulations in regard to the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders in the cases of these two Collectors.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

29/39.

LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 31st December, 1938, S.5410/11/38, Letterkenny U.D., inquiring what action had been taken by the Council regarding the proposed scheme for the improvement of Letterkenny Water Supply.

30/39.

NAMES APPROVED FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH MARGARINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 31st December, 1938, S.K.8/2/38, enclosing copies of a memorandum as to the names approved during the year 1938 by the Minister for Agriculture for use in connection with margarine.

31/39.

COST-OF-LIVING BONUS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd January, 1939, G.122/38, stating that the cost-of-living bonus for the period 1st January to 30th June, 1939, in the case of Government employees, would be based on an average cost-of-living figure of 75, the same as obtained for the six months which commenced on the 1st July, 1938.

32/39.

SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Carndonagh on the 25th January, 1939, of lands in Straths, now or formerly in the occupation of Repts. Ellen Duffy.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Moville on the 25th January, 1939, of lands in Bredagh Glen, now or formerly in the occupation of Neil McLaughlin.

33/39.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO MASTER PATRICK QUINN, ELAGHBEG.

A letter was read from the Office of National Education dated 7th January, 1939, O.N.E. 2/48558, stating that it was noted that Patrick Quinn, to whom the Council decided to award a Scholarship, intended to remain at St. Columb's College, Derry. As this School was not a School approved by the Minister for Education for the reception of Scholarship holders, it was regretted that the award of a Scholarship to this student could not be sanctioned.

34/39.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Trentagh; Lisahully; Gargrim; Ballymena, Cookenny; Churchtown and Derrylahan; Stracastle; Drumdoit; Ballynahona; Trentaboy; Fenaghan; Cottown; and Killymasney.

35/39.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1939/40. TABLES A. AND B.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th January, 1939, RGM/201/39, requesting to be furnished, as soon as possible, on Tables A. and B. with particulars of the expenditure proposed in the Road Works Scheme, 1939/40. The completed forms should be accompanied by a certified copy of the approved Road Works Scheme, 1939/40.

36/39.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - SUBMISSION OF REPORTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th January, 1939, asking to be furnished with the necessary reports on Forms T. 2/3. in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of:-

James O'Byrne, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.

Hugh O'Donnell, Porthall;

William Hegarty, Dinnystown, Letterkenny.

37/39.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - SUBMISSION OF RECOUPMENT CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, dated 16th January, 1939, asking to be furnished with recoupment claims in respect of animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order during the quarter ended 31st December, 1938.

38/39.

PAYMENT OF OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th January, 1939, G.42/39, Dun na nGall., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 13th December, 1938, re Overdue Accounts, and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to payment not later than the 28th February of the accounts mentioned therein.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th January, 1939, G.1182-32/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 6th January re Overdue Accounts, and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the issue of Paying Orders in lieu of out-of-date Orders set out in the Council's Minute No. 1401/38 of Meeting held on the 29th December. The original Orders should be cancelled and retained for inspection by the Auditor.

39/39.

ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 13adh Eanáir, 1939, G.904/39, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 i gcoir costais roatha sealadacha. Bhí an t-udaras seo dleagthach suas go dtí 31adh la de'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach go dtí an 28adh Feabhra, 1939.

Socrúigheadh go n-íarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dtí an 28adh Feabhra, 1939.

40/39.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT, 1938/39.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th January, 1939, enclosing a Payable Order for £8,000 in respect of a further instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1939.

41/39.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

An invitation was submitted to the twenty-fifth Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to be held in Belfast in June, 1939.

42/39.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd December, 1938, Circ. Letter No. G.124/38, stating that the total amount which it was proposed to provide in the year commencing on the 1st April, 1939, for the relief of rates on agricultural land would be the same as in the current year, that is £1,870,000. A Bill was in preparation to continue on the existing basis the allocation of the Grant and the method of applying it to the relief of rates.

43/39.

EMPLOYMENT OF MR. CYRIL ARNOLD, M.R.C.V.S., AS VETERINARY INSPECTOR IN THE MILFORD DISTRICT DURING THE ABSENCE FROM THE DISTRICT OF MR. McILHARGEY.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 11th January, 1939, L.130/39, stating that the Minister offered no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. Cyril Arnold, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector in the Milford District during the absence of Mr. McIlhargey. Mr. McIlhargey was entitled to an annual holiday, with pay, of 14 days. The remuneration payable by the Council to Mr. Arnold was, accordingly, limited to the amount payable to Mr. McIlhargey in respect of his absence on leave for 14 days.

44/39.

REPAIR OF SHEEP DIPPING BATH AT BALLINACARRICK, DOOCHARY.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 5th January, 1939, L.5220/38, stating that no objection was offered to the payment of a sum of 4s/8d to the Co-operative Stores, Lettermacaward, in respect of material supplied to Sub-Inspector John Boyle for repairs to the Dipping Bath at Ballinacarrick, Doochary.

45/39. SHEEP DIPPING BATHS AT SESSIAGHONEILL, BALLYBOFEY, AND
CONNAGHKINNEGO, BALLYMAGAN.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 20th January, 1939, L.5220/39, stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the proposed arrangement referred to in Minute No. 89/38, whereby the newly-erected dipping bath at Sessiaghoneill would be available for the use of sheep-owners in the district who wished to dip their sheep at times outside the prescribed dipping period, provided the Council did not undertake any responsibility or incur any expenditure in connection with such dippings. It was noted that sheep-owners were each to be charged 1/- per day for the use of the Bath on such occasions, and that Mr. Woods, who was to collect the fees, was to be allowed 5% of the monies so collected together with postage expenses. In connection with Minute No. 90/38, no objection was offered to the payment to Mr. William Coyle of a sum of 11s/6d in respect of repairs to the dipping bath at Connaghkinnego, Ballymagan.

46/39. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MR. O'REILLY, ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 19th January, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the claims of Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, in respect of Travelling Expenses incurred in the months of April, May, and June, 1938, might be paid.

47/39. NAMES OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTIONAL WORK
DURING 1938.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Statistics Branch, Lower Castle Yard, South, Dublin, dated 4th January, 1939, asking to be furnished with a list of the names and addresses of Builders and Contractors engaged in building and constructional work in the County during 1938.

48/39. GARDEN CITIES AND TOWN PLANNING ASSOCIATION.

An invitation was submitted to the Annual Conference of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association to be held at Cardiff in May, 1939.

49/39. REQUEST TO HAVE OLD AGE PENSIONS PAID AT 65 YEARS OF AGE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Old Age Pensions Branch, stating that the resolution adopted by the Council regarding the payment of Old Age Pensions at 65 years of age should be referred to the Department of Finance.

On the motion of Councillor Lynch it was unanimously decided to request the Department of Finance to introduce legislation to amend the law so that Old Age Pensions be paid at 65 years of age.

50/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £7,000 BY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PROVISION
OF WATER SUPPLY FROM BUNBEG TO DERRYBEG, AND FROM ANNAGRY
TO KINCASSLAGH.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £7,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply from Bunbeg to Derrybeg, and from Annagry to Kincasslagh."

51/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT TO HAVE NEW ROAD MADE FROM THE MAIN LAGG
ROAD, MALIN, TO THE PARKS.

Councillor Lynch proposed, Councillor Kavanagh seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That we ask the Board of Works for a grant to make a road from the Main Lagg Road, Malin, at Henderson's, to the Parks, through the lands of Messrs. John Harvey, Thomas Fulton, John Davis, John Henderson, William Fulton, and Thomas Fulton."

52/39.

CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Sweeney, Drumnatinney, Falcarragh, dated 13th January, 1939, asking the Council to receive at their Meeting on Tuesday, 31st January, a deputation in connection with the finances of the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Scheme.

Mr. Sweeney appeared before the Council, and complained of the assessments imposed on him under the Drainage Act in connection with the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Scheme.

He stated that his assessment had been increased from £1 : 8 : 0 to £8 : 1 : 8, and he could not continue to keep paying it. He had no objection to the ordinary costs of maintenance, but he alleged that unnecessary additions and improvements had been carried out to the Scheme. He asked the Council not to approve of any further expenditure.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, explained the Council's position in the matter.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that before incurring any further expenditure on this Scheme the Council invite the views of the parties concerned.

53/39.

LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Scott asked to have the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda further adjourned:-

"That Minute No. 1133/37 of the 28th September, 1937, in connection with the Letterkenny Water Supply, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

54/39.

PROTEST AGAINST THE INCREASES IN THE SALARIES OF THE DAIL DEPUTIES.

Councillor O'Brien proposed:- "That this Council condemn the action of all the Deputies in the Dail of every political party who voted recently for increases of their own salaries, and condemn also the granting of pensions to ex-Cabinet Ministers, ex-Governors-Generals, and ex-Presidents, as the present financial position of Eire does not warrant such lavish and unnecessary expenditure."

Councillor O'Brien spoke at length in support of his proposal, which was seconded by Councillor Lynch.

The motion was opposed by Councillors Blaney and Scott.

On a show of hands Councillor O'Brien's proposal was carried by 13 votes to 5.

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57/39.

ROAD BETWEEN THE END OF THE COUNTY ROAD AT MRS. JANE ROSE'S
AND THE END OF THE COUNTY ROAD AT THE BUSINESS PREMISES OF
MR. MICK ROSE, INVER.

Councillor McRory proposed:- "That the road between the end of the County Road at Mrs. Jane Rose's and the end of the County Road at the business premises of Mr. Mick Rose, Inver, be declared a County Road."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon, Assistant County Surveyor, reports that before this road is taken over by the Council a very substantial grant of at least £200 would be necessary for building wall, and £100 would be necessary to put the road in repair. We could not be responsible for its maintenance with ordinary County Road Maintenance Funds. I would ask Councillor McRory first to approach the Office of Public Works for a Minor Relief Scheme for the making of this extension. Once it is declared a County Road the Office of Public Works are prevented from expending any money on it."

The Council unanimously decided to ask Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, to recommend the Office of Public Works to allocate a grant for this particular road.

58/39.

COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK IN THE BOYAGH DISTRICT,
BALLINDRAIT.

A letter was read from Mr. John F. McIntyre, Rossgier, Ballindrait, stating that a deputation of the workers of Boyagh would appear at the next Council Meeting to put before the Council some grievances which they had in connection with their work. Under the rotational system of employment men often earned less money for working than they would have got had they been left on the Unemployment Register.

Mr. McIntyre and two other workmen appeared before the Council, and complained that stones were being quarried at Craigtown, while there was a more convenient quarry at Boyagh, with as good, if not a better, type of metal. The stones could be left on the road at 1/- per ton if taken from Boyagh and if horses and carts were employed. At the moment the metal was costing the Council 2s/6d per ton, and the workers of Boyagh were not getting a fair share of the work.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, explained that in order to obtain this Grant he had to group the Electoral Divisions of Clonleigh North and Clonleigh South to get sufficient Unemployment Assistance recipients. So that men from Clonleigh South would get work on the job he had to specify that the metal would be taken from Craigtown Quarry.

Councillor Lynch supported the complaints of the workers.

After a lengthy discussion the Council decided to refer the matter to the local Councillors, Councillors Gallen and Wagentreiber, and to ask them to inquire into the grievances of the workers of this area.

59/39.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITIONS OF WORKERS IN THE ST. JOHNSTON DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Quinn, St. Johnston, stating that at a Meeting of the local Workers' Association held on the 23rd January, 1939, it was unanimously decided to send a deputation to the next Council Meeting to put before the Council the grievances of workers regarding unemployment in the St. Johnston District.

Mr. Quinn acted as spokesman of a deputation which appeared before the Council. He stressed the necessity for immediate action to relieve the conditions prevailing in the St. Johnston District through lack of employment. Some time ago about 400 men had been employed in the Glentown Slate Quarries but that number had now fallen to 80, about half of whom were boys. Steps should be taken to proceed with the Housing and Sewerage Schemes in the District.

Councillors Gallen and Myles explained the delays in connection with the Housing and Sewerage Schemes.

The Acting Co. Surveyor explained that he had to employ on road work men whose names were sent to him by the Labour Exchange. He stated that it would be impossible to have men working from any particular Parish. They could not have boundaries in this respect. On the list supplied to him by the Department there were only 11 Unemployment Assistance recipients in the St. Johnston District. The Acting County Surveyor agreed to employ in future workers from both Ballybofey and Letterkenny Labour Exchanges on works in this area.

60/39.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER - 1939 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 26th January, 1939, L.400-39, stating that the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, as amended by the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Order, 1936, would again come into operation on the 1st March, 1939. Immediate action should, accordingly, be taken by the Council in regard to the appointment of temporary Inspectors, and advertisements on the lines indicated in the Department's letter of the 18th December, 1936, should be issued forthwith.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee, and it was arranged that this Committee meet on Tuesday, 7th February, 1939, at two p.m.

61/39.

DATES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1939.

The following dates were fixed for Committee Meetings for the month of February:-

Scholarships Sub-Committee re "Fixed Charges" on Tuesday, 7th February, at three p.m.

Scholarships Committee Meeting on Friday, 10th February, at noon.

Sub-Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 21st February.

Law Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 21st February.

62/39.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LETTERKENNY URBAN BOUNDARY.

A letter dated 24th January, 1939, was read from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, stating that he had been directed by the Urban Council to request the County Council to appoint a few members to discuss the proposed extension of the Urban Boundary with the Urban Council. It would not be convenient without previous discussion with representatives of the County Council to prepare a map showing the area likely to be agreed upon between both bodies.

Councillor Mahony proposed that a small Committee be appointed to meet the Urban Council.

Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor Scott opposed the proposal.

Eventually, Councillor Mahony's motion was passed, and the following Committee was appointed to meet the Urban Council at the Offices of the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, on Monday, the 13th February, 1939, at 3.30 p.m.:-

Councillor Blaney.
Councillor Gallen.
Councillor Mahony.
Councillor McIvor.
Councillor Scott.

63/39.

RESOLUTION PROTESTING AGAINST INCREASE IN RATES, AND AGAINST SYSTEM OF FINANCING PUBLIC WORKS BY LOANS.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Gallagher, LL.B., Solicitor, Donegal, enclosing report of a Meeting of representatives of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, and members of the different Protestant Churches, Donegal, expressing indignation at the proposed increase in rates assessments in County Donegal for the coming year, and demanding that no such or any increases be made. They called on the County Councillors of the area not alone to oppose any rates increases but to press strongly for lower rates. They protested emphatically against the system of financing Public Works by Loans from Banks and Public Institutions, as this meant that every such work had to be paid for twice over, once to the Contractor and once to the Banks in Interest on the Loans. There was nothing to prevent the Government creating the necessary money as it costed practically nothing to create or print, and to make it available for these Public Works either as free grants or at least as loans without interest.

Letters supporting the proposal were also submitted from the Bundoran and Castlefin Districts.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting, and that Mr. Gallagher be invited to attend and explain his project.

Councillor Myles seconded the proposal which was passed: an amendment by Councillor Scott that the matter be dealt with that day was not seconded.

64/39.

9.
BALANCES DUE BY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The Secretary reported that the following balances were owing by the Urban Councils at 31st December, 1938:-

Buncrana.....	£3,237 : 5 : 7.
Bundoran.....	£1,211 : 2 : 10.
Letterkenny.....	£656 : 16 : 4.

The Council noted the position.

65/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th January, 1939, H.17174/5/38, Dun na nGall., regarding the arrears of instalments under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and inquiring the present position in the matter.

The Secretary reported that the following balances were still owing:-

Neal McGready, Mountcharlos.	2 half-years.....	£40 : 5 : 0.
Joseph Doery, Drumany,	Letterkenny...	1 half-year.....
		£3 : 19 : 5.
Michael Gallagher,	Legnahoorey, Kilmacronan.	3 half-years.....
		£7 : 16 : 4.

The Council adjourned the question of taking action in the matter until their next Meeting.

66/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th January, 1939, H.30370/38, Dun na nGall., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 7th December regarding the arrears of instalments under the Housing Acts, 1924/29, and inquiring the present position in the matter.

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of the amounts owing:-

William McGrossan, Milford.....	£8 : 19 : 3.
Patrick Doherty (Taylor), Glenmakee, Collin.....	£16 : 3 : 10.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.....	£17 : 16 : 0.
Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.....	£27 : 19 : 3.
John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.....	£45 : 17 : 0.
John Joseph Doherty, Cloncha, Culdaff.....	£4 : 9 : 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.....	£4 : 10 : 5.
Mrs. Bridget Grant, Ardaseanlon, Clonmany.....	£2 : 0 : 0.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.....	£67 : 1 : 0.
Daniel McElaney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.....	£7 : 15 : 5.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.....	£14 : 17 : 6.
Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany.....	£35 : 3 : 6.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh.....	£15 : 5 : 0.
Miss Mary A. Coll, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore.....	£14 : 18 : 0.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.....	£26 : 17 : 6.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.....	£29 : 18 : 5.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor setting out, at length, the position in connection with the cases of the following defaulters under the Housing Acts, which had been referred to him:-

Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.
 Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.
 Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany.
 John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.
 Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.
 Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.
 Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.
 Representatives of Arthur Coll, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore.
 Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh.
 Patrick Doherty (Smith).
 Representatives of Patrick Doherty (Pat).

The Council noted the position, and adjourned the question of taking further action in the matter until next Meeting.

67/39.

RE-VALUATION BILL.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, New Ross, stating that he had been directed by the New Ross Urban District Council to draw the Council's attention to a Bill for the Re-Valuation of Eire recently introduced into An Dail, and to solicit the Council's assistance in having this Bill thrown out as entirely contrary to the best interests of the nation's social and economic progress. His Council desired to start a campaign against this Bill, and as it would take concerted action to keep it from reaching the Statute Book, the Donegal County Council were requested to join in this campaign and to promote its objects by resolution condemning the Re-Valuation Bill and inducing the T.D.'s of the County to vote against the Bill on all and every occasion.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bray, stating that he had been requested by his Council to call for support of the resolution of New Ross Urban Council regarding the new Valuation Bill, and suggesting that effect should be given to the following resolution of the Association of Municipal Authorities:-

"That, we, the Association of Municipal Authorities, have learned that there is a new Valuation Bill proposed to be submitted in next Session of the Dail, and we desire to bring before the Ministers for Local Government and Finance that the basis of taxation should be on the capital land value and not on annual value, and that Ground Rents should also be included; that all Acts in connection with the raising and levying of rates be repealed; that all rates be made on the same Valuation basis; and that in the event of the Rate Collectors being unable to obtain payment, for any cause, the local authority shall have power to enter on the premises and collect the rents, and in the case of vacant premises to let them to tenants and collect the rent until the rates and costs be paid in full."

The Council noted the foregoing resolutions.

Councillor Baxter proposed:- "That the members of the Donegal County Council note with alarm the Government's intention to proceed with a Re-Valuation Bill, and we respectfully ask all the members of the Dail for the County to oppose it when it is next before the Dail."

Councillor O'Brien seconded the motion, which was supported by Councillor Myles.

Councillor Scott proposed that no action be taken in the matter, and Councillor Blaney seconded.

Councillor Baxter's motion was put to a vote resulting as follows:-
For:- 20 members. Against:- 3 members.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

68/39. ROAD CONSTRUCTED BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION IN THE TOWNLANDS OF CARROWNAMADDY AND KILDARRAGH.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 14th December, 1938, A. & R. 77019/37, referring to a road constructed by them in the townlands of Carrownamaddy and Kildarragh, and stating that the road was in a good state of repair when inspected by the Commission's Inspector in April last. The Land Commission would not be responsible for its future maintenance. A map showing the road referred to was enclosed.

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

"The road in question is a new road made by the Land Commission and connects County Roads, Map Nos. 488 and 491. It is 1½ miles in length. I have not inspected the road and do not know whether it comes up to the standard specification for a new County Road. As far as I can ascertain the Council have given no undertaking to take it over. Owing to the difficulty of maintaining the existing County Roads in a reasonable state of repair with the money available, I am not prepared to recommend the taking over of new roads under any circumstances. For that reason I would suggest that the Council refuse to take over this road."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. Caffrey's report.

69/39.

CASE REPORTED UNDER BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, IN WHICH
ANIMAL DIED BEFORE BEING INSPECTED BY THE COUNCIL'S
VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

A letter was read from Mr. Samuel Watson, Swilly, St. Johnston, stating that on the 16th December, 1938, Mr. J. L. Orr, V.S., Strabane, reported a cow of his as being tubercular at the County Council Offices. The cow died on the 21st December, and had not been examined by Mr. McGlinchey, the Council's Veterinary Inspector.

Mr. McGlinchey, V.S., submitted the following explanation:-

"In reply to your letter re above, I wish to state that I received report of this case on the evening of Saturday, 17th December. I tried to reach this place on the following Monday, but when on my rounds that day the severe frost put my car out of action, bursting the radiator and damaging the engine, with the result that I had to walk home a distance of twelve miles that night. On Wednesday, 21st December I employed a hackney car, fitted with chains, to visit Watson's place. This car cost me 15/-. The cow was dead when I arrived, and I did a post-mortem, the result of which is contained in the accompanying reports.

If Watson had not delayed so long in reporting the case, or if he had reported directly to me instead of the roundabout way he selected, I could easily have seen the animal before she died. I was in the vicinity of this farm and the adjoining townlands on two successive days during that week inspecting cases of suspected sheep scab."

Councillor Mahony proposed that the explanation be accepted.

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

70/39.

REPAIRING OF THE COUNCIL'S ROAD MACHINERY - REPAIR PLANT
AT MUFF BEING OFFERED FOR SALE.

Arising out of a report at last Meeting regarding repair plant at Muff being offered for sale by Mr. James Steen, and a proposal by Councillor Lynch that it be purchased by the Council for the purpose of repairing their own machinery, Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, Northern Division, reported as follows:-

"I have here the figures for each machine taken out in half-years for the past 11½ years. I presume it will be sufficient to give a summary of them. The total cost of running the eleven machines now in the north of the County for that period was £53,761, and the earnings were £57,180, showing a profit of over £3,000. The cost of repairs for this period was £3,081, or a cost of £260 per year. This works out at less than £24 per machine per year. I may add that the Sentinel Waggon is included, and that the cost of repairs were very heavy in its case, so much so that it ceased to be economic and had to be scrapped. This raises the average for the other machines. The cost includes materials used in the repairs, and I am not in a position to state what proportion of the total would be covered by materials, and what by workmanship. A considerable amount of the repairs is made up of small items done by local blacksmiths and carpenters. I took this out for one machine and find that of a total of £232 over the period about £100 was made up of such small items."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, Southern Division, reported as follows:-

"As requested, I have taken out the amount of repairs over a period of ten years and find that these amount to £2,193 : 15 : 7, that is £219 per year, which spread over the 12 machines come to an average repair of £18 per year."

The Council noted the reports, and unanimously decided not to take any further action in connection with the repair plant.

71/39.

ANNUAL RATE WORK FOR THE YEAR 1939/40.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £800 to cover work in connection with the preparation of the Rate Books, etc., for the year 1929/40.

The Council unanimously granted the Secretary's application.

72/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO LANDS AT CORNAGILL, CONVOY.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Cornagill, Convoys, drawing attention to the state of the road leading to their lands. This road had been in a bad state for years. Individuals concerned had from time to time repaired it to the best of their ability, but owing to the bad season they were unable to remedy it now. Water was continually lodged on it. Over one hundred acres of land were useless owing to its condition.

A further letter was read from the people concerned stating that the road leading to their lands in Cornagill was situated in the Electoral Division of Castlewray, about two miles from Letterkenny and four miles from Ramelton, in the district of Assistant Surveyor Patrick Dawson.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road in question did not appear to be a County Road.

73/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM TO CASTLE HILL.

A letter was read from Mr. James Black, Blanketnook, Newtowncunningham, drawing attention to the condition of the road leading from Newtowncunningham to Castle Hill. It was impassable owing to potholes, water, and dirt.

A letter was read from Mr. George Walker, Blanketnook, Newtowncunningham, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Newtowncunningham to Castle Hill. Owing to its condition he fell off his bicycle and was injured.

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

"I inspected this road during the last fortnight and found the contractor had cleaned the surface and did necessary side-cleaning. He had also a quantity of rough metal out, but this had not been broken. I wrote the Contractor to get metal ready at once for the necessary repairs to this road."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

74/39. CLAIM FOR £20 IN RESPECT OF DAMAGES TO CART CAUSED BY HORSE BOLTING ON BEING STRUCK BY A SPLINTER.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis Curran, Derryconnor, Gortahork, stating that on the 30th November, 1938, he was employed on the Council's Road Scheme in Magheraroarty with his horse and cart. When passing a pile of stones which men were breaking a splinter from the stones struck the horse, and the horse plunged forward, with the result that he and the horse fell over the precipice, a distance of 8 or 9 feet. He suffered from bruises and cuts, and the cart was almost completely damaged. He now wished to claim a sum of £20 as compensation, and he trusted that the matter would be amicably settled.

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

75/39. REQUEST TO HAVE LIGHT ERECTED ON THE PIER AT BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Gallagher, LL.B., Solicitor, Donegal, stating that he had been directed by the Arranmore Island Disaster Trustees to draw the attention of the County Council to the urgent necessity for the installation of a suitable light on the Council's Pier at Burtonport so as to provide light there at night. At present this Pier was the point at which Arranmore Islanders landed when coming to the mainland, and the darkness of it was a source of great inconvenience and grave danger to the islanders at night.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"The question of taking over Burtonport Pier has not yet been decided on by the County Council. Until such time as the Council decide to take over this Pier, the question of providing a light, such as suggested by Mr. Gallagher, is outside our province. As a light would be rather necessary on this Pier, I would suggest that the Office of Public Works be asked to provide a suitable one in the meantime."
The Council decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's suggestion, and to refer the matter to the Board of Works.

76/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS NUMBERED 545, 546, 606, AND 607, BUNCRANA DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Porter, Granshaw, Bunrana, complaining on behalf of ratepayers in the townlands of Granshaw, Trillick, Luddan, and Lisfannon, of the condition of the roads numbered 545, 546, 606, and 607. All these roads in former years were repaired by local contractors, but for the last two years no repairs had been carried out. The recent floods had torn the surface away in many places.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I inspected these roads since the last Meeting and found them in fair order. Undoubtedly they are very narrow and would be vastly improved by widening, but this would cost a considerable sum of money, which is not available. The roads are in as good order as when they were in contract. They are being put for contract for the coming year."

The Council noted the report.

77/39. STORAGE FACILITIES FOR STOCKS OF EXPLOSIVES.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 22nd November, 1938, 65/57/5, referring to the lack of proper storage facilities for County Council stocks of explosives in Donegal, and stating that the only Stores which an Inspector could trace during a recent inspection were one at Stranorlar and one at Letterkenny. Neither of these Stores complied with the requirements of the Explosives Act. The matter should be brought to the notice of the Acting County Surveyors with a view to the selection of suitable sites for the erection of approved type Stores.

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

"I inspected the magazine on Croaghan Hill as instructed at the last Meeting and find that it would not be suitable. It is a stone building apparently built for the purpose probably a century or so ago. The doors are gone, and besides being too close to a house it is otherwise very much out of date for the purpose. I received a letter from the Department of Local Government regarding the question of the provision of magazines, in which they state that the Department of Justice are considering refusing to grant permits for explosives if proper magazines are not provided. If such a thing occurred it would paralyse the work at present being carried out under Relief Grants."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he had not yet been successful in locating a site for a magazine at Donegal.

The Council again adjourned consideration of the matter until next Meeting.

78/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF DRAPERY PREMISES AT ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Louis Walsh, Solicitor, Glenties, stating that Mrs. Mary Gallagher, Draper, Ardara, had consulted him regarding the serious damage done to her dwelling-house and business premises by flooding during the past two years. Within the past three or four months her premises had been flooded to a depth of two to three feet on at least five occasions. The flooding was due to the fact that the pipe which the Council placed under the Street to carry off the surface water some two years ago was not of sufficiently large bore to take away the water. The pipe was of 9" bore, and a pipe with an 18" bore would be required. Some two years ago the Council closed up a stone drain leading from the Main Street to the back of the premises and on to the river, and instead put down the pipe referred to. The matter should be investigated and remedied.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have inspected the premises of Mrs. Gallagher at Ardara and saw evidence of the damp complained of in kitchen walls. The house lies practically at the bottom of a very steep Street. Some years ago the County Surveyor had a 9" pipe put in to relieve the flooding. Subsequently an additional length of pipe and a second grating was laid down by the Council. All this was in a genuine endeavour to relieve the flooding. I would like to see the position on a wet day, and I will take whatever steps are necessary to remedy the matter."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

79/39. SUBSTITUTION OF LOOSE LEAVES FOR BANK PASS BOOKS BY THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER.

A letter was read from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, the Council's Treasurer, asking for permission to substitute loose leaves for the Bank Pass Books.

The Council unanimously decided to give the required permission, and to apply for the necessary sanction to the proposal.

80/39. SALE OF COUNCIL'S FARM AT RUSKEY, LATELY OCCUPIED BY JAMES STEELE.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the instructions of the Sub-Finance Committee he advertised the sale of the Council's farm at Ruskey, Manorcunningham, both by public notice in the district and in the local press.

The only offer received was that of Mr. Alex. McKnight, Ruskey, Manorcunningham, who offered to purchase the farm for the sum of £30.

The Council unanimously decided to accept Mr. McKnight's offer.

81/39. LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY - PROMOTION OF SCHEME BY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, enclosing copy of Minute of Meeting of the Board held on the 13th January, 1939, in which it was stated that a fair allocation of the expenses of the Letterkenny Water Supply Scheme would be:-

Letterkenny Urban District Council.....	35% (as agreed on).
Donegal Mental Hospital Committee.....	35%.
Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance:-	
As Poor Law Authority.....	20%.
As Sanitary Authority.....	10%.

The Council noted the allocation.

A further letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, enclosing copy of Minute of Meeting of the Board held on the 13th January, 1939, in which it was decided to ask the Council to forward to the Board of Health and Public Assistance all documents in their possession relating to Letterkenny Water Supply; said documents to be transmitted to Messrs. J. Boyle & Co., Solicitors to the Board, with instructions to make all possible speed towards completion of final Agreement.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Brian O'Donnell seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Council's Solicitor be instructed to pass to the Solicitors for the Board of Health all documents in his possession relating to Letterkenny Water Supply.

82/39. LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY - RAISING OF LOAN OF £4,200 BY MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE TOWARDS DEFRAYING THE COMMITTEE'S PORTION OF COST OF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Dr. P. J. Courtney, Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, stating that the Committee of Management desired the County Council to raise a loan of £4,200, on their behalf, re-payable by half-yearly instalments in fifteen years, for the purpose of defraying the Committee's proportion of cost of improvement of the Lough Salt Water Supply. The loan could be obtained from the Committee's Treasurers, the Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Letterkenny.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Brian O'Donnell seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to apply for sanction to the raising of a loan of £4,200 from the Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., re-payable over a period of 15 years, for the purpose of defraying the Mental Hospital Committee's proportion of the cost of improvement of the Lough Salt Water Supply.

83/39.

EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

The Secretary stated that the following three Paying Orders payable to Messrs. McCreath, Taylor & Co., 1 & 2, Eden Quay, Dublin, and dated 17th June, 1938, had been mislaid:-
 Paying Order No. 11763 dated 17th June, 1938.....£29 : 18 : 11.
 Paying Order No. 11814 dated 17th June, 1938.....£47 : 0 : 0.
 Paying Order No. 12071 dated 17th June, 1938.....£15 : 0 : 7.

As the account had not been paid during the half-year in which the expenditure was incurred or within three months after the expiration of such half-year, the Council unanimously decided to apply for permission to make the payment to Messrs. McCreath, Taylor & Co.

A letter was read from the Northern Bank, Ltd., Raphoe, enclosing Paying Order No. 17499 for 2s/4d in favour of Mr. James Tourish, Whitecross, Raphoe, dated 29th July, 1938, which was out-of-date.

It was also decided to apply for permission to issue a fresh Paying Order in this case.

84/39. PROPOSAL TO APPOINT MR. JOHN F. QUIGLEY, LIFFORD, ON THE PERMANENT STAFF IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from Mr. John F. Quigley, Lifford, asking to be placed on the permanent staff in the County Surveyor's Office.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brian O'Donnell the Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Quigley on the permanent staff in the County Surveyor's Office, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

85/39. COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS FOR THE YEAR 1938.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brian O'Donnell it was unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Requisition to Tax Council's Solicitor's Bill of Costs for the year 1938.

86/39. CARAVANS AT RAPHOE ON DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL LANDS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, stating that the Board had before them at their Meeting on the 16th January, the Council's Minute No. 1291/38 of the 29th November, 1938, regarding overcrowded caravans at Raphoe which constituted a nuisance. As owners of the land on which the caravans were situate, the Council should take steps to make sure that they were made fit for human habitation. To obtain a clearer view of the case one of the Council's Engineers should make an inspection of the premises, and discuss the matter with Dr. J. E. Snodgrass, the local Medical Officer of Health.

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

"Residents of Raphoe object to these campers and the remedy would be to have the plot fenced and a gate put up to serve those people who claimed a right-of-way. This would ensure that the plot would not be used as a dump for all sorts of rubbish."

The Council unanimously decided to ask Mr. Caffrey to submit an estimate of the cost of erecting a stone fence around the plot.

87/39. TRAFFIC AND "SAFETY FIRST" ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.

A letter was read from the Traffic and "Safety First" Association of Ireland, 19, Kildare Street, Dublin, giving particulars of accidents in the year 1937, and asking the Council to pass the following resolution:-

"That this Council make a special appeal for the year 1939 to all users of public highways within our jurisdiction to exercise every care for their own personal safety, and every consideration for the safety of others; and endeavour to ensure that they will not be the cause or the victim of an accident during this year."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McCrea the Council decided to adopt the resolution.

88/39. COMPLAINT RE INTERFERENCE WITH CART ROAD AT ROSHINE, DUNFANAGHY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Frank McFadden, Roshine, Dunfanaghy, stating that the cart road which was alongside a small river up at Roshine had been totally destroyed. Two boulders that were alongside forming the road were picked up by the men who were working there. She was now unable to get out her horse and cart and had been without turf for the past six weeks.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that his Assistant had reported that this complaint had been greatly exaggerated and that the damage had been repaired.

89/39. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McGrea, the following resolution from the Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance was adopted unanimously:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to introduce legislation to amend Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, so as to enable members of Local Authorities and Committees thereof to be paid expenses in respect of travelling from their residences to places of Meeting and back to their residences after attendance at such Meetings, together with a reasonable allowance for sustenance; non-attendance at three-fourths of Meetings by reason of illness not to debar members from payment in respect of Meetings actually attended by them."

90/39. MISTAKE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN FILLING A TENDER AT PETTIGO TENDERS COMMITTEE MEETING IN FEBRUARY, 1938.

A letter was read from Mr. David Nicholl, Tievemore, Pettigo, stating that at last Tenders Committee Meeting in Pettigo he made a mistake in filling a Tender. He intended to tender for No. 3 on the list, and he thought that his tender for this item was accepted. Mr. Cunningham now wanted him to complete No. 2 on the list, but as he was a poor man he was unable to start work on another road, especially when he was allowed no money for the metal he had ready for No. 3.

The Acting Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Cunningham:-

"David Nicholl was well aware that it was No. 2 Contract he was signing. I opened the Tenders and read them out at the Tenders Meeting in Pettigo. It is a trick of his to begin work on No. 3 as the stones are somewhat easier to procure and much easier to break."

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

91/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR EXTENSION OF LUGNAGILLEW ROAD, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. John McLoone, Lugnagillew, Glenties, stating that he would esteem it a favour if the Lugnagillew Road was extended to the Meenagushoge Road.

As the road was not a County Road, the Council decided to apply to the Board of Works for a grant for carrying out the required work.

92/39. ROAD AT ARDSBEG, GORTAHORK, LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE "NEW ROAD."

A letter was read from Mr. Cormac Breslin, T.D., Bunbeg, stating that he had been asked by the people of Ardsbeg to bring to the notice of the Council the very bad condition of a Bog Road locally known as the "New Road." The road was a very important one and it was hoped that the Council would authorise its repair in the near future. The Board of Works had informed the people concerned that they were precluded from repairing the road as it had already been repaired out of County Funds.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was being repaired.

93/39.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

A Notice was submitted of intention to apply for licence under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of premises known as "Joseph Devlin A.O.H. Memorial Hall", Lower Main Street, Letterkenny.

94/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD BETWEEN CORRRAINE AND MEENCARRIGAGH, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the Corrairie District, Ballybofeigh, applying for a grant to repair the link road between McBrearty's Road, Corrairie, and Langan's Road, Meencarrigagh. This road was in an impassable condition at the moment.

As the road was not a County Road, the Council unanimously decided to request the Board of Works to consider the matter when allocating Grants for Minor Relief Schemes.

95/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF BOG ROAD IN THE BREENAGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John McDaid, Tullyhonour, Ballybeg, Breenagh, Newmills, applying for a grant for the completion of a Bog Road in the Breenagh District. The grant allocated already only made the road half as far as it was required, and it was of no benefit at all at the moment.

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

96/39. COMPLAINT RE ROAD LEADING FROM GLASSAGH MAIN ROAD TO BUNANINVER SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Coyle, Bunaninver, Derrybeg, drawing the attention of the Council to the Main Road leading from the Glassagh Main Road to Bunaninver School. It was in a very bad condition and would require a grant of about £150.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

97/39. APPLICATIONS FOR REFUND OF ENTRANCE FEES IN CONNECTION WITH EXAMINATION FOR JUNIOR CLERICAL OFFICERS.

A letter was read from Miss Rose M. Boyle, Acres, Burtonport, stating that she had decided not to compete at the Examination for Junior Clerical Officers, and applying for a refund of her entrance fee of 5/-.

A letter was also read from Mr. Bernard Louis O'Donnell, Bruckless, stating that he did not compete at the recent Examination for Junior Clerical Officers, and he applied for a refund of his entrance fee.

The Council decided to refuse the applications.

98/39. ROAD AT TOLLY, KNOCKBRACK, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Friel, Tolly, Knockbrack, stating that the road at Tolly had been cleaned and if some stones were put on it now it would do. He also wished the Council to apply for a grant for repairing the old road at Tolly, which was not a County Road.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

99/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT LACKADUFF, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Boyle, Loughros Point, Ardara, stating that the Lackaduff Road was not wide enough for traffic. In some places it was only 8 to 10 feet in width.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Kearney, reports that the Lackaduff Road is in a decent state of repair. The four ratepayers living alongside the road are thoroughly satisfied and fail to understand what is the meaning of Mr. Boyle, who does not live on the road, being so solicitous in their business."

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

100/39. SIGNS TO BE ERECTED AT LOUGHROS POINT, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Boyle, Loughros Point, Ardara, inquiring the position regarding the signs to be erected at Loughros Point. Two signs were required. One was not sufficient.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "The road to Loughros Point is a County Road. There is no Hotel on this road. When a sign is erected it will be at the Ardara end and I am of the opinion that one sign would be sufficient."

The Council noted the report.

101/39. ROCK IN THE TOWNLAND OF STRANACORKRA, DERRYBEG, CAUSING FLOODING OF THE ROAD AND ADJOINING LANDS.

A letter was read from Mr. William Coyle, Stranacorkra, Derrybeg, stating that he had been asked by a number of tenants and ratepayers in that townland to draw attention to the necessity for attending to a small spot of rock in the townland. It was a rock in the drain and road. A small sum would remove it and a further small sum would clean the waterways. The road led from Derrybeg through Stranacorkra. The rock was stopping the flow of water and destroying the road.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

102/39. PUBLIC LIGHTING OF VILLAGE OF CLONMANY.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, enclosing extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Board held on 19th December, 1938, regarding the Public Lighting of Clonmany. As a result of the objections of a deputation which appeared before the Board, it was not proposed to provide public lighting of Clonmany for the present season.

The Council noted the letter.

103/39. REQUEST TO HAVE GREAGHS LANE, LAGHEY, MADE A COUNTY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Furey, Greaghs, Laghey, asking to have the Greaghs Lane, which was repaired and widened by the Board of Works some years ago, made a County Road. It was situated between the Donegal-Pettigo and the Ballyshannon-Barnesmore County Roads, about a mile above Laghey, and was 227 perches long.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from the Assistant Surveyor:-

"Better for the Council leave the onus of repair of the Greaghs Road on the Board of Works. There are quite enough of County Roads to be repaired for the money made available by the County Council. The Greaghs Road is the statutory width; the public have a right-of-way over same, and it complies in every way with the regulations."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

104/39. ROAD MADE BY THE BOARD OF WORKS LEADING TO THE TOWNLAND OF DRIMITTEN, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Given, Hill House, Loughros Point, Ardara, stating that in Autumn, 1937, a grant was made available which enabled the road leading to the townland of Drimitten to be repaired about two-thirds of the way. In the Spring of 1938 a further Grant was made available, but owing to it being impossible to obtain adequate labour, the remainder of the road was never properly finished. The road was much used by tourists in the Summer, and it would be a great advantage if it was properly completed.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Not a County Road. It could be referred to the Office of Public Works. Some months ago a letter appeared on the Agenda from Mr. Given complimenting the Ganger on the good work done on this road."

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

105/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL QUARRIED AT TULLYCONNELL, KINDRUM, AND ALLEGED DAMAGE TO GRAZING.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bridget Friel, Tullyconnell, Kindrum, stating that she gave permission to quarry gravel on her land, and she had only been paid 1d. per ton for same. She now claimed £2 compensation for damage to her grazing, and the making of a cart-road into the Quarry.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Assistant Surveyor reports that no damage was done to any grazing in this case. There was an old road into the pit and it was repaired."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

106/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT NEWTOWNDRUMGORMAN, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Sweeney, Newtowndrumgorman, Donegal, complaining of the condition of a road in the townland of Newtowndrumgorman which was started two years ago and left unfinished. Recently men were engaged carting stones over it for the repair of the County Road, and it was now all torn up and unfit to walk on.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham reports that this accommodation road was partly finished under a Minor Employment Grant a few years ago, and is not a County Road."

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

107/39. COMPLAINT RE ALLEGED NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES AND FLAGS SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Bertram Barton, Solicitor, Portsalon, enclosing a Paying Order sent to Mr. Edward Carr, Tullynadall, Kindrum, for 2s/6d, and purporting to be for permission to quarry 15 tons of stones at 2d. per ton. His client declined to accept this sum. Part of the material in question consisted of seven loads of flags, and for which his client charged the general public at the rate of 5/- per load. The remainder was 27 loads of building stones for which he claimed 2/- per load. 2d. per ton for this material was an absurd offer.

The Acting County Surveyor (Mr. Caffrey) reported as follows:-

"As already reported this man was employed and paid wages during the time he quarried these stones and flags. Does he claim to be paid twice over for them?"

The Council decided to refer the matter back to Mr. Caffrey for further inquiries and report.

108/39. ARCHITECTURAL GRADUATES ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Architectural Graduates Association enclosing memorandum which set out some of the advantages of the competition system. The Association would be grateful for the views of the Council on the matter, and, in particular, if an enclosed questionnaire would be answered.

The Council adjourned consideration of the matter until their next Meeting.

109/39. BOATSLIP AT CASTLEWRAY, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, dated 9th January, 1939, A. & R., enclosing a map showing Plot 1a., Castlewray, which comprised a Boatslip erected by the Council, and stating that if the Council were prepared to take over the Boatslip the enclosed Purchase Agreement should be executed and returned to them.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The so-called Boatslip is the widening of a County Road which seems to have been used to store boats on a considerable time ago. The road has fallen into disuse as there is no traffic on it as it ends on the shore."

The Council decided to inform the Irish Land Commission that they did not consider the Boatslip of any value.

110/39. OUTBREAK OF SHEEP SCAB AT MILFORD, AND REQUEST TO RE-EMPLOY LOCAL DIPPING INSPECTOR.

A letter was read from Mr. T. C. Arnold, Veterinary Inspector acting for Mr. L. McIlhargy, asking for permission to re-employ the local Dipping Inspector to supervise the dipping of Mr. J. A. Diamond's sheep.

The Secretary stated that the Department of Agriculture had intimated their refusal to sanction Mr. Arnold's request.

111/39. COMPLAINT RE DUMPING OF CLAY AGAINST WALLS OF DRUMHOLM CHURCH.

A letter was read from Mr. John Brown, Derries, Ballintra, stating that he had been instructed by the Select Vestry of Drumholm Parish Church to request that the clay which had been left against the Church walls was removed.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham reports that he has written the Contractor of the road in question stating that if he does not clean away the clay complained of that he will get his surfaceman to do it and charge it up to his contract."

The Council noted the action being taken by Mr. Cunningham.

112/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT TO COMPLETE ROAD FROM BALLYLAST TO ARDNAGLASS, CASTLEFIN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Gortnavilloy and Ardnaglass, Castlefin, requesting the Council to ask the Board of Works for a grant to complete the road from Ballylast to Ardnaglass, situated on the road from Lifford to Castlefin. About 140 perches of the existing right-of-way had been made by the County Council, and this portion was now a County Road. The balance of the roadway, about 230 perches, if completed would connect two County Roads, and be of great advantage to the residents of the district.

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

113/39. REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOATSLIP AT EIGHTER ISLAND, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th January, 1939, stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had received the extract from the Council's Minutes of the 29th December relative to the necessity for the construction of a boatslip on Eighiter Island, and stating that he would be glad to be favoured with the observations of the Council on the proposal. In the event of the Council being prepared to recommend the Scheme arrangements could be made for a report from the County Surveyor in the matter, including an estimate of the cost and a sketch plan of the proposed work.

The Secretary stated that this matter had arisen out of the refusal of the Islanders to pay any more rates until a Boatslip was constructed.

The Council adjourned consideration of the matter until next Meeting, and decided to ask the Acting County Surveyor for a report in the meantime.

114/39. ERECTION OF GARAGE AND SHOP AT CLEAGH, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Grant, Cleagh, Clonmany, stating that he was starting to build a house for a garage and shop in his field at the corner in front of the Chapel Gate. He was starting at once so if it was not right again it would not be his fault.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor had arranged that the applicant would keep the building the statutory distance of 30 feet from the centre of the road.

115/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT WALL IN FRONT OF RESIDENCE AT COLLIN, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Doherty, Collin, Carndonagh, applying for permission to erect a wall in front of a new house recently erected by him at Collin, Carndonagh.

Permission was given on condition that Mr. Doherty signs an undertaking to remove the wall at any time he may be called upon to do so.

116/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE PARISH OF GLENFINN.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McHugh, Lettershambo, Cloghan, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed at a General Meeting in the Parochial Hall, Glenfinn, on the 30th December, 1938:-

"That this Meeting representing Corlochy, Glenfinn, and Corraige Fianna Fail Cumainn, protests most strongly against the deplorable condition of the third-class roads in the Parish of Glenfinn, and elsewhere in the County, and calls on the County Council to take immediate steps to remedy this by diverting money from our motor and anti-horse highways towards the upkeep of the roads referred to."

Councillor Hannigan stated that the roads complained of were in a deplorable condition.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Assistant Surveyor reports that in all Glenfinn Parish there are only six roads out of contract. This resolution apparently refers to four contracts at Lettershambo and Moneen, none of which has been tendered for this year. In view of this report I will instruct the Surveyor to have the available money for these roads spent by Direct Labour."

The Council noted that all available money for these roads would be spent on them by Direct Labour.

117/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR DRAINING AND BLASTING AN OUTLET FROM THE LAKE ON INNISCOO ISLAND.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Inniscoo Island, Burtonport, asking the Council to apply for a grant of about £50 to drain and blast an outlet from the Lake on Inniscoo Island. In its present state they were prevented from cropping their lands, which were being flooded.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this was not a matter for the Council, and it was decided to refer the request to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

118/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE DONE TO ROOF OF HOUSE AT CROLLY IN 1936 OWING TO BLASTING OPERATIONS.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duffy, Crollly, stating that the roof of his dwelling-house was damaged by stones when workmen were blasting for the Council in the Quarry owned by Patrick McCafferty, Crollly, in 1936. He got the roof repaired in November, 1938, and sent the bill to the Assistant Surveyor. The bill amounted to £1 : 2 : 0 and he had heard nothing further about it since. His reason for not having the damage repaired sooner was that he was under the opinion that the Quarry would re-open again in 1937, and he was afraid more damage might be done.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the alleged damage was stated to have occurred in 1936 during the time of the late Mr. Michael Dawson, Assistant Surveyor.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell stated that the claim was a legitimate one, and he proposed that the matter be referred to Mr. Caffrey for personal investigation.

The proposal was unanimously passed.

119/39. BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, asked the Council to break the following Contracts:-

Kilcar District.

No. 22, Map No. 1653, John Molloy, Meenaneary, £4 : 19 : 0.

Donegal District.

No. 50, Map No. 1902, Patrick McDaid, Kilmacreddan, £13 : 10 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to break the Contracts.

120/39.

CONTINGENCY FUND - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

- (a) Map No. 1921, Donegal District. Sudden breach in old section of the sea wall at Salthill. 15 yards by 9 feet high..... £30.
 - (b) Map No. 1778, Donegal District. Landslide on road from Castleogary to Altcor. 50' x 6' x 6'..... £14.
- The Council unanimously granted Mr. O'Reilly's application.

121/39.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was submitted from Mr. Samuel Roulston, Letterkenny. The application was granted unanimously.

122/39.

PORTALEEN PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 16th January, 1939, SW.1/3/39, stating that they had been advised that the further survey of Portaleen Pier should be undertaken under calm sea conditions coinciding with Spring-tide periods, and that a suitable opportunity would not present itself before April next. They would again communicate with the Council towards the end of March as to a suitable date for the survey.

The Council noted the matter.

123/39.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY AT MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Miss Bridget McDyer, Lower End, Mountcharles, stating that at the back of her dwelling-house there was an open drain which carried off the rain water from the road and the roof of her house. The water ran down a little rut in a public lane along her garden wall, and in the course of its flowing down the lane the water oozed into the garden and harmed the soil there. Dr. O'Sullivan had suggested that a good drain be constructed to carry the water down to the watercourse that ran along the Main Road.

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

"I inspected the place with Miss McDyer yesterday. The water complained of is coming from Miss McDyer's premises, and I am of opinion that very little water, if any, comes from the Main Road. I am going to re-place the existing channel with a concrete one to ensure that no water from the road will, even in heavy rains, go into the property; but I am convinced that at present the Council is in no way responsible."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

124/39.

COMPLAINT RE INCORRECT MEASUREMENT OF METAL AT LEGNAHOOREY, KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McGettigan, Legnahorey, Kilmacrenan, asking the County Surveyor to come and measure metal which he had put up on his road contract. Mr. McIvor did not give him the right measurements, so he wished to know what he would do.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

125/39.

COMPLAINT RE ROAD LEADING TO DUNWILEY FROM BACKLEAS CORNER, STRANORLAR.

A letter was read from Mr. George McGuckin, Dunwiley House, Stranorlar, drawing attention to the condition of the road leading to Dunwiley from Backleas Corner. It was dangerously narrow and could be widened at each side by removing the grass and earth which was piled up. The Acting Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"This is a narrow road to Mr. McGuckin's house. There is very little traffic on it except his own car. The road is wide enough for the ordinary traffic."

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

126/39. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF WORK IN DERRYREEL DISTRICT, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. James P. Sweeney, Solicitor, Falcarragh, stating that he had received instructions concerning a Minor Relief Grant in the townland of Derryreel, and the recruitment of labour thereon. The work was covered by a £240 grant, and of the 24 workmen employed only 5 or 6 were taken from the townland of Derryreel, although the work actually affected the lands of some of those who were ignored in the recruitment of labour. The vast majority of those in the townland of Derryreel, who were ignored, were married men.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-
"Mr. McIvor reported that the position regarding the number of men from Derryreel employed on different Relief Schemes at various dates was as set out in the following table:-

<u>Townland.</u>	<u>28th Jan., 1939.</u>	<u>End of Dec., 1938.</u>	<u>Middle of Dec., 1938.</u>
Derryreel.	34.	20.	16.
Ballyboes.	16.	18.	8.
Ray.	12.	9.	4.
Fanmore.	5.		

He states that Derryreel men were slow at coming on the register of unemployed."

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

127/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT GARRICKMACGARVEY, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. John McBride, Carrick, Derrybeg, applying for a further grant to complete the Carrickmacgarvey unfinished road.

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

128/39. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY AT ARDARA.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, enclosing letter received from Mr. P. J. McHugh, Ardara, applying for a refund of a deposit lodged by him in connection with the opening of the roadway at Ardara.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the deposit would be refunded.

129/39. WAGES OF MR. PHILIP McDERMOTT, DRIVER, ROLLER NO. 27.

A letter was read from Mr. Philip McDermott, Driver, Roller No. 27, applying for an increase in his wages. He stated that he was not being treated the same as other Drivers in similar circumstances. He had 16 years' service with the Council, and he considered that commensurate with the duties he performed his wages were wholly too small. His wife and family resided in Culdaff, and he was at present employed in West Donegal, and he was seriously inconvenienced regarding travelling to and from his home at week-ends, and in this respect he considered that no deductions should be made from his already meagre pay in respect of time spent travelling on Mondays.

The Chairman ruled that before any increase could be made in this man's wages, the Council's Minute No. 1178/37 of the 28th September, 1937, fixing his wages at £2 : 10 : 0 per week, rising by annual increments of 2/- per week to a maximum of £3 per week, would require to be rescinded.

Councillor Mahony stated that he would lodge the required rescinding Notice of Motion for next Meeting.

130/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS ENGINE OR TRACTOR DRIVER.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McCauley, Drumoghill, Manorcunningham, applying for a job as Driver of Engine or Tractor. The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

131/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McCollum, Carradoan, Rathmullan, applying for a position as Flagman on a Breaker or Roller. He wished to know how the appointments were made, and if there would soon be a vacancy.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

132/39. APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS AS GANGERS ON ROAD SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McCormick, Tardrun, Greencastle, applying for a position as Ganger on the work on the road leading to his house.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor, Northern Division.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McCauley, Jun., Ballintra, applying for a position as Ganger on any Schemes of Road Work in his district.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor, Southern Division.

133/39. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK, BALLAGHERG DISTRICT, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. John Logue, Ballagherg, Letterkenny, stating that at a recent Meeting of the Charlie Daly Fianna Fail Cumann, Ballagherg, the subject of employment was commented on in the case of John Logue, a married man who sought employment and was refused by the Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. Logue appeared before the Council and complained of the unfair allocation of employment. He referred to the case of three brothers named McDermott who were constantly employed. He stated that he wished to be employed as a surface-man in place of a single man who held the position.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he was not prepared to dismiss efficient single men for married men about whom he knew nothing.

134/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT KINNAKILLEW, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen McLoughlin, Kinnakillew, Glencolumbkille, stating that the tenants of Kinnakillew wanted a new road from the Main Road into a stone quarry in the east end of Kinnakillew Townland. The road was urgently needed as there was no other quarry in the district, and stones were required for houses being built under the Government's Schemes.

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

135/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CLOUGHENAGORE BOG ROAD, FINTOWN.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGill, P.C., Glenleaghan, Fintown, stating that the Cloughernagore Bog Road was in a deplorable state. Repeated applications had been made to the Board of Works for a grant but nothing had been done. If the road was properly repaired it would be availed of by many tourists in the summer months.

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

136/39.

COMPLAINT RE MANNER IN WHICH MINOR RELIEF SCHEME AT
GORTAMORE, DOWNINGS, WAS CARRIED OUT.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Shiels, Gortamore, Downings, complaining of the condition of a drain which had been cleaned under a Minor Relief Scheme. Due to the bad workmanship it resulted in the falling in of the banks bordering his land, hence a blockage of water, resulting in flooding. It was about time that the Council appointed proper supervisors for the carrying out of these works. Unless the work was properly completed he would deem it necessary to recover from the Council the damage done to his land.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have not seen the complained-of damage, but as the work was done under a Minor Employment Scheme we have no liability for maintenance, nor can I see that we have any obligation to investigate. It should be referred to the Office of Public Works. Incidentally, Shiels held up this drainage as he would not sign Consent unless he was appointed to supervise. He was given a job elsewhere, and he raised no further objection to the "supervision" that I heard of."

The Council noted Mr. Caffrey's report, and decided to take no action in the matter.

137/39.

CONTINGENCY FUND - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"I beg to make application for the sum of £43 to re-build retaining wall on the Main Road from Laghey to Ballintra. This retaining wall collapsed after the recent frost. I have taken the necessary steps to prevent any danger of a further collapse."

The Council unanimously granted Mr. O'Reilly's application.

138/39.

ROSSES ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"The work on the Rosses Road Improvement Scheme is nearing completion owing to the Grant being practically expended. The original Estimate fell very far short of the amount required to carry out a really first-class job over the whole circuit of 22 miles."

I would now ask the Council to urge strongly the Department of Local Government to sanction an early Grant for the completion of the Scheme. After the 31st March more money will be available under the Employment Schemes Vote for the completion. In the meantime, a sum of £3,000 would be required to carry on, and the Department should be urged to make a Grant of this amount as early as possible.

As we have at present a very capable Resident Engineer, and have sufficient Plant available in the area, delay in sanction will only mean further expense once the present work is completed and closed down, and the plant, etc., taken away on other work."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady it was decided to refer the matter to the Department for urgent consideration.

139/39.

CONTINGENCY FUND - NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund, Northern Division:-

<u>Lifford.</u>	To repair breach on Road No. 1353.....	£10 : 0 : 0.
<u>Aileach.</u>	To repair pipe on Road No. 948.....	£1 : 0 : 0.
	To repair pipe on Road No. 920.....	£1:10 : 0.
	To repair pipe on Road No. 915.....	£2: 0 : 0.
	To repair pipe on Road No. 919.....	£2: 0 : 0.
<u>Letterkenny.</u>	To repair parapet arch on Road No. 1128.....	£4: 0 : 0.
	To repair pipe on Road No. 144.....	£2:10: 0.

The application was granted unanimously.

140/39.

ROAD CONTRACTORS' BONDS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 19th January, 1939, stating that Road Contractors' Bonds must be for double the amount of the Contract Price, and the Council may not accept a Bond in the actual amount of the accepted Tender, whether for the purposes of reducing the stamp duty on the document, or otherwise.

The Council noted the matter.

141/39.

BEALACH UR A DHITH I MIN AN ARBHAIR, CNOC LEITREACH,
BEAL AN ATHA MHOIR.

Do leigheadh litir o Sheamuis Mhac Daibheidh, Min an Arbhair, Cnoc Leitreach, Beal an Atha Mhoir, ag iarraidh bealach ur fhad le teach a athardha. Dubhairt se go raibh bealach ur a dhith go cruaidh annsin, mar nach bhfuil ann acht caisan portach. Sgriobh se go minic chuig Bord na n-Oibreacha Poiblidhe, agus bhiodar le feiceail fa dtaobh de ag na deontaisi seo chugainn.

D'aontuigh siad seo a chuir i n-iul de Coimisiuniri na n-Oibreach Poiblidhe.

142/39.

CLAR NA BHOTAILI.

Do leigheadh litir o Phadraic S. Mac a' Ghoill, O.S., Runaidhe, Craobh Ard-a-Rath de Chomhaltas Uladh, ag radh go ndearnadh iongantas ag an Cruinniughadh Deireannach de'n Chraobh nach raibh Clar na Bhotaili curtha amach i nGaedhilg feasta san Chaedhealtacht, agus nach gcuirfidhe ainn ar bith i nGaedhilg ar an Chlar gan iarratas speisialta. D'fiafruigh se an raibh seo fion, agus ma bhi, ca h-uair a mbeidh na Liostai curtha amach go h-iomlan i nGaedhilg.

Mhol Comhairleoir Brian O'Domhnaill go n-iarrfaidhe ar Muinteoiri Scoile Clar na Bhotaili a aistriughadh i nGaedhilg saor o thuarasdal acht nior glac aon nduine leis an run.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe nach raibh feachfaidhe ar bith na liostai a dhianamh go h-iomlan i nGaedhilg acht go dtainig le ainn a bheith i nGaedhilg ma chuireann duine sin in iul do'n Bhailightheoir Gearrtha in am trath.

Chomhairligh an Runaidhe go n-iarrfaidhe cead na Roinne le Rann amhain as gach Ceanntar a aistriughadh gach bliadhain go rabh iomlan Ceanntair na Gaedhealtachta aistrighthe.

Glacadh leis an comhairle.

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Confirmed.

M. W. F. J. J.

Chairman of County Council.
28th February, 1939.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY,
THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1939.

143/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

144/39.

A P O L O G I E S.

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

145/39.

HIS LATE HOLINESS, POPE PIUS XI.

The Chairman proposed that the Council express their deep sorrow at the passing of the Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, and that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Cardinal McRory and the Irish Hierarchy in the great loss sustained.

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

146/39.

LATE MR. P. MCGOWAN, PORTHALL.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Gallen on the death of his father-in-law, the late Mr. McGowan, Porthall.

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

147/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 31st January, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

148/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 31st January, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

149/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 31st January, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 21st February, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

150/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Meeting of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee held on the 7th February, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

In this connection the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 22nd February, 1939, L.329/39, stating that, in view of the near approach of the treatment period, the Minister would agree, in deference to the wishes of the Council, to waive the requirements as to advertising the posts of temporary Warble Fly Inspector, and to approve of the re-appointment, on the same terms and conditions, of the thirteen temporary Inspectors employed last year. The Minister also approved of the employment for 20 weeks of a temporary clerk at £2 per week for work in connection with the Order.

151/39. COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED EXTENSION OF
LETTERKENNY URBAN BOUNDARY.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott the Report of the Committee which met on the 13th February, 1939, in connection with the proposed extension of Letterkenny Urban Boundary was adopted unanimously.

152/39. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH
JANUARY, 1939.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony the Report of the Scholarships Sub-Committee Meeting which met on the 18th January, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

153/39. SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM WHICH CANDIDATES MAY COMPETE FOR THE
COUNCIL'S UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS EXAMINATION.

Arising out of discussions on the Reports of the Scholarships Committee Meetings, Councillor Lynch inquired if Loreto Convent, Balbriggan, was a Secondary School from which candidates could compete for the Council's University Scholarships Examination.

The Secretary explained that only Secondary Schools situate within the County, or for which, if situate elsewhere, the portion of the district of the County to which the candidate belonged, was the natural area of supply owing to location or Diocesan arrangements, were recognised.

154/39. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7TH
FEBRUARY, 1939.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Scholarships Sub-Committee Meeting held on the 7th February, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

155/39. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH
FEBRUARY, 1939.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 10th February, 1939. Councillor Mahony seconded.

Arising out of this Report, Councillor Brady referred to the decision of the Scholarships Committee deciding not to allow expenses of members of the Oireachtas to rank as "Fixed Charges on Income." He stated that the allowance of £480 per annum to members of the Oireachtas was not a salary, and was not taken into account by the Income Tax Authorities. He proposed that this matter be referred back to the Scholarships Committee with an instruction to deal with the applications for Scholarships by children of members of the Oireachtas on the merits in each case.

After a lengthy discussion on this point in which Councillors Scott, Myles, and McIvor took part, it was agreed to refer the matter of "Allowances to Members of the Oireachtas" back to the Scholarships Committee, with an instruction to make an allowance of a sum of £100 to members of the Oireachtas in respect of expenses; this sum to rank as "Fixed Charges on Income."

Councillor McIvor proposed, as an amendment, that consideration of this Report be adjourned until next Meeting, and, in the meantime, that the Secretary be instructed to furnish to the members of the Council a list of the applicants for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools whose parents' means exceeded £250 per annum.

Councillor Houston seconded.

Councillor McIvor's amendment was put to the Meeting, and on a show of hands the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment:- Twelve.

Against the amendment:- Thirteen.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH
FEBRUARY, 1939. (CONTINUED).

The amendment was declared lost, and Councillor Scott proposed that the Report of the 10th February, 1939, be adopted, with the exception of the portion dealing with allowances to members of the Oireachtas.

Councillor Mahony seconded, and the motion was declared adopted.

Councillor McIvor inquired if he would be at liberty to oppose the granting of a Scholarship to any candidate who had been allowed to compete at the Examination, when the results were made known.

The Secretary referred Councillor McIvor to Clause 13 of the Scholarships Scheme which read as follows:-

"The Council shall determine before the date fixed for the Examination the eligibility of candidates in regard to the means of their parents or guardians. Candidates admitted to the Examination shall not afterwards be rejected on the grounds of their parents' means, or other cause, save in exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Minister for Education."

The Secretary further stated that the Office of National Education had requested the Council to insert this Clause in the Scheme.

156/39. REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST
FEBRUARY, 1939.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 21st February, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

157/39. REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 21st February, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

158/39. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MR. LENNON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th January, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Travelling Expenses of Mr. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor, incurred in August and September, 1938, might be paid.

159/39. PURCHASE OF ACCESSORIES FOR THE COMPRESSOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th January, 1939, R/IR/20, referring to Minute No. 1317/38 C.C., and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the purchase from the Ingersoll Rand Company of bit sharpening accessories.

160/39. PURCHASE OF TRACTOR AND TWO TRAILERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 27th January, 1939, R/IR/20, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to purchase by the Council of a tractor and two trailers. Unless the items were obtained from the Official suppliers an advertisement should be issued.

161/39. CONFERENCE OF THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC CLEANSING.

An invitation was submitted to the 41st Annual Conference of the Institute of Public Cleansing to be held at Scarborough in June, 1939.

162/39. RECOUPMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE
PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 26th January, 1939, L.3111/37, referring to the claim for recoupment of Sheep Dipping Expenses incurred during the period ended 31st March, 1937, and enclosing for signature a Certificate which should be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary before payment could be made.

163/39.

EXPENSES INCURRED UNDER SECTION 3 (4) (a) OF THE
ROADS ACT, 1920.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 7th February, 1939, stating that a payment of £432 : 6 : 4 in respect of expenses incurred under Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1920, for the year 1935/36 was made to the County Treasurer on the 30th January, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 24th January, 1939, stating that a payment of £506 : 2 : 11 in respect of expenses incurred under Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1920, for the year 1936/37 was made to the County Treasurer on the 23rd January, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 24th January, 1939, stating that a payment of £522 : 16 : 6 in respect of expenses incurred under Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1920, for the year 1937/38 was made to the County Treasurer on the 23rd January, 1939.

164/39.

RECOUPMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE
PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 2nd February, 1939, L.3111-37, stating that a Paying Order for £543 : 8 : 1 in respect of sheep dipping expenditure for the period ended 31st March, 1937, had that day been forwarded to the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny.

165/39.

EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 31st January, 1939, R/RM/7, stating that a fresh Paying Order bearing current date might be issued to Mr. P. O'Brien, Glenhola, Meenlaragh, in lieu of the Order for £2 : 13 : 2 issued to him on the 11th March, 1938. The Orders (Nos. 4082 and 4065) cashed by Mr. Robert Crawford, Tullyhurk, Ballyshannon, in May, 1934, should be forwarded for inspection.

166/39.

PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE CUSTOMS POST AT CLADY.

A letter was read from Mr. J. L. Rankin, Clerk, Strabane Rural District Council, dated 2nd February, 1939, stating that the Council's resolution protesting against the closing of the Clady-Castlefin Customs Post had been adopted by his Council, and a strong recommendation in the matter sent to H.M. Customs & Excise, Lower Thames Street, London.

Arising out of this letter, Councillor Myles proposed that the Revenue Commissioners be asked to make every possible effort not to have this Post closed, or, at least, until such time as Lifford Bridge was put into a proper state of repair. He stated that this Bridge was at present unfit for the enormous amount of traffic going over it.

Councillor MacCreadie seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

It was also decided to send copies of the resolution to the Royal Irish Automobile Club, and the Automobile Association.

167/39.

SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION AT CARNDONAGH.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Carndonagh on the 22nd February, 1939, of lands in Glasmullan, now or formerly in the occupation of Owen Breslin.

168/39.

SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OIREACHTAS.

A letter was read from the Department of the Taoiseach dated 13th February, 1939, S.9803, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution regarding salaries of the Dail Deputies.

169/39. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Sióthchána, Ballyshannon, stating that at Stranorlar District Court on the 1st February, 1939, Bernard Brannigan was committed to St. Columba's Industrial School, Killybegs, and Margaret Brannigan to St. Laurence's Industrial School, Sligo.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Ballyshannon, stating that an application would be made at Ballyshannon District Court on the 2nd March, 1939, by James and Matilda Gallagher, 26, Falgarragh Park, Ballyshannon, to commit their three children, viz., Matilda Patricia Gallagher, Dymphna Gallagher, and Margaret Gallagher, all under 14 years of age, to St. Laurence's Industrial School, Sligo. The application was being made on the grounds that the applicants were unable to support the children and were destitute.

170/39. VALUATION BILL, 1939.

A letter was read from Deputy Daniel McMenamin stating that he would be pleased to support the Council's action in connection with the proposed Re-Valuation Bill. The proposed measure was vicious, and, if allowed to become law, would impose another serious burden on an already over-burdened community.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th February, 1939, Circ. No. 15/39, enclosing copies of the Valuation Bill, 1939, and Explanatory Memorandum, and requesting that one copy of the Bill and Memorandum be sent to each member of the Council.

171/39. WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS FUND - UNDERPAYMENT OF COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, D'Olier House, D'Olier Street, Dublin, dated 18th January, 1939, L.A.5., stating that the examination of the returns of excepted persons in the Council's employment had been completed, in respect of the half-years ended 3rd July, 1938, and 1st January, 1939, and it had been ascertained that the amount due to the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund had been underpaid to the extent of £50 : 4 : 8. In view of the recent report of the Department's Inspector the names of Rato Collectors Callaghan, Sweeney, McHugh, Farren, Deery, McAtcer, Browne, McGinty, and Moore had been added to the list of excepted persons in the Council's employment and arrears of contributions due in respect of them since that date had been taken into account in determining the total amount due in respect of the two half-years under review.

The Council decided to issue a Paying Order for £50 : 4 : 8 in respect of underpayment of their contribution to this Fund.

172/39. AREAS OF CHARGE FOR SPECIAL EXPENSES OF RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITIES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1878 TO 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th February, 1939, P.H.22294/8/38, Dun na nGall. Pd., transmitting for the information of the Council copy of an Order made by the Minister on the 24th January fixing areas of charge for the special expenses of Rural Sanitary Authorities under the Public Health Acts, 1878 to 1931.

173/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for for works at Malin, Broonagh, Lughnagillew, Gortamore, Ballylast-Ardnaglass, Newtowndrungornan, Drimitten, Inniscree Island, Meenanarva, Cloughernagore, Kinnakillow, Carrickmacgarvey, and Corrairie-Meeneargagh.

174/39. RETENTION OF SERVICES OF MR. A. N. DILLON AS ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 13th February, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention up to 31st March, 1939, of the services of Mr. A. N. Dillon in connection with the Rosses Road Scheme.

175/39. REQUEST FOR INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO SECURE PAYMENT OF OLD AGE PENSIONS AT 65 YEARS OF AGE.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance dated 14th February, 1939, S.88/2/39, acknowledging receipt of extract from the Council's Minutes regarding the introduction of legislation to secure the payment of Old Age Pensions at 65 years of age.

176/39. SUBSIDIES FOR ERECTION OF SHEEP DIPPING BATHS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 10th February, 1939, L.5220-38, stating that suitable sites for the erection of Sheep Dipping Subsidy Baths had been selected on the lands of:-

- (a) Mr. James Friel, Meenalabbin, Drumkeen, Ballybofey.
- (b) Mr. Charles McMenamin, Cark, Newmills.
- (c) Mr. Joseph Gallen (Quinn), Meenreagh, Killygordon.

A subsidy of £5 would be sanctioned in each case provided the Baths were constructed to the Department's specification and had been certified as satisfactorily completed by the Department's Inspector.

The Minister also approved of expenditure not exceeding £3 16s 6d on a Council Bath on the lands of Mr. P. F. Gallagher, Newmills.

The Bath recently erected at Sessiaghoneill, Ballybofey, could not be regarded as of an approved type, inasmuch as it was not, in fact, a swim bath, and approval would not be granted in future in respect of any bath which was not a swim bath.

Councillor McMenamin stated that the farmers of Sessiaghoneill and district preferred to dip their sheep in a bath which was not a swim bath.

177/39. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1939, G.5780/2/39, Dun na nGall., acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution of the 31st January regarding travelling expenses of members of Local Authorities and stating that the matter would receive attention.

178/39. LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GAELTACHT) ORDERS - COLLECTORS CRAMPSEY AND MCGINLEY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th February, 1939, G.5892/39, Dun na nGall., acknowledging receipt of a resolution passed by the Council on the 31st January regarding the operation of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders in the cases of Collectors Crampsey and McGinley.

179/39. ESTATE DUTY GRANT FOR THE YEAR 1938/39.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th February, 1939, S.3941/38, Dun na nGall., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 24th January in regard to the amount of Estate Duty Grant payable to the Donegal County Council for the current financial year, and stating that the information would be forwarded at the end of the present month when adjustments in connection with the clearance of the Guarantee Fund had been carried out.

180/39. ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1939/40, AND TABLES A. AND B.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th February, 1939, R/RGM/7, asking to be furnished with a bound and certified copy of the Road Works Scheme for 1939/40, together with Tables A. and B. duly completed.

181/39. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - RECOUPMENT CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th February, 1939, asking to be furnished with the claim for recoupment of compensation in respect of animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, for the quarter ended 31st December, 1938.

182/39. CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL ISSUED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th January, 1939, stating that the Certificate of Approval issued under the Housing Acts to Mr. Henry Patton, Cloughroe, Drumkeen, in respect of the erection of a house at The Glebe, Stranorlar, had been cancelled.

183/39. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH RATE WORK, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th February, 1939, G.5896/39, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister sanctioned expenditure not exceeding £800 on the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with the applotment of the rates for the year 1939/40. The actual amount expended, as well as the names of the Clerks employed, should be reported to the Department in due course. The work should be completed at latest by the 31st May. If, however, it was necessary to continue the services of the temporary Clerks beyond that date for rates purposes within the maximum expenditure now sanctioned, the position should then be reported. The cost of the applotment for the current financial year should also be reported in due course.

184/39. CARROWCANNON AND PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 27th January, 1939, asking for the Annual Reports under Section 24 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, in connection with the Carrowcannon, and Portsalon and Duntinny Drainage Schemes.

185/39. PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF DR. S. P. KERRIGAN, CORONER, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th February, 1939, G.5076/39, Dun na nGall., relative to the Council's proposal to grant an increase of salary to Dr. S. P. Kerrigan, Coroner, and directing attention to Section 14 (6) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and stating that apart from the opportunity which arose under Section 18 (1) of the Coroners' (Amendment) Act, 1927, there was no power to increase a Coroner's salary during his term of Office. Appeals to the Minister under the 1927 Act should have been made within twelve months of the passing of the Act. The Minister had, therefore, no power to sanction the proposal now submitted.

186/39. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANT WORK.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th January, 1939, G.26159/3/38, Dun na nGall., regarding the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with road grants, and inquiring how many temporary Clerks were required and the maximum period over which their employment would be necessary.

187/39. APPOINTMENT OF DR. C. C. BOYLE, RAMELTON, AS CERTIFYING SURGEON UNDER THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS.

Notification was submitted from the Department of Industry and Commerce of the appointment of Dr. C. C. Boyle, Ramelton, as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts. His name and address should be entered on the Abstract affixed at Ramelton Pier.

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ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 17adh Feabhra, 1939, G.904/2/39, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe do Chomhairle Chonndae Dun na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £70,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleagthach suas go dtí 28adh Feabhra, 1939.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 18adh Feabhra, 1939, G.904/2/39, Dun na nGall., ag radh go raibh an t-airliu a ceadúightear laigheaduighthe go £70,000. Ba choir go mba leor an tsuim sin da gcuirte baileachan na ratai chun cinn mar ba cheart. Bhi an t-Aire mhi-sasta leis an slighe 'na bhfuil na bailitheoiri ag dul ar aghaidh 'san Conndae uilig. Ar an 3ladh de'n mhi seo chaiththe bhi £83,142 no 47.7% de bharantas £173,950 gan bheith bailighthe, agus i mhi Eanáir uilig nior bailigheadh ach £1,400. I naoi gceanntair nior bailigheadh ratai ar bith agus i se ceanntair eile nior bailigheadh oiread agus .1% des na barantaisibh. Is leis gur faillighe na mbailitheoiri is mo fe ndear an t-airliu ata de dhith anois ar cunntaisibh na Comhairle.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £70,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Marta, 1939.

Socrúigheann go n-larrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £70,000 suas go dtí an 3ladh Marta, 1939.

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PROPOSAL TO RAISE LOAN TO COVER PURCHASES OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 17th February, 1939, R/RB/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th January on the subject of a loan to cover purchases of road machinery. A form was enclosed for completion and it was stated that the period for re-payment should not exceed five years.

190/39.
190/39

PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR HOSPITALS, COUNTY HOMES, ETC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th February, 1939, Circ. 17/39, Ilgh., enclosing a memorandum prepared for the guidance of Architects appointed to prepare plans and specifications for Hospitals, County Homes, and other buildings, and requesting that in connection with every building project in future copies of this memo be supplied to the Architect and his Engineering and other Consultants, if any.

191/39.
191/39

LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Scott asked to have the following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name and those of five other Councillors further adjourned:-

"That Minute No. 1133/37 of the 28th September, 1937, in connection with the Letterkenny Water Supply, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

192/39.
192/39

PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE COUNTY ROADS.

In the absence of Councillor McShea, the following Notices of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name were further adjourned:-

- (1) "That the new road between County Roads Nos. 2094 and 2096 in the townland of Cashelard be declared a County Road."
- (2) "That the new road between the County Road at James Boyle's in the townland of Ardfarna and the County Road near the Leitrim Border be declared a County Road."

193/39.
193/39

RETURN OF EXPENDITURE ON INSURANCE STAMPS AND STAMP DUTY.

Councillor McIvor proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Secretary be instructed to prepare a return of the amounts paid annually by the Council to the Government in respect of Unemployment Insurance, Widows' and Orphans' Insurance, National Health Insurance, Stamp Duty on Paying Orders, Road Contractors' Tenders and Bonds, Rate Receipts, etc."

194/39.

WAGES OF ENGINE-DRIVERS ON ROLLERS NOS. 2, 22, AND 27.

The Council decided to adjourn until their next Meeting consideration of the following items on the Agenda:-

(a) Rescinding Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Mahony and five other members:- "That Minute No. 1178/37 of the 28th September, 1937, fixing the wages of Mr. Philip McDermott, Driver, Roller No. 27, at £2 : 10 : 0 per week, rising by annual increments of 2/- to a maximum of £3 per week, be, and is hereby, rescinded, and that the wages of Driver McDermott be now fixed at £3 per week."

(b) Letter from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Driver, Roller No. 22, Doochary, asking to have his wages increased to £3 per week. The wages of another of the Council's Drivers were increased at last Meeting to £3 per week, although he (Gallagher) was two years longer a driver. His present pay was £2 : 4 : 0 per week, and he knew of several Flagmen who had £2 : 5 : 0 per week.

(c) Letter from Mr. Peter McMonagle, Driver, Roller No. 2, Kilcar, asking to have his wages increased to £3 per week. He was driving the Council's oldest Roller and he was only receiving £2 : 5 : 0 per week. The old roller was very difficult to drive, and he had great trouble in keeping it on the road.

195/39.

PRICES OF CLOTHING, AND FOODSTUFFS.

Councillor O'Brien proposed:- "That this Council request our Government to take immediate steps to reduce the cost of clothing and foodstuffs to pre-war level, or, alternatively, to the level of prices now prevailing in the Six Counties."

Councillor Byrne seconded.

Councillors Lynch and McIvor supported the motion.

The Chairman (Councillor Blaney) proposed, as an amendment, that no action be taken, and Councillor Houston seconded.

After a lengthy discussion the matter was put to a vote, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment:- 5.

Against the amendment:- 9.

The amendment having been lost, the motion was put to the Meeting and carried by the same voting.

196/39.

BORROWING OF LOAN OF £1,200 BY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, AS SANITARY AUTHORITY, FOR LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

In the absence of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the Board of Health, Councillor Myles, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Health, proposed the following resolution in accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance, as Sanitary Authority, of a sum not exceeding £1,200 for Letterkenny Water Supply Scheme."

Councillor MacCreadie seconded the motion, which was passed.

197/39.

BORROWING OF LOAN OF £2,400 BY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, AS POOR LAW AUTHORITY, FOR LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

In the absence of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the Board of Health, Councillor Myles, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Health, proposed the following resolution in accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance, as Poor Law Authority, of a sum not exceeding £2,400 for Letterkenny Water Supply Scheme."

Councillor MacCreadie seconded the motion, which was passed.

198/99. PROPOSAL TO RAISE LOAN OF £2,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
PORTER'S LODGE, OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS, AND HEATING OF DINING-
HALL IN THE COUNTY HOME.

It was decided to adjourn until next Meeting the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £2,000 for the purpose of providing Porter's Lodge, Office Improvements, and heating of Dining-hall in the County Home."

Councillor Hannigan proposed that this item be "thrown out."

Councillor Michael O'Donnell seconded.

The Chairman ruled that the matter stand adjourned.

199/39. PROPOSAL TO RAISE LOAN OF £450 FOR COMPLETION OF LABOURERS'
COTTAGES AT BALLYSHANNON AND LIFFORD.

Councillor Hannigan proposed that the following item standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, be "thrown out.":-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £450 for the completion of twenty Labourers' Cottages at Ballyshannon (East Rock Site), and eight Labourers' Cottages at Old Jail Site, Lifford."

Councillor Michael O'Donnell seconded.

The Chairman (Councillor Blaney) proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting, and this proposal was agreed to eventually.

200/39. PROPOSAL TO RAISE LOAN OF £2,000 FOR COMPLETION OF SEWERAGE
SCHEMES AT BALLYSHANNON, BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR,
CARNDONAGH, AND DONEGAL.

It was decided to adjourn until next Meeting the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £2,000 for the completion of the sewerage schemes at Ballyshannon, Ballybofey and Stranorlar, Carndonagh, and Donegal, by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance."

201/39. PROPOSAL TO RAISE LOAN OF £5,000 FOR COMPLETION OF WATERWORKS
AT BALLINTRA, CARRICK, CARRIGART, DONEGAL, KERRYKEEL,
KILLYBEGS, LIFFORD, MILFORD, AND ST. JOHNSTON.

It was decided to adjourn until next Meeting the following Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £5,000 for the completion of the waterworks at Ballintra, Carrick, Carrigart, Donegal, Kerrykeel, Killybegs, Lifford, Milford, and St. Johnston."

202/39. ARCHITECTURAL GRADUATES ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Architectural Graduates Association enclosing memorandum which set out some of the advantages of the competition system. The Association would be grateful for the views of the Council on the matter, and, in particular, if an enclosed questionnaire would be answered.

Consideration of the matter was further adjourned until next Meeting.

203/39.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES
FUND FOR CARRYING OUT WORKS IN THE GLENTIES AND DOOCHARY
DISTRICTS.

A letter was read from Councillor Houston asking the Council to apply to the Board of Works for grants out of the Minor Employment Schemes Fund for the carrying out of the following works:-

- (a) Construction of a Bog Road leading from the Doochary-Fintown Main Road between the townlands of Drumaneany and Glenleighan.
- (b) Construction of a Bog Road leading from the Glenties-Dungloe Main Road going east through the townland of Boyoughter; length 1½ miles, and would serve 125 tenants for turbary.
- (c) Construction of a Bog Road leading from the Glenties-Ballybooley Main Road at or near Con Brennan's of Shallogans, and going east past Andrew K. Brennan's.
- (d) Construction of footbridge across the Owen Ruadh River in the townland of Dubbin to serve school-children.
- (e) Improvement of existing road leading from Dan McLoone's, Kilclooney; length about 1 mile, and would serve 17 tenants for turbary.

On the motion of Councillor Houston it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Grants.

204/39. ARREARS OF INSTALMENTS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th February, 1939, H.17174/5/38, Dun na nGall., requesting to be furnished with a reply to the Department's letter of the 26th January regarding the arrears of instalments under the Housing Acts, 1924/1929.

The Council decided to adjourn until their next Meeting consideration of a letter from the Council's Solicitor setting out the position in a number of cases referred to him, and also the question of taking action against the other defaulters.

205/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council decided to adjourn until their next Meeting the question of taking action against a number of defaulters under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

206/39. CARAVANS ON COUNTY COUNCIL PROPERTY AT RAPHOE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, referring to the Council's Minute No. 1291/38 referring back to the Board the question of overcrowding of caravans at Raphoe, and stating that as the caravans were on the County Council's property, the Council should take steps to have them removed.

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter, and also consideration of an estimate from the Acting County Surveyor of the cost of erecting stone fence around the plot of ground at Raphoe occupied by the caravans.

207/39. COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall Committee, Dungloe, stating that the Hall Committee regretted they could not approve of the installation of Anthracite Stoves in the Hall. They would consider the heating of the Hall when they were in a financial position to do so, and, meanwhile, they would put a large radiator stove at a suitable place in the Hall. They would repair the side door and make it as air-tight as possible. They could not extend the cloakroom, but they would allow the use of it to the Court Clerk on Court days and on any other days he required it.

The Council adjourned consideration of the matter until next Meeting. (1234/38 C.C.)

208/39.
1938/39.

**APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR CLERICAL OFFICERS TO THE STAFF OF THE
COUNCIL IN PLACE OF MR. JAMES J. GALLAGHER, RESIGNED, AND
MR. DANIEL KELLY, DECEASED.**

A letter dated 15th February, 1939, L.A.13.21.28, was read from the Local Appointments Commission enclosing statement of the result of the Examination for Junior Clerical Officers held at Letterkenny on the 13th and 14th January, 1939. It was also stated that Mr. Michael A. Campbell and Miss Esme V. Leyden, the candidates placed first and second in the Examination, had a sufficient knowledge of Irish to exempt them from further examination under the Gaeltacht Orders. The candidate placed third, Miss Nellie E. Gallagher, did not possess such a knowledge, and she should, accordingly, be informed, when being notified of her success, that her appointment would be subject to the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders.

The Secretary stated that the following 54 candidates had qualified in the Examination.

<u>Name and Address of Candidate.</u>	<u>Total marks.</u>	<u>Irish.</u>
1. Michael Alphonsus Campbell, Moyle, Milford.	1169.	243.
2. Esme Veronica Leyden, Waterloo House, Ballyshannon.	1107.	247.
3. Nellie Elizabeth Gallagher, Foster House, Raphoe.	1042.	210.
4. Nabla McGeehan, Breenagh, Newmills.	1041.	240.
5. James Walsh, The Garage, Dungloe.	1020.	246.
6. Brigid Mary Byrne, Drumbologue, Newmills.	1000.	236.
7. Susan Ethna McCafferty, Ballintra.	1000.	200.
8. Annie Kathleen McBrearty, Waterloo Place, Donegal.	987.	241.
9. Mary Brigid Murray, Castlebane, Letterkenny.	976.	220.
10. Patricia Mary Stephens, Main Street, Ballyshannon.	937.	256.
11. John McPhelim, Creevy, Ballyshannon.	934.	230.
12. Edward J. Cullen, Cruickbawn, Carrigart.	918.	184.
13. Neil Joseph Herron, Kiltyferrigal, Cloghan.	917.	225.
14. James Dorrian, Mountcharles.	910.	195.
15. William Thomas Quinn, Carrickmagrath, Ballybofey.	889.	217.
16. Patrick Anthony McBrearty, Waterloo Place, Donegal.	886.	206.
17. Catherine E. Cunningham, Fintra Road, Killybegs.	885.	199.
18. Sheila O'Doherty, Tullynadall, Kindrum.	873.	245.
19. Maureen Bernadette Travers, Raneeny, Laghey.	870.	205.
20. Evelyn Teresa Cannon, Magheraroarty, Gortahork.	866.	270.
21. Brendan O'Rahilly Rogers, Carrickboy, Ballyshannon.	864.	175.
22. Rebecca M. McMonagle, Glentogher, Carndonagh.	845.	190.
23. James F. McIntyre, The Diamond, Lifford.	841.	207.
24. Margaret I. McFeely, Upper Main St., Letterkenny.	825.	210.
25. James J. Gallen, Broomfield, Castlefin.	810.	233.
26. Seamus Slovin, Market Street, Ballyshannon.	807.	185.
27. Mary Josephine McGrenra, Trentagh, Lifford.	793.	223.
28. Brigid Leslie, Largy, Killybegs.	787.	235.
29. Patrick J. Daly, The Mall, Ballyshannon.	782.	223.
30. Margaret Philomena Ward, Tullyloskin, Donegal.	774.	183.
31. Desmond J. Dunnion, Tirconall Street, Donegal.	770.	168.
32. Kathleen A. McMenamin, Moneen, Cloghan.	761.	210.
33. Bernard O'Reilly, Cashlemore.	756.	208.
34. Anthony Sweeney, Lackenagh, Burtonport.	743.	163.
35. Susan Doherty, Malin Street, Carndonagh.	740.	205.
36. Patrick McLaughlin, Malin.	733.	202.
37. Brigid O'Connor, New Road, Carndonagh.	731.	240.
38. John Kerr, Umrican, Ballyheerin.	724.	195.
39. Joseph George O'Neill, Letterbarrow, Donegal.	723.	173.
40. John Joseph McLaughlin, Carrowtrasna, Greencastle.	722.	208.
41. John Fitzgerald, Clonleigh P. O., Lifford.	718.	195.
42. Alice Josephine McLaughlin, Main Street, Buncrana.	717.	208.
43. Paddy McGinley, Glassaghdevitt, Commeen, Cloghan.	704.	244.
44. Michael C. McDyer, Kilrairie, Glenties.	693.	163.
45. Maighread Gerard Walsh, Mount Southwell, Letterkenny.	690.	210.
46. Maureen Patricia McMahon, Ballyshannon.	690.	195.
47. Eileen T. McGowan, Aughavoy, Wolshtown.	672.	180.

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	Total marks.	Irish.
48. George J. McLaughlin, Main Street, Culdaff.	664.	193.
49. Brigid McGonigle, Churchtown, Carndonagh.	660.	190.
50. Olive K. McCarthy, Falcarragh.	659.	200.
51. Mary Josephine McIvor, The Rock, Muff.	623.	203.
52. Dominick O'Doherty, Rathmullan.	600.	165.
53. Mary Brigid McDevitt, Crossogs, Newmills.	587.	215.
54. William Cullen, Milford.	571.	180.

The Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had telephoned that day stating that they regretted they could not sanction the permanent appointment of Mr. J. O'Donnell in place of the late Mr. D. Kelly, as Mr. O'Donnell had only been in continuous employment since December, 1936. If the Secretary required another Clerk he would have to take him from the Examination List.

The Department's decision now left two vacancies in the County Council Offices, one in place of Mr. J. J. Gallagher, resigned, and the other in place of the late Mr. D. Kelly.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor MacCreadie, the Council unanimously decided to appoint to the staff of the Council, Mr. Michael Alphonsus Campbell, Moyle Hill, Milford, and Miss Esme Veronica Leyden, Waterloo House, Ballyshannon.

**209/39.
199/39. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY
ACT, 1908.**

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

Mr. Joseph F. Herron, General Merchant, Ardara.
Mr. Phil Cannon, Carrick.
Messrs. William Magee & Sons, Ballybofey.
Mr. George E. McCrea, Merchant, Pottigo.
Mr. R. McCausland, Merchant, Milford.
Mr. James Keavney, Moville Co-operative Society, Ltd., Moville.
Messrs. C. McClure & Sons, Ballybofey.
Mr. John Byrne, Grocer, Kilcar.
Mr. Joseph Friel, Cotteen, Dorrybeg.
Mr. Patrick Gallen, Grocer, Clonmany.
Templecrone Co-operative Society, Ltd., Dungloe.
Messrs. McConnell & Co., (Donegal), Ltd., Bridgend.
Mr. John Doherty, Drung, Quigley's Point.
Mr. John Gillespie, Gweedore.

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

Mr. John Montgomery, Dunfanaghy.
Messrs. Andrew McGlinchey & Co., Buncrana.
Buncrana Co-operative Society, Ltd., Buncrana.
Patrick Loughrey, Kerrykeel.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the applications.

**210/39
200/39. APPLICATION TO HAVE PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER THE EXPLOSIVES
ACT, 1875.**

Applications were received from the Templecrone Co-operative Society, Ltd., Dungloe, and from Mr. Hugh McGill, Glenties, to have their premises registered for the keeping of explosives under the Explosives Act, 1875.

The Council unanimously decided to register the premises.

**211/39
201/39. CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909.**

A letter was read from Mr. James McCaffrey, Creeslough, applying for a renewal of the licence issued in respect of Creeslough Hall under the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

The Council unanimously decided to renew the licence.

212/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT DRUMININ, BARNESMORE.

A letter was read from Councillor McRory enclosing letter from Mr. Neil P. Martin, Druminin, Barnesmore, stating that owing to the raising and rolling of the roads at both ends of his dwelling-house, the water flowed and lodged around the house and in any kind of wet weather the house was flooded, thus rendering it unfit for human habitation.

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

"Mr. Neil P. Martin, Druminin, Barnesmore, was rather unfortunate in the selection of a site for his dwelling, but any rolling done on the roads around it has in no way brought more water, nor has it directed water in any way towards his house. I visited his place on Tuesday last, the wettest day this year, and no water from the roads went near his dwelling."

Mr. O'Reilly also stated that he accompanied Mr. Cunningham when visiting this particular spot on the 23rd February, and he agreed with the latter's report.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

213/39. PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE GRANT FOR FILLING OF HOLLOW ON MAIN ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF BUNCROBEG, GLENTIES.

Councillor Houston proposed:- "That a sum of £300 be raised for the purpose of filling a hollow on the Glenties-Ballinagrath-Ballybofey Main Road at a point known as "The Labb" in the townland of Buncrobeg. The road at this point, for a distance of about 200 yards, was, with average rainfall, covered to a depth of four feet, and was most dangerous to all kinds of traffic, particularly motor traffic."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"The repair of the road mentioned by Councillor Houston will be taken into consideration when Grants for the coming year are being allocated."

At the request of Councillor Houston it was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

214/39. STORAGE FACILITIES FOR STOCKS OF EXPLOSIVES.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 22nd November, 1938, 65/57/5, referring to the lack of proper storage facilities for County Council stocks of explosives in Donegal, and stating that the only Stores which an Inspector could trace during a recent inspection were one at Stranorlar and one at Letterkenny. Neither of these Stores complied with the requirements of the Explosives Act. The matter should be brought to the notice of the Acting County Surveyors with a view to the selection of suitable sites for the erection of approved type Stores.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Accompanied by Mr. Cunningham, I made a further search for a suitable site for Explosives Magazine convenient to Donegal town. There is a possible site on the County Board of Health's property at Donegal. It would be over 150 yards from the wall surrounding the Donegal Hospital. It is over 100 yards from the roadway, but is within 70 yards of the Railway. The site, which is situated on the river bank, is easy of access for the taking out of explosives for the different Assistant Surveyors' areas. The Department of Justice could be asked if they would consider it suitable. It does not fulfil the exact conditions as regards being 200 yards from a house, and 100 yards from a roadway, as I presume the railway may be deemed to be a roadway within the meaning of the Act."

The Council decided to send a copy of Mr. O'Reilly's report to the Department of Justice for their observations in connection with the site mentioned in the report.

215/39.

REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOATSLIP AT EIGHTER ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th January, 1939, stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had received an extract from the Council's Minutes of the 29th December, 1938, relative to the necessity for the construction of a Boatlip on Eighter Island, and stating that he would be glad to be favoured with the observations of the Council on the proposal. In the event of the Council being prepared to recommend the Scheme arrangements could be made for a report from the County Surveyor in the matter, including an estimate of the cost and a sketch plan of the proposed work.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon reports that owing to weather conditions he was unable to visit Eighter Island, as there has been a storm along the coast for some time. He will endeavour to do so prior to next Meeting and bring in a report re proposed boatslip."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

216/39.

PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR EDWARD KELLY.

A letter was read from Councillor Edward Kelly, Rosstown, stating that for certain private reasons he was unable to continue being a member of the County Council, and he wished to tender his resignation.

On the motion of Councillor McRory, the Council unanimously decided to request Councillor Kelly to re-consider his decision.

217/39.

CLASS OF PERSONS WHO ARE TO BE EMPLOYED ON EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 27th January, 1939, RU/205/16, stating that one of the main objects of the provision of employment through the medium of Employment Schemes was to bring back into employment persons who had suffered long continued unemployment. Such persons might not at the outset be capable of yielding a normal output of work and reasonable allowance should be made for this at the commencement of the period of employment. Subject to this consideration only, men who, in the opinion of the Official in charge of the work, were suitable for employment and capable of giving a reasonable output were to be employed. It was not intended that all Unemployment Assistance recipients were to be employed indiscriminately and irrespective of their fitness and aptitude for the work.

The Council noted the letter.

218/39.

ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH DURING HIS ABSENCES ON LEAVE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th January, 1939, P.H.1455/39, enclosing, for the information of the Council, copy of a letter addressed to the Board of Health on the subject of Dr. McColgan and Dr. Hayes carrying out the duties of the County Medical Officer of Health in their respective areas during future absences of that Officer. The Minister would be prepared to approve of the proposal, which should be formally ratified by the County Council.

A letter was also read from the County Board of Health enclosing letter from the Department on the same subject.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle, the Council unanimously decided to ratify the proposal.

A letter dated 27th February, 1939, was read from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, applying for the remaining week of his annual leave to start as from March 13th.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Dr. Bastible's application; and it was decided to instruct Drs. McColgan and Hayes to act as County Medical Officer of Health in their respective areas during the absence of Dr. Bastible, and to point out to them that it was not necessary for them to attend daily at the Public Health Offices, Stranorlar.

219/39. DELEGATES NOMINATED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SOCIETY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st February, 1939, A.258/1939, drawing attention to Sections 6 and 11 of the National Health Insurance and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1936, which imposed on County and County Borough Councils certain duties in connection with the constitution of the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society. Five members of the Committee of Management of the Society were to be elected by delegates nominated by County and County Borough Councils. The Donegal County Council was entitled to nominate four delegates. 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;
- (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 re-appoint:-

Mrs. Mary McNulty, Ballybogan, Lifford.

Mr. John Doherty, Dromore, Killygordon.

Mr. James McDevitt, Letterkenny.

220/39. GLENCREE REFORMATORY SCHOOL, ENNISKERRY, CO. WICKLOW.

A letter was read from Rev. W. F. O'Connor, O.M.I., Manager, St. Kevin's Training School, Glencree, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, stating that the School had become involved in serious financial difficulties. The Departments of Education and Finance were satisfied that a clear case had been made for an immediate increase in their contribution, and they had agreed to advance their payment to 10/- per week per boy. The City Manager of Dublin had recommended that the grant be increased to 8/- per week per boy, and his recommendation had been adopted, and the increase made retrospective as from the 1st April, 1938. He felt certain that the other Local Authorities would appreciate the difficulties and make provision on the lines adopted by Dublin Corporation.

The Secretary stated that at present there was only one boy in Glencree from County Donegal.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

221/39. ROGER DOHERTY v. COUNTY COUNCIL, MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th January, 1939, S.W.5/12/25, referring to the case of Roger Doherty v. County Council, Minor Employment Schemes. The State Solicitor for County Donegal had informed them that the Civil Bill dated 23rd June, 1938, was duly withdrawn by the Plaintiff's Solicitor, that it was not entered with the County Registrar, and, accordingly, that the case was not before the Court. In the circumstances, no further action appeared to be necessary.

The Council noted the letter.

222/39. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., Dublin, asking the Council to nominate a delegate to attend the Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

The Council decided to appoint Councillor Myles as their delegate.

223/39. BALLYSHANNON O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Ballyshannon O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that the Sub-Committee had decided to appoint Rev. A. Mullin, C.C., Ballyshannon, as a member of the Sub-Committee in place of Rev. P. Dooney, C.C.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the appointment of Father Mullin.

224/39.

STRANORLAR O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Stranorlar O.A. P. Sub-Committee, stating that Rev. J. Carr, C.C., Convoys, had resigned from membership, and the Sub-Committee wished to have Rev. James Gallagher, C.C., Drunkeen, appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father Gallagher.

225/39.

DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY AT GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McCormick, 25, Clarendon Street, Derry, applying for a refund of the deposit which he had lodged in connection with the opening of the roadway at Greencastle.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this deposit had been refunded.

226/39.

DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY AT ST. JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Co., Amiens Street, Station, Dublin, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by them in connection with the installation of a water supply at the Station House, St. Johnston.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor to have the refund made, if the roadway had been properly restored.

227/39.

ALTERATION OF TELEGRAPH POLES ON THE KILLYBEGS-CARRICK ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, referring to road improvements at Fintra, Killybegs, and stating that as the road improvements were being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant the cost incurred by the Department in the matter would be charged to the Council in due course.

A further letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, referring to road widenings on the Killybegs-Carrick Road, and stating that as the work was being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant the cost of removal of the telegraph poles would be charged to the Council in due course.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"The works charged against the County Council under these items are quite in order, as the work was carried out with the aid of a Government Grant."

The Council noted the letters.

228/39.

ALTERATION OF TELEGRAPH POLES ON THE GORTAHORK-FALCARRAGH ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, referring to road improvements on the Gortahork-Falcarragh Road, and stating that as the work was being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant the cost of shifting the poles would be charged to the Council in due course.

The Council noted the letter.

229/39.

BOILERS IN THE COURTHOUSES AT BUNCRANA AND CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., Colloge Green, Dublin, dated 9th February, 1939, reporting on certain repairs which were required to the Boilers in the Courthouses at Bunrana and Carndonagh.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

230/39. RESOLUTION PROTESTING AGAINST INCREASE IN RATES, AND AGAINST SYSTEM OF FINANCING PUBLIC WORKS BY LOANS.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Gallagher, LL.B., Solicitor, Donegal, enclosing a report of a Meeting of representatives of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, and members of the different Protestant Churches, Donegal, expressing indignation at the proposed increase in rates assessments in County Donegal for the coming year, and demanding that no such or any increases be made. They called on the County Councillors of the Area not alone to oppose any rates increases, but to press strongly for lower rates. They protested emphatically against the system of financing Public Works by loans from Banks and Public Institutions, as this meant that every such work had to be paid for twice over, once to the Contractor and once to the Banks in Interest on the loans. There was nothing to prevent the Government creating the necessary money as it costed practically nothing to create or print, and to make it available for these Public Works either as free grants, or, at least, as Loans without Interest.

Letters were also submitted from the Castlefin and Bundoran Districts stating that the signatories associated themselves with the recent Donegal protest and demand, and joined with them. demanding that the County Council take appropriate steps to reduce the rates this year.

Mr. Gallagher addressed the Council in support of his letter, and a protracted discussion ensued in which Councillors Scott, Brady, McIvor, and Lynch took part.

Councillor McRory proposed and Councillor Gallagher seconded that the Council take action on the lines suggested by Mr. Gallagher.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the letter be marked "read."

Councillor Baxter seconded.

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

For the amendment:-

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Cramerand, Houston, Mahony, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McPadden, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Brian), Scott, and Walsh. Total 13.

Against the amendment:-

Councillors Byrne, Friel, Gallagher, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lynch, Myles, McCrea, McDaid, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), and McRory. Total 16.

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

231/39. ERECTION OF BUILDING FOR THRESHING-MILL AT CLONCHA, CULDAFF.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Scott, Cloncha, Culdaff, stating that he would be obliged if the Surveyor would call and inspect a building where he was erecting a threshing-mill. In case the building might be too close to the road in any way he wished to have the Surveyor's opinion.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the erection of this building was in order.

232/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING AT MALINMORE OWING TO CLOSING OF PIPE.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Meenan, Irish Lights Terrace, Glencolumbkille, stating that owing to the closing-up of a pipe at Malinmore by a Mr. Hugh Byrne his land and the County Road would be flooded. He would like the Surveyor to investigate the matter.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor, reports as follows:- 'I inspected this place on the 22nd ultimo, and met Mr. Meenan. The pipe has been stopped about 40 yards from the County Road, and at present is causing flooding only to the land of Mr. Meenan. In the event of this flooding becoming so serious as to flow out on the road, the onus would be on Mr. Meenan to assert his right to the use of the pipe. At present, however, I consider the matter is a private one.'"

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

233/39.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 31st January, 1939, RU/206/1, stating that, subject to the necessary funds being provided by the Dail it was proposed to allocate grants for road and footpath works to be undertaken in rural areas during the Financial Year 1939/40 under the Employment Schemes Vote. The grant provisionally determined for allocation to the Council was £94,000, subject to a local contribution of £6,000 towards works estimated to cost £100,000. The works were to be completed by the 31st March, 1940, and the local contribution was to be raised by rate during the year 1939/40.

Councillor Baxter strongly opposed the giving of any local contribution towards Employment Schemes, and he proposed that the Council take no action in the matter.

Councillor Byrne seconded.

Councillor Hannigan opposed the giving of any local contribution on the grounds that the largest part of the local contribution was paid by the ratepayers of East Donegal, and that the expenditure in this area was least.

Councillor Lynch proposed that the grant be accepted.

Councillor McDaid seconded, and Councillor Brian O'Donnell also supported this proposal.

After a lengthy discussion, Councillor Loughrey proposed, Councillor McRory seconded, and it was unanimously decided to request the Local Government Department to give the grant of £94,000 without requiring a local contribution of £6,000.

234/39.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1939/40.

Mr. J. B. McNulty, Solicitor, Raphoe, appeared before the Council on behalf of a number of deputations from the East Donegal and Finn Valley Farmers' Associations, farmers of the Drumholm and Ballintra Districts, and farmers of the Rathmullan, Milford, and Kerrykeel Districts.

Mr. McNulty went through the Estimates for the Financial Year 1939/40 in detail, and compared them with Estimates for earlier years. He pointed out several items which he claimed could be reduced owing to the exceptionally bad harvest and severe winter, and the consequent privation from which the farming community was suffering.

He suggested that the Council pass a resolution in the following terms:-

"That this Council being of opinion that the damage to this Season's crops in Donegal is so vast that the collection of the Second Moiety of the Rates would impose on farmers an undue amount of hardship and suffering, we request the Minister for Local Government to arrange for a temporary loan to the Council of the amount of the Second Moiety of the Rates; the loan being re-payable, with interest, by equal half-yearly payments over a period of four years."

Councillor Mahony proposed the adoption of the resolution, and Councillor McGrease seconded.

The Secretary warned the Council that the passing of this resolution would prevent the Rate Collectors from collecting any of the Second Moiety, which was almost entirely due, and that as a result, the local administration of the County would be completely and entirely paralysed.

Councillor Baxter supported the Secretary.

Councillor Mahony withdrew his proposal.

The Council agreed to adjourn until their next Meeting consideration of the Secretary's Estimates and the General Estimate of Rates for the Financial Year 1939/40, pending a reply from the Local Government Department regarding a contribution to the Employment Schemes Vote, 1939/40.

235/39.

ROSSES ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

A letter dated 22nd February, 1939, R/IR/81/2, was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 9th February regarding the provision of further funds for the continuation, up to the 31st March, of the scheme of road improvement works for the Rosses Area, and stating that the Minister had obtained the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a grant of two-thirds of the cost of the proposed expenditure, subject to a maximum grant of £2,000, of which one moiety would be borne from the Road Fund and the other from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1938/39; the balance of £1,000 to be provided out of Council's funds.

Works No. S.U.152 had been allocated to the works proposed to be undertaken and should be quoted in correspondence and in requisitions when applying for instalments of the Grant.

Councillor Baxter stated that he would not oppose the giving of a local contribution in this case as the money was required for the completion of a Scheme of Road Works, which had been undertaken following the report of the Deep Sea-Port Commission.

The Council, therefore, decided to make a contribution of £1,000 towards the completion of the Rosses Road Improvement Scheme. (138/39 C.C.)

236/39.

TREASON BILL.

Councillor Lynch asked the Chairman's permission to have the Standing Orders suspended to enable him to make a protest against the proposed Treason Bill.

Owing to the large volume of business before the Council, the Chairman stated that he was obliged to refuse the request, and he informed Councillor Lynch that he could raise the matter again at next Meeting.

237/39.

LIGHTING OF RAMELTON PIER.

The Secretary stated that arising out of Minute No. 1216/37 of the 26th October, 1937, Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, had agreed, on behalf of the Council, to purchase electric light for Ramelton Pier at a cost of £4 per year, plus meter rent of 3/- per quarter, and a sum of £48 10 0 for erection of poles, wires, lamps, etc.

The Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor O'Boyle, to confirm the arrangements made by Mr. Caffrey with Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co.

238/39.

COMPLAINT RE CLOSING OF DRAIN AT PORTNOO.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Tennis, Portnoo, stating that Mr. Kearney's report to the December Meeting regarding the drain leading from his house closed by the Council was evading the issue and side-trailing his complaint. He did not want the Council to build a pipe for him but to repair the one they had already built.

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

"I repeat that Mr. Tennis is taking an easy way of allowing sewage from his premises on to the County Road, and thus insisting that the Council should leave a water-channel alongside the road to take the sewage into the County pipe further down the road. The question regarding this is: Should Mr. Tennis be allowed to let sewage on to the County Road?"

The Council decided to refer this matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for investigation. (1479/38 C.C.)

239/39.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD BETWEEN TOWNLANDS OF URBALREAGH AND MEEDANMORE, MALIN.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Urbalroagh and Meedanmore, Ballygorman, asking the Council to repair the road between Urbalreagh and Meedanmore. This road served the whole area around in the transport of turf. No motors were able to use the road.

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

240/39. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS BEND AT BALLYMAGROARTY SCHOOL
ON THE BALLYSHANNON-BALLINTRA ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael O'Flannaidhe, Ballymagroarty N.S., Ballintra, drawing the Council's attention to the necessity for doing something to the dangerous "S" bend at Ballymagroarty School. This bend was a real death-trap for the children attending the School on account of the great traffic on the road. The School gate was situated at the most dangerous point of the Bend.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"This is one of the five corners on the road from Ballintra to Ballyshannon that it is proposed to ease. Work will shortly begin there, subject to the obtaining of the necessary land."

The Council noted the report.

241/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON RELIEF WORKS ON
TORY ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. James Rodgers, West Town, Tory Island, stating that he had been directed by the Board of Works to apply for a position as Ganger on any future Relief Works on Tory Island. He had already applied to the County Surveyor without any result.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

242/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF ROAD AT INNISCOO,
BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rose O'Donnell, Inniscoo, Burtonport, asking the Council to apply to the Board of Works for a grant for the making of a road leading from her house. His children going to School had no road to walk on.

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

243/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT WORKSHOP ON KELLY'S
QUAY, KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Conaghan, Killybegs, intimating that he duly received the Council's permission to erect a workshop on Kelly's Quay, Killybegs. He considered the rent of £5 per annum unacceptable, as there was no security of tenure, and the site was only 18' x 12', and was in an out-of-the-way corner. A neighbour of his recently secured a site for a kippering station at a rent of 10/- per annum. He was prepared to pay £1 : 10 : 0 per annum for the site. If that was not accepted the matter might be regarded as closed.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

244/39. APPLICATION TO COUNCIL FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH
PURCHASE OF SEED POTATOES AND OATS.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McDevitt, Aughnish, Ranelton, stating that owing to the bad season he had lost both his potato and oat crops. He had no means to buy seed for the coming Spring, and he trusted that the County Council would come to his assistance.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

245/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LANDS AT LACKENAGH, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. James McNelis, Lackenagh, Burtonport, again complaining of the flooding of his lands at Lackenagh, and stating that Mr. Dillon's report regarding the drains alleged to have been made through his fields was not correct. The side of the road would fall in sooner or later, and the Council would be held responsible for any loss sustained. Water from other holdings in the district ran into his lands, and owing to the pipe being too high a certain amount of it lay there, thereby causing serious damage.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had been informed by Councillor O'Boyle that this matter had been settled.

246/39. DAMAGE TO BICYCLE, THE PROPERTY OF GANGER CHARLES CLARKE.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert McMenamin, 1, St. Columba's Avenue, Buncrana, stating that he did not understand how the County Council would hold him responsible for the damage to Ganger Clarke's bicycle. He thought this was entirely a matter between the County Council and Ganger Clarke.

The Council decided to adjourn this matter until next Meeting.

247/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE OF MRS. KATE BOYLE, MEENMORE, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Kate Boyle, Meenmore, Dungloe, referring to a recent complaint by her regarding the state of the road leading to her house. The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road. She was quite well aware of this, but the road was a public right-of-way, and part of it was made a few years ago as far as the house of Anthony O'Donnell, Milltown. She understood that a grant was allocated for this work, but that Anthony O'Donnell refused his consent to the making of the road.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating future Minor Relief Grants.

248/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM KILTOORISH TO EDEN.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, complaining of the condition of the road from Kiltorish to Eden. This road was very dangerous for motor traffic and was much frequented by tourists.

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

"The surface of the Kiltorish-Eden Road is good, but the road is narrow. The tourists have another road to Eden. It is almost tarred and in first-class order, except the last mile of waterbound road, which is in good order."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

249/39. MINOR RELIEF SCHEME STARTED AT GORTGARRA, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Sweeney, Ballintra, Arranmore, stating that in 1936 £60 of a grant was wasted on an old road which was only used for cattle going to the mountain. In 1937 another £40 was spent on the same road. In 1938, Mr. Kennedy, Engineer of the Board of Works, condemned the road and stated that no more money would be spent on it. Three weeks ago it was again started with another grant of £60. He wrote to Mr. Kennedy and a telegram came ordering the work to be stopped. He suffered a loss of £3 in 1936 and £2 in 1937 for damage done to his land on the other side of the river through the repairing of this old roadway, and he thought the Council should take steps to repair this damage.

A letter was also read from Mr. Patrick Sweeney, Gortgarra, Arranmore, complaining of damage to his property owing to the making of a road in Gortgarra under a Minor Relief Scheme. Forty yards of his fence were damaged. The work on the road had been stopped and his fence was left unfinished.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Minor Employment Scheme referred to is Sanction No. 197 (1938/39), amount £60. Description:- "Extend road, supplemental to No. 130, 1936/37." The work was started on 23rd January, 1939, and on the 6th February, 1939, Mr. Kennedy, Office of Public Works, rang up and gave instructions to suspend the Scheme as he considered the work waste of money, and already meant to have it cancelled, but apparently overlooked the matter. The Scheme was suspended by wire on that date (6th February, 1939). Mr. Kennedy has since called on Supervising Ganger A. Doogan and instructed him to arrange to have the scheme cancelled. The amount spent to date is £31 : 14 : 0. Mr. Kearney reports that there was no damage done to Sweeney's fence."

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

250/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF BOG ROAD AT BRAIDE, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Gillespie, Braide, Glencolumbkille, applying for a further grant for the completion of a Bog Road in the townland of Braide. There was about a mile of the road still to be completed.

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

251/39. ERECTION OF PROTECTION FENCE AROUND HOUSE AT CARTHAGE, CULDAFF.

A letter was read from Mr. Cecil E. Martin, Carthage, Culdaff, applying for permission to erect a protection fence around his house.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the required permission, on condition that Mr. Martin signs an undertaking to remove the wall at any time he may be called upon to do so.

252/39. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES IN RESPECT OF INJURIES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH A FALL ON ROADWAY AT ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Nancy Coll, Cloughcorr, Arranmore, stating that it was about time she was hearing from the Council about the accident with which she met on the 29th October last on the road from Scoilt-na-Luinge to the eight-foot arch at Lighthouse Road. She enclosed further medical evidence of her incapacity. Mr. Kearney was wrong in stating that she was carrying a bag of goods. Unless a satisfactory agreement was reached she would be compelled to institute proceedings.

The Secretary submitted a further report from Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, in the matter.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

253/39. COUNTY SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

The Secretary submitted Certificate of Taxation of the Council's Solicitor's Bill of Costs, which showed the amount certified as £788 : 13 : 11, less credits amounting to £36 : 1 : 7.

The Council unanimously ordered payment of the amount.

254/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT MALINMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. James E. McGinley, Malinmore, drawing attention to the condition of the road leading from the bridge at John Gillespie's to the house of Mrs. McKee. It was over two years since he first drew the Council's attention to the state of this road. The people of the district would be reluctantly compelled to withhold their rates until the required repairs were carried out.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating future Minor Relief Grants.

255/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM MALINBEG POST OFFICE TO GLENCOLUMBKILLE POST OFFICE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Byrne, Postman, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille, calling attention to the state of the road from Malinbeg Post Office to Glencolumbkille Post Office. He carried the mails on this road and owing to the pot-holes and rough stones he was unable to keep to time.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon reports that this road is at present under repair. A balance of approximately £20 is available for the road."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

256/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD IN TOWNLANDS OF STRASALLAGH AND CORNAGRILLAGH, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. Connell McGuire, Cornagrillagh, Glenties, stating that a few years ago the Board of Works gave a grant for the making of a new road in the townlands of Strasallagh and Cornagrillagh. Part of this road was never finished, and a grant was required for the completion of the road and the construction of a cart bridge across the river to connect with the Glenties-Ballybofey Road.

On the motion of Councillor Houston, it was decided to refer this matter to the Board of Works.

257/39 ROAD LEADING PAST THE HOUSE OF MR. JOHN BUTLER, LISTARGAN, GLENEELY, FROM THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN CARROWMORE BRIDGE AND BOCAN CHURCH TO CLONCHA MOSS.

The Council re-considered letter from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, Derry, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. John Butler, Listargan, Gleneely, to write with reference to a road leading past his house from the Main Road between Carrowmore Bridge and Bocan Church to Cloncha Moss. His client stated that this was a County Road, and kept in repair until a few years ago. It was now in a very neglected state.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have looked up a number of old Payments Books for the years 1922 to 1924. I have come across repeatedly contracts of a road described as follows:- '700 perches of the road from Carndonagh to Culdaff between William McConnellogue's and Bocan Chapel, including branch to J. Butler's of Listargan.' This is the road known as No. 106 in the Road Schedule. I cannot find any trace of a contract from Mr. Butler's house to Cloncha Bog in the old books. As the road in question is not included in the Road Schedule it is not possible to spend any money on it."

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

258/39. ILLNESS OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 3rd February, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the employment of Mr. E. K. McLaughlin, B.E., as Assistant County Surveyor during the illness of Mr. Patrick Dawson at remuneration of £5 : 5 : 0 per week, with usual Travelling Expenses.

A certificate dated 1st February, 1939, was submitted from Dr. J. P. McGinley, Letterkenny, certifying that Patrick Dawson was suffering from Neurasthenia, and would be unable to resume work until 1st April, 1939.

A further certificate dated 23rd February, 1939, was submitted from Dr. P. J. Courtney, R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, certifying that Patrick Dawson was suffering from nervous debility, and had been under his care from 1st February until that date. In his opinion he would not be fit to resume his duties for at least four months.

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

"As Mr. McLaughlin notified me that he was unable to accept the position as Temporary Assistant Surveyor in the Milford District, I transferred Mr. Sean Mulreany, B.E., who had been assisting with the Employment Grants in the Dunfanaghy District. Mr. Mulreany has been carrying out the work in Mr. Dawson's district since the 14th January, 1939."

The Council unanimously decided to grant Mr. Dawson sick leave for the period mentioned in Dr. Courtney's certificate, and to approve of the employment in his stead of Mr. Sean Mulreany, B.E., at remuneration of £5 : 5 : 0 per week.

259/39.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Harkin, Corderry, Churchill, applying for a position as surfaceman on the road from Glendowan to Loughbarrow. He had nine children and the present surfaceman was single, and was not a ratepayer.

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

"The surfaceman appointed to this road is a single man, but he is the son of the last contractor, and he lives near the road which is a very long one. He also appears to be a good worker. Harkin has no other claim beyond that of need. He lives a fair distance away and is a much older man."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

260/39.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF KNOCKASTOLAR-MEENADUFF ROAD, AND CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DAMAGES TO CAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Ferry, Meenaduff, Bunbeg, drawing attention to the deplorable state of the Knockastolar-Meenaduff Road. The road had not been repaired for a considerable time, with the result that motor and lorry traffic were unable to use it. He recently broke a spring in his V.8. Saloon car, and as this was the second time the same thing had occurred, he thought he was not justified in bearing the cost of re-placing it. He enclosed an account for £2 : 5 : 0; and he wished the Council to attend to the matter.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Council have no liability in this matter. This road is being cut up by heavy lorry traffic. It is now being repaired."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

261/39.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN TO WIDEN ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Patrick Meenan of Ladden with a view to claiming compensation for portion of his land taken to widen the roadway. They would be obliged for an early settlement. One of the County Councillors recently suggested a settlement which had not been carried out.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "The Assistant Surveyor reports that he has arranged to give this man work carting in connection with a Minor Employment Scheme, and he thinks it should satisfy him for everything."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

262/39.

COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE DONE TO LANDS OWING TO CARRYING OUT OF MINOR RELIEF SCHEME ON THE DOWNINGS-CRUCKNAMURLOG ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Carr, Murlog, Downings, stating that recently he gave every facility to the Council for the carrying out of a Minor-Relief Scheme on the Downings-Crucknamurlog Road. The Council's workmen had left an encumbrance on his land which made it impossible to labour, and he hoped that steps would be taken to have the matter rectified.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Assistant Surveyor reports that he will look into this matter and put it right, if necessary."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

263/39.

COMPLAINT RE BEING PAID OFF FROM WORK ON ROAD BETWEEN KINDRUM AND LADDAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Sweeney, Tullyconnell, Kindrum, Laddan, inquiring why he was paid off the work on the road between Kindrum and Laddan. He only started on the 6th January and he was paid off on the 6th February. All his mates were transferred to a Minor Relief Scheme, and some of them had been working since the work started. The Acting Co. Surveyor reported as follows:- "Mr. Mulreany reports that he had to cut down the men working on the Scheme on which this man and his two brothers were working. He kept on one of the brothers, transferred another to a Minor Employment Scheme, and the third brother, the complainant, he had to leave off altogether."

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

264/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF GLASSAGH BOG ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Ferry, Glassagh, Derrybeg, complaining of the state of the Glassagh Bog Road, which was under contract running to the Corveen Road. He enclosed a bill for 15s/6d in respect of cost of repairing the front spring of his car recently broken on this road.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Regarding the claim liability should be denied in this case. Mr. McIvor reports that the road in question is a rocky bog road, and the usual maintenance money is not sufficient to put it in order for motor car traffic."

The Council noted the report and decided to deny liability.

265/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT ELECTRIC LIGHTING POLES IN FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Leo McGinley, Falcarragh, stating that he proposed to instal an electric lighting system in Falcarragh, and he wished to apply for the necessary permission to erect poles and wires. He enclosed a map showing the proposed sites of the poles.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for inspection and report.

266/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS LORRY-DRIVER.

A letter was read from Mr. Fred Boyle, Middle Dore, Bunbeg, stating that he heard the Council were going to supply their own lorries, and he wished to apply for a position as Driver of one of them.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

267/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT DUNMORE, KERRYKEEL.

A letter was read from Mr. William F. Logue, Dunmore, Kerrykeel, complaining of the state of the road leading into Dunmore. The water trenches had not been cleaned for two years, and the road was almost impassable.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor reported that the surface of this road was fair, and that he was arranging to have the water-tables cleaned.

268/39. COMPLAINT RE ROAD LEADING FROM NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM TO CASTLE HILL.

A letter was read from Mr. James Black, Blanketnook, Newtowncunningham, again complaining of the condition of the road leading from Newtowncunningham to Castle Hill. There has been no surface-cleaning, side-cleaning, or pot-holes filled in for a considerable time. If Mr. Kelly would come and show him where the side-cleaning was supposed to have been done he would be glad to accompany him. If any member of the Council would be thinking of having a bath, he should come and have one in any of the pot-holes on this road.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kelly reports that he measured the Contractor's metal, and directed him to have it spread and the road put in order. He says that he will make a further inspection in a week's time."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

269/39. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Laughlin Devir, Churchill, complaining of not being employed on road work. He had a wife and five children and lived in a Labourer's Cottage. He approached Mr. Hugh McGinley, Dunfanaghy, who was in charge of the work, four times, and he was promised work, but he had heard nothing about it since. There were plenty of single men working who were not as deserving cases.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "Mr. McIvor reports that the number of men employed on Relief Grants in this area is limited owing to machinery not being available at present. The writer was employed for some weeks recently on Direct Labour work."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

270/39. COMPLAINT RE MINOR EMPLOYMENT GRANT BEING EXPENDED ON ROAD FOR WHICH IT WAS NOT INTENDED.

A letter was read from Mrs. Susan Gallagher, Fanaboy, Gortahork, stating that a grant of £200 was allocated to make a link road between the New Line and the old road to Dunlewey. The site was selected in November, 1937, by a Mr. Chambers. The work started on 23rd January, 1939, and the Ganger was Mr. Patrick Curran, Gortahork. On that date six men led by Mr. Joseph Sweeney, Fanaboy, took the Ganger and his men about half a mile further down towards Gortahork, and started to make a road there where none was needed. She had got the work on the second road stopped. The first place selected was approved by the Irish Tourist Association to bring tourists to Dunlewey, Errigal, and the Poisoned Glen. She trusted that something would be done to get the road made to suit the people for whom it was intended.

The Acting Co. Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that consents were refused on the site selected by the Board of Works. The second route selected was 200 or 300 yards away from the first and provided a shorter route connecting Fanaboy and the Mines Road. Owing to the objection of Mrs. Gallagher the work was stopped until the Board of Works could be consulted."

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

271/39. COMPLAINT REGARDING SYSTEM OF ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Cannon, Derryconnor, Gortahork, asking for an explanation regarding the system of allocation of work. It was 14 weeks since work was started on the Trunk Road. The gang was on strike for two weeks as there was no work, and that left only 12 weeks. Out of these 12 weeks he worked 4 days per week. He was off sick for 6½ days, and the Ganger would not allow him to work one extra day in lieu of the time he lost. He had a wife and nine children, and for the total period he was working he only got £9 : 10 : 6, whereas on the dole he would have got £9 : 16 : 0. He could not understand why he was not entitled to full-time employment.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"While it is appreciated that this is a hard case, it is not possible to do anything regarding it. There is no rule for giving alternate days for men who are ill, and making an exception in this case would cause other men to claim the same treatment, and the granting of this would make the carrying on of the work impossible."

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

272/39. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING FACILITIES AT CURRANSPORT, MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from Deputy Cormac Breslin, Bunbeg, inquiring what steps had been taken in connection with the erection of a Pier at Curransport, Meenlaragh. The Office of Public Works had informed him that the Council was not satisfied as to the suitability of the site proposed, as it was thought that the place was too exposed, and that any Pier erected there would be in danger of being damaged during storms. This was entirely contrary to the opinion of all the fishermen from Magheraroarty to Bunbeg. These men stated that in the event of a storm in the Tory Sound they headed for Curransport for safety. The islanders of Tory and Inishbofin loaded their turf there, and the Tory islanders maintained that with a Pier at this point they could land in most weathers. The erection of a Pier at Curransport would be of great service to all the fishermen from Kincasslagh to Bloody Foreland, and as the matter was urgent he would be glad to have the position examined at the earliest convenience.

The Council decided to inform Deputy Breslin that in January, 1938, it was suggested to the Board of Works that an Engineer of that Department should consult in this matter with Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, and Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle. The Council was still awaiting a reply from the Board of Works on this suggestion.

273/39.

COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. William Flanagan, Barnes Road, Ballybofey, applying for a position as Flagman. Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, held his references and application for the past twelve months. He had been informed that there were two vacancies which were to be filled by single men, and he considered this unfair as he was a married man with a wife and family.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that there was no vacancy.

Councillors Hannigan and McMenamin inquired why a single man named Molloy from Killybegs, who was the owner of a bicycle shop, was recently appointed a Flagman in preference to Flanagan, who was a married man.

Councillor McIvor took strong exception to the appointment as Flagman of a single man in preference to a married man, and he proposed that in future these appointments be made by the Council.

The Acting Chairman (Councillor Blaney) refused to accept this motion as there were then only eight members present, which was not a quorum, and he adjourned this item, and all the remaining items on the Agenda until next Meeting.

274/39.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

It was agreed to adjourn until next Meeting the following items on the Agenda:-

- (1) Letter from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, applying for grants for the making of Bog Roads at Lurgybreack and Meenagrillagh, Glencolumbkille and Ardara Districts.
- (2) Letter from Mr. Stephen Patterson, Clonarl, Killygordon, complaining of the condition of the road leading through the townland of Clonarl. The road was almost impassable at present. The water-tables were filled up and the road was being flooded.
- (3) Letter from Mr. Edward Deerey, Ballycrovay, St. John's Point, Dunkineely, asking to be employed lining and draining the County Road, which was badly in need of repair at present.
- (4) Letter from Mr. D. Carr, Ardglass, Portsalon, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Fanad Branch of Fine Gael:-
"That we direct the attention of the Donegal County Council to the abominable condition of the roads in the "Between-the-Waters" District of Fanad, and that we call upon them to take appropriate steps to have them repaired and improved."
- (5) Letter from a number of ratepayers of Lurgan, Cavangarden P.O., Ballyshannon, calling attention to the condition of the road leading from Ballymagroarty School to Rosshowlagh Crossroads. It was badly in need of repair as no metal had been put on it for four years. A grant of £200 was spent on the road leading from Rosshowlagh Crossroads to the Sandhouse, which was in good repair. Apparently it was persons with motor-cars about whom the Council were concerned, but if the road referred to was not repaired before 31st March they had decided to pay no more rates.
- (6) Letter from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture held on the 7th February in which it was decided to apply to the County Council for a rate of 2½d. in the £. Payment of certain Grants by the Department of Agriculture was conditional on the amount of the County Council's rate being paid to the Committee at the commencement of the year 1939/40.
- (7) Letter from Mr. Michael Kelly, Killymasney, Newmills, enclosing memorial from a number of small farmers in the townlands of Killymasney and Ballygawley applying for a grant for the making of about 120 perches of a new road in the townland of Killymasney commencing at McMonagle's laneway on the left-hand side of the Main Road leading from Rashedog to Breenagh, and finishing at the County Road above James Doherty's house.

(ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING (CONTINUED)).

(8) Letter from Mr. Dan Campbell, Cruckamore, Dungloe, stating that in November, 1937, he made a pipe on the Mountjoy Road leading from Leffin to Meenbanad. He had never received payment for this work, and he wished to have the matter attended to immediately.

(9) Letter from Mr. Charles Gill, Crossconnell, Clonmany, stating that the Board of Works recently gave a grant for the making of a road in Urrismannagh (Scheme No. 211). The residents of the district wished to apply for a grant for the making of about 50 perches of a branch road.

(10) Application from Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for a sum of £35 out of the Contingency Fund for the repair of a bridge on County Road No. 1913, Mountcharles Mill - Drumconnor Railway Crossing.

(11) Letter from Mr. Edward Bonner, Ballina, Falcarragh, inquiring if the site of the old Pound at Ballina was for sale, and, if so, what were the terms of purchase and the price.

(12) Letter from Mr. P. Gillespie, Gortaloan, Glencolumbkille, stating that he only got a few weeks' employment this year, and there were other men working all the year round. He had no means and was depending on a few shillings of dole.

(13) Letter from the Secretary, Cork County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to increase the Sickness and Disablement Benefits to insured persons, and also to restore them dental, opthalmic, and hospital treatment.

(14) Letter from the Clerk, Mallow Urban District Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Mallow Urban Council:-

"That the Government be called on to take immediate steps to ensure that an Agreement be arrived at with the farmers so that the required acreage of beet will be grown this year, and thereby save for Irish labour the thousands of pounds that are at present being spent on foreign sugar.

That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be called on to see that the aliens employed at our four Sugar Factories be dismissed immediately, as it is an insult to the intelligence of Irishmen, and a monument to our own cowardice, that, after twelve years of Sugar Manufacturing and with poverty and unemployment in our midst, it should still be necessary to retain them.

That the Managerial positions in each of these Factories be filled by Irishmen, thereby removing the present Managers whose influence is detrimental to the welfare of the Industries, and whose social outlook, being foreign to ours, is an insult to the ideals of those Irishmen, who, by giving their lives to establish a native Government here, made these Industries possible."

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Confirmed.

James P. de Leeuw

Chairman of Co. Council.
28th March, 1939.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON FRIDAY,
THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 1939.

275/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

276/39.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from the Chairman (Councillor McFadden), and Councillor Walsh.

277/39.

C H A I R M A N.

Councillor Scott informed the Council that Councillor Blaney would not be present until after the luncheon interval, and in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor McIvor, Deputy Vice-Chairman, was moved to the Chair, which he occupied throughout the Meeting.

278/39.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council extend their sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. John Sweeney, Burtonport. He stated that the late Mr. Sweeney was a member of the first Donegal County Council, and that he had given valuable service in the public affairs of the County.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion, which was passed in silence; and with which the Secretary associated himself.

279/39.

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 28th February, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

280/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th February, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

281/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th February, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 21st March, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

282/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 16th March, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

283/39.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Meeting of the Law Committee held on the 16th March, 1939.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was adopted unanimously.

284/39.

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 2nd March, 1939, R/RM/7, enclosing for the Council's information copy of a letter received from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, regarding the erection of a porch by the proprietor of the Atlantic Hotel, Bundoran. The plans for the erection of the porch were approved by the Urban Council on the 2nd May, 1938.

Arising out of the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 16th March, 1939, Councillor McShea proposed, Councillor Myles seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, obtain the services of Mr. C. P. Curran, 17, Westland Row, Dublin, as Valuer in connection with the obstructions in Bundoran, and that the work of removing the obstructions be proceeded with as quickly as possible.

285/39.

AMOUNT OF £700 ALLOCATED FOR THE REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, asked the Council to have the sum of £700 allocated for the removal of obstructions in Bundoran Urban Area re-voted for the year 1939/40.

On the motion of Councillor McShea seconded by Councillor Myles, it was unanimously resolved to re-vote the amount of £700 already allocated for the removal of these obstructions.

286/39.

BURTONPORT PIER.

Arising out of the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 16th March, 1939, Councillor O'Boyle inquired if the Templecrone Co-operative Society, Ltd., Dungloe, were paying any dues at Burtonport Pier.

The Secretary replied in the negative, and stated that this Society had erected a temporary jetty and refused to pay dues as they claimed they were not using the Council's Pier.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that the Council had contributed a substantial sum of money towards the cost of the works at Burtonport Pier, and he considered that any ship entering the Harbour was entitled to pay dues on demand.

The Secretary stated that the matter was at present in the hands of the Law Committee.

287/39.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th February, 1939, G.4794/39, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister sanctioned expenditure not exceeding £400 on the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with Employment Schemes in the forthcoming financial year. At the end of the year a return giving the names of the persons employed and the aggregate payments made to each should be sent to the Department.

288/39.

SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Ballybofey on the 15th March, 1939, of lands in Rooskey Upper, now or formerly in the occupation of Charles Loughrey.

289/39.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS.

A letter was read from the Royal Institute of British Architects stating that the Annual Conference of the R.I.B.A. and its Allied and Associated Societies, in conjunction with the Centenary Celebration of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, would be held in Dublin from June 21st to June 24th, inclusive.

290/39.

SUBSTITUTION BY THE COUNCIL'S TREASURER OF A LOOSE LEAF SYSTEM FOR THE BANK PASS BOOK SYSTEM.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd February, 1939, G.5897/39, Dun na nGall., stating that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, the Minister sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 20 of that Order as might be necessary to enable a loose leaf system to be substituted for the former Bank Pass Book system adopted by the Council's Treasurer.

291/39.

GUILD OF INSURANCE OFFICIALS.

A letter was read from the Guild of Insurance Officials, London, stating that the Guild was the national organisation catering for the employees of Insurance Companies, and existed primarily for the purpose of protecting and improving salaries and service conditions of such staffs, and for many years it had been the Guild's constant endeavour to establish throughout the insurance industry the principle of collective bargaining.

292/39.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE - ROADS (RURAL).

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd February, 1939, RU/205/18, referring to Paragraph 32 of the Department's memorandum of the 8th April, 1938, regarding the submission of requisitions for interim payments on foot of grants sanctioned under the Employment Schemes Vote - Roads (Rural), and stating that owing to the condition requiring the maximum expenditure in the financial year in which the grants were made available, it was proposed to allow interim payments to be made up to 90% instead of 80% as provided for in the regulations. Requisitions for interim payments up to 90% should, therefore, be furnished immediately provided the estimated expenditure up to 31st March would exceed the amount requisitioned.

293/39.

RE-ISSUE OF PAYING ORDERS WHICH WERE OUT-OF-DATE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd February, 1939, G.42/39, Dun na nGall., returning Paying Orders which were out-of-date. These should be retained for inspection by the Auditor. Sanction to the re-issue of fresh Paying Orders was conveyed in the Department's letter of the 13th January, 1939.

294/39.

MECHANICALLY-PROPELLED VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT, AND USE) ORDER, 1938.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd February, 1939, RV.221/9, enclosing a copy of the Mechanically-Propelled Vehicles (Construction, Equipment, and Use) Order, 1938, made by the Minister under the Road Traffic Act, 1933.

295/39.

ATTENDANCE OF ACTING COUNTY SURVEYORS AT A CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN IN MAY, 1938.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th February, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the payments proposed to be made to the Acting County Surveyors in connection with their attendance at a Conference in Dublin in May, 1938.

296/39. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE OF MR. JOHN CAFFREY, FORMER
COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th February, 1939, R/RS/7, enclosing copy of Sealed Order consenting to payment by the County Council of an annual allowance at the rate of £400 per annum to Mr. John Caffrey in respect of his services as County Surveyor.

297/39. LOAN OF £10,000 TO DEFRAY PORTION OF COST OF NEW WORKS
AT MENTAL HOSPITAL, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st March, 1939, S.974/1/39, Dun na nGall., regarding the proposal of the County Council to obtain a loan to defray portion of the cost of new works at the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, and requesting the submission of an attached loan form, duly completed.

298/39. VACANT POSTS OF CLERICAL OFFICER IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd March, 1939, G.4633/2/39, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister was not prepared to vary his decision as communicated in the Department's letter of the 13th October, 1938, regarding the appointment of Mr. James O'Donnell to the vacant post of clerical assistant caused by the death of Mr. Daniel Kelly. With a view to facilitating the Council, and awaiting the holding of another competitive examination no objection would be raised to the filling of the vacancy by the appointment thereto of the candidate who secured fourth place at the recent competitive examination which was conducted by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th March, 1939, G.4633/2/39, Dun na nGall., enclosing forms of queries for completion in connection with the appointment of Mr. M. A. Campbell and Miss E. V. Leyden as Junior Clerical Officers. Medical Report Forms were also enclosed.

Arising out of the foregoing letters from the Department, Councillor Gallen proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department be again requested to sanction the employment of Mr. James O'Donnell in a permanent capacity.

299/39. MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd March, 1939, RGM/201/39, stating that a grant of £13,332 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads in County Donegal for the year 1939/40. This sum represented 40 per cent. of £33,331, the amount which appeared to have been passed by the Council for the upkeep of Main Roads.

300/39. FINANCIAL PROVISION MADE BY THE COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 36 (1)
OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 3rd March, 1939, E.820/39, enclosing form on which should be entered particulars of the financial provision adopted by the Council in respect of the financial year 1939/40 under Section 36 (1) of the Agriculture Act, 1931.

301/39. RECOUPMENT OF COST OF PREPARATION OF SIXTEENTH REGISTER OF
ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance dated 6th March, 1939, F.26/43/38, enclosing a Paying Order for £747 : 7 : 11 being the amount re-payable to the Council in connection with the preparation of the Sixteenth Register of Electors under the Electoral Act, 1923, and the Juries Act, 1927.

302/39.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Ballybofey, stating that an application would/made at Stranorlar District Court on the 5th April, 1939, for an Order for the committal to an Industrial School of a child named William Hone of Meencarrigagh, Ballybofey.

A letter was also read from Mr. P. Dorrian, District Court Clerk, Glen, Kilmacrenan, stating that an application would be made at Dunfanaghy District Court on the 26th April, 1939, for the committal to an Industrial School of children named Bernard Coyle and Patrick Coyle, Gortnaleck, Greaslough, under Section 17 (4) of the School Attendance Act, 1926.

303/39.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Glenties and Doochary; Malinmore; Strasallagh and Cornagrillagh; Braide; Meenmore; Inniscoo; Urbalreagh and Meedanmore; and Mrs. Jane Rose's, Inver.

304/39.

LOAN OF £3,700 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th March, 1939, S., Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had sanctioned the raising by the Council of a loan of £3,700 for the purchase of Road Machinery; the loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer and to be re-payable over a period of five years with interest at the usual rate.

305/39.

ESTATE DUTY GRANT, 1938/39.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st March, 1939, stating that the re-payments to the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts of arrears of annuities in Donegal County exceeded the draws upon the Fund in respect of fresh arrears of annuities that accrued due at the May/June, 1938, and November/December, 1938, gales, and, accordingly, there would be no deduction from the balance of local taxation grants payable for the present financial year. The balance of the Agricultural Grant for the current year and the County share (including Urban Districts) in the payment on account of the Estate Duty Grant, 1938/39, amounting to £3,167 :12 : 7 would be issued at an early date. In addition, there would be paid to the County (including Urban Districts) a sum of £754 :11 :10, being the amount by which re-payments to the Guarantee Fund in respect of arrears of annuities recovered between 1st February, 1938, and 31st January, 1939, exceeded draws upon the Fund in respect of the May/June, and November/December, 1938, gales.

In reply to Councillor Scott, the Secretary stated that credit had been taken in the Estimates for 1939/40 for the Estate Duty Grant referred to in the Department's letter.

306/39.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - DELAY IN SUBMITTING FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th March, 1939, asking to be furnished with the necessary reports on Forms T.2.3., in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of:-

John Blackwood, Magherennan, Letterkenny.
William O'Donnell, Corrinagh, Letterkenny.
Edward Lynch, Rossbracken, Manorcunningham.
Charles McKendrick, Main Street, Letterkenny.

307/39.

ARCHITECTURAL GRADUATES ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Architectural Graduates Association, 34, Dame Street, Dublin, enclosing memorandum which set out some of the advantages of the competition system. The Association would be grateful for the views of the Council on the matter, and, in particular, if an enclosed questionnaire would be answered.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

308/39.

NON-RETURN OF HARBOUR DUES COLLECTED AT DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th February, 1939, G.7581/39, Dun na nGall., referring to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the County Council of the 29th December regarding non-return of Harbour Dues collected at Downings Pier since June, 1938, and requesting to be informed immediately as to the present position in the matter.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th March, 1939, G.7581/2/39, Dun na nGall., regarding the non-return of Harbour Dues collected at Downings Pier since June, 1938, and inquiring if all the amounts stated to have been collected by Mr. McBride had been lodged to the credit of the Council. Mr. McBride should be called upon for an immediate explanation of his failure to furnish returns.

309/39.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd February, 1939, L.1103/38, enclosing stationery for use by the Warble Fly Inspectors during the coming treatment period, and giving directions as to the manner in which the different forms were to be filled up.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 24th February, 1939, L.969-39, stating that it was proposed to continue the system of making ex-gratia payments by way of compensation in respect of the death of cattle following treatment under the Warble Fly Order. The owner concerned must report the facts at the nearest Garda Station immediately following the death of the animal.

310/39.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH WARBLE FLY ORDER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th February, 1939, G.7264/39, Dun na nGall., enclosing a form of queries for completion and re-transmission, in duplicate, to the Department in connection with the employment of clerical assistance for work under the Warble Fly Order.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th March, 1939, G.7264/39, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister sanctioned the employment of Mr. Francis Heron as temporary clerical assistant for a period of twenty weeks in connection with the operation of the Warble Fly Order, with remuneration at the rate of £2 per week.

311/39.

LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY.

At the request of Councillor Scott, the following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name and that of five other members was again adjourned:-
"That Minute No. 1133/37 of the 28th September, 1937, in connection with the Letterkenny Water Supply, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

312/39.

WAGES OF THE COUNCIL'S ENGINE-DRIVERS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the following three items on the Agenda were referred to the Sub-Finance Committee:-

(a) Rescinding Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Mahony and five other members:- "That Minute No. 1178/37 of the 28th September, 1937, fixing the wages of Mr. Philip McDermott, Driver, Roller No. 27, at £2 : 10 : 0 per week, rising by annual increments of 2/- to a maximum of £3 per week, be, and is hereby, rescinded, and that the wages of Driver McDermott be now fixed at £3 per week."

(b) Letter from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Driver, Roller No. 22, asking to have his wages increased to £3 per week. The wages of another of the Council's Drivers were increased at last Meeting to £3 per week, although he (Gallagher) was two years longer a Driver. His present pay was £2 : 4 : 0 per week, and he knew of several Flagmen who had £2 : 5 : 0 per week.

(c) Letter from Mr. Peter McMonagle, Driver, Roller No. 2, Kilcar, asking to have his wages increased to £3 per week. He was driving the Council's oldest roller and he was only receiving £2 : 5 : 0 per week. The old roller was very difficult to drive, and he had great trouble in keeping it on the road.

313/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £2,000 BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PROVISION OF PORTER'S LODGE, OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS, AND HEATING OF DINING-HALL IN THE COUNTY HOME.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £2,000 for the purpose of providing Porter's Lodge, Office Improvements, and heating of Dining-Hall in the County Home."

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Hannigan proposed, as an amendment, that the Council do not approve of the borrowing of the loan, and Councillor Kavanagh seconded.

On a show of hands six voted for the amendment, and ten against the amendment, and the motion was declared carried by the same voting.

314/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £450 FOR COMPLETION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES AT BALLYSHANNON AND LIFFORD.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £450 for the completion of twenty Labourers' Cottages at Ballyshannon (East Rock Site) and eight Labourers' Cottages at Old Jail Site, Lifford."

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

315/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £2,000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF SEWERAGE SCHEMES AT BALLYSHANNON, BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR, CARNDONAGH, AND DONEGAL.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £2,000 for the completion of the sewerage Schemes at Ballyshannon, Ballybofey and Stranorlar, Carndonagh, and Donegal, by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance."

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

316/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £5,000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF WATERWORKS AT BALLINTRA, CARRICK, CARRIGART, DONEGAL, KERRYKEEL, KILLYBEGS, LIFFORD, MILFORD, AND ST. JOHNSTON.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £5,000 for the completion of the waterworks at Ballintra, Carrick, Carrigart, Donegal, Kerrykeel, Killybegs, Lifford, Milford, and St. Johnston."

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

317/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF RIVER RUNNING FROM MALIN TOWN TO GLACKNABRAIDE, MALIN.

A letter was read from Councillor Lynch enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers of the Malin Area applying for a grant for the cleaning of the river running from Malin Town to Glacknabraide. At the moment their crops were being ruined by this river, the bed of which was higher than the adjoining lands.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Grants.

318/39. APPLICATION TO BOARD OF WORKS FOR GRANTS FOR REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING TO QUARRY, AND DRAINING OF BURN.

Councillor McRory proposed:-

"That this Council apply to the Board of Works for grants for the carrying out of the following works:-

- (a) Re-construction of road (near Doobin School) from Loughnabrogue to end of road at John Gillespie's, Tievelough.
- (b) Repair of road leading from the County Road at Tamur to the County Council Quarry at Condy Maguire's.
- (c) Draining of burn between Letternacahy and Drumboarty, about half-a-mile in length. The land adjoining same is being continuously flooded."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, informed the Council that the road referred to at (a) was a County Road, and that an annual sum of £16 was allowed for its maintenance.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the works referred to at (b) and (c) to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating future Minor Relief Schemes.

319/39. GRANTS UNDER EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th March, 1939, RU/206/7, acknowledging receipt of extract from the Minutes of the Council's Meeting of the 28th February relative to the provisional allocation of a grant of £94,000 from Road Works to be carried out as Employment Schemes during the coming financial year. The Minister was unable to vary the condition requiring a local contribution of £6,000. The local contribution represented only 6% of the expenditure proposed. Accordingly, the Minister desired to be informed immediately whether the Council proposed to avail of the Grant of £94,000 provisionally allocated.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th March, 1939, R/RU/206/7, relative to the provisional allocation of a grant of £94,000 for Road Works to be carried out as Employment Schemes during the coming financial year, and drawing attention to Condition No. 9 of the Department's letter of the 27th February which required the lodgment of the Spring and Summer Proposals not later than the 25th March, and stating that, in the circumstances, a special Meeting of the Council should be called to deal with the matter.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 27th February, 1939, RU/206/3, regarding the submission of proposals for road and footpath works to be undertaken in rural areas during the coming financial year, and stating that, subject to the necessary funds being provided by An Dail, it was proposed to release a portion of the Grant provisionally allocated to enable Employment Schemes to be carried out during Spring and Summer. In the case of Donegal, a grant of £15,230, subject to a local contribution of £970, would be made available for this purpose.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Grant be not accepted on the conditions laid down by the Department, as a contribution of £6,000 by the Council would increase the rates for the coming financial year.

Councillor McCrea seconded the proposal.

Councillor McClafferty proposed, as an amendment, that the Grant be accepted.

Councillor Scott seconded the amendment.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which Councillors Gallen, Cole, Myles, Brady, Lynch, and McIvor took part.

The matter was put to a vote, and the following voted for the amendment:-

Councillors Brady, Cole, Friel, Hannigan, Houston, Loughrey, Lynch, Mahony, McClafferty, MacGreadie, McDaid, McGrenra, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Michael), and Scott. Total 16.

The following voted against the amendment:-

Councillors Baxter, Byrne, Gallen, Kavanagh, Myles, McCrea, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, O'Brien, McRory, and Wagentreiber. Total 12.

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

320/39.

PROPOSED SEED SUPPLY SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th March, 1939, Circular Letter No. 31/39, stating that the Minister had received representations that in some areas special facilities were necessary this year to enable occupiers of land who could not procure seed potatoes and/or seed oats out of their own resources to obtain supplies on loan terms through the County Councils. The Minister desired each County Council to consider whether there was a need for a seed supply scheme in the County or any part of it, and, if there was a need, the adoption of a suitable Scheme. The matter should be brought before the Council without delay, and if a Scheme was adopted steps should be taken to give adequate publicity to the facilities available.

Councillor Baxter proposed that no Seed Scheme be adopted by the Council.

He stated that the Department of Agriculture had a staff of Agricultural Overseers, and that these Overseers were in a better position than the Council to take charge of any Seed Scheme which the Government considered necessary. The last Seed Scheme adopted by the Council in 1932 had cost the ratepayers of the County a sum of approximately £2,000.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the proposal, which was supported by Councillor Brady.

Councillor Cole proposed, as an amendment, that a Seed Scheme be adopted.

Councillor Friel seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, ten voted for the amendment, and thirteen voted against the amendment, and Councillor Baxter's motion was declared carried by the same voting.

Councillor Galton proposed, Councillor Loughrey seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department of Agriculture be requested to make provision for the extension of the Seed Scheme being administered by that Department, and to increase the maximum quantity of potatoes at present allowed to be allocated to any one person from two cwts. to five cwts.

321/39.

RETURN OF EXPENDITURE ON INSURANCE STAMPS AND STAMP DUTY.

As requested by Councillor McIlvor at last Meeting the Secretary submitted the following particulars of the amounts expended for the year ended 28th February, 1939, on Insurance Stamps, Stamp Duty, etc:-

Unemployment Insurance, National Health Insurance, Widows' and Orphans' Pension Insurance.....	£17,820 : 0 : 0.
Widows' and Orphans' Pension Insurance in respect of certain members of clerical staff (permanent).....	7 : 6 : 0.
Widows' and Orphans' Pension Insurance in respect of Rate Collectors.....	16 : 14 : 10.
Embossing Paying Orders.....	615 : 0 : 0.
Stamp Duty on Road Contractors' Bonds.....	575 : 17 : 11.
Rate Receipts.....	160 : 0 : 0.
	£19,194 : 18 : 9.

The Council adjourned consideration of this matter until their next Meeting.

322/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

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

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....	£54 : 13 : 4.
Joseph Deery, Drumany, Letterkenny.....	£7 : 18 : 3.
Michael Gallagher, Legnahorey, Kilmacrenan.....	£11 : 19 : 5.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th March, 1939, H.5893/2/39, Dun na nGall., inquiring what action was taken by the Council regarding arrears due by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Secretary to call on messrs. McGready, Deery, and Gallagher to lodge the amounts outstanding forthwith.

323/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th February, 1939, H.17174/5/38, Dun na nGall., requesting to be furnished with a reply to the Department's letter of the 26th January regarding the arrears of instalments under the Housing Acts, 1924/1939.

The Secretary stated that the following arrears were due by borrowers under the Housing Acts:-

Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.....	£71 : 10 : 0.
Reps. John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, Carndonagh....	£50 : 6 : 0.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.....	£32 : 17 : 7.
Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany.....	£32 : 13 : 9.
Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.....	£32 : 8 : 3.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.....	£29 : 17 : 3.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.....	£22 : 5 : 0.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh.....	£19 : 14 : 0.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.....	£13 : 2 : 2.
Miss Mary A. Coll, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore.....	£12 : 7 : 8.
Daniel McEleney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.....	£9 : 6 : 6.
William McCrossan, Milford.....	£8 : 19 : 3.
John J. Doherty, Cloncha, Culdaff.....	£8 : 18 : 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.....	£6 : 1 : 6.
Patrick Doherty (Taylor), Glenmakee, Collin, Carndonagh....	£4 : 17 : 9.

A letter dated 16th January, 1939, was read from the Council's Solicitor setting out the position in the cases of certain defaulters, which had been referred to him.

The Council decided to refer the matter again to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to take all possible steps towards the recovery of the amounts owing.

324/39. COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall Committee, Dungloe, stating that the Hall Committee regretted they could not approve of the installation of Anthracite Stoves in the Hall. They would consider the heating of the Hall when they were in a financial position to do so, and, meanwhile, they would put a large radiator stove at a suitable place in the Hall. They would repair the side door and make it as air-tight as possible. They could not extend the cloakroom, but they would allow the use of it to the Clerk on Court days and on any other days he required it.

Consideration of the matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

325/39. DAMAGE TO BICYCLE, THE PROPERTY OF GANGER CHARLES CLARKE, MONEEN, BALLINDRAIT.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert McMenamin, 1, St. Columba's Avenue, Buncrana, stating that he did not understand why he was being held responsible for the damage to Ganger Clarke's bicycle. He thought this was entirely a matter between the County Council and Ganger Clarke. The Council decided to point out to Mr. McMenamin that his Third Party Insurance should cover the damage done to Ganger Clarke's bicycle.

326/39. GLENCREE REFORMATORY SCHOOL, ENNISKERRY, CO. WICKLOW.

Letters were read from Rev. W. F. O'Connor, O.M.I., Manager, St. Kevin's Training School, Glencree, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, stating that the School had become involved in serious financial difficulties. The Departments of Education and Finance were satisfied that a clear case had been made for an immediate increase in their contribution, and they had agreed to advance their contribution to 10/- per week. The City Manager of Dublin had recommended that the Grant be increased to 8/- per week per boy, and his recommendation had been adopted, and the increase made retrospective as from the 1st April, 1938. He felt certain that the other Local Authorities would appreciate the difficulties, and make provision on the lines adopted by Dublin Corporation.

A further letter was read from Father O'Connor stating that when they had only one or two boys from a County, the increase in the Grant, while it did not seriously affect the County, would be of considerable value to them.

The Council unanimously decided to increase their contribution to 8/- per week per boy as from the 1st April, 1939.

327/39. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR MAKING OF BOG ROADS AT LURGYBRACK AND MEENAGRILLAGH, GLENCOLUMBKILLE AND ARDARA DISTRICTS.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, applying for Grants for the making of Bog Roads at Lurgybrack and Meenagrillagh, Glencolumbkille and Ardara Districts.

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

328/39. COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture held on the 7th February, in which it was decided to apply to the County Council for a rate of 2½d. in the £. Payment of certain Grants by the Department of Agriculture was conditional on the amount of the County Council's rate to the Committee being paid at the commencement of the year 1939/40.

The Council noted the letter.

329/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF KILLYMASNEY, NEWMILLS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Kelly, Killymasney, Newmills, enclosing memorial from a number of small farmers in the townlands of Killymasney and Ballygawley applying for a grant for the making of about 120 perches of a new road in the townland of Killymasney, commencing at McMonagle's laneway on the left-hand side of the Main Road leading from Rashedog to Breenagh, and finishing at the County Road above James Doherty's house.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating future Minor Relief Grants.

330/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF URRISMANNAGH, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Gill, Crossconnell, Clonmany, stating that the Board of Works recently gave a grant for the making of a road in Urrismannagh (Scheme No. 211). The residents of the district wished to apply for a grant for the making of about 50 perches of a Branch Road.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating future Minor Relief Grants.

331/39. CONTINGENCY FUND, SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £35 out of the Contingency Fund for the repair of a bridge on County Road No. 1913, Mountcharles Mill-Drumconnor Railway Crossing.

The application was granted unanimously.

332/39.

POUND AT BALLINA, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Bonner, Ballina, Falcarragh, inquiring if the site of the old Pound at Ballina was for sale, and, if so, what were the terms of purchase and the price.

The Council decided to inform Mr. Bonner that the Pound was not for sale.

333/39.

SICKNESS AND DISABLEMENT BENEFITS TO INSURED PERSONS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Cork County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to increase the Sickness and Disablement Benefits to Insured Persons, and also to restore them dental, opthalmic, and hospital treatment."
The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

334/39.

ACREAGE OF BEET, AND ALIENS EMPLOYED AT SUGAR FACTORIES.

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

"That the Government be called on to take immediate steps to ensure that an Agreement be arrived at with the farmers so that the required acreage of beet will be grown this year, and thereby save for Irish labour the thousands of pounds that are at present being spent on foreign sugar.

That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be called on to see that the aliens employed at our four Sugar Factories be dismissed immediately, as it is an insult to the intelligence of Irishmen, and a monument to our own cowardice, that, after twelve years of Sugar manufacturing and with poverty and unemployment in our midst, it should still be necessary to retain them.

That the Managerial positions in each of these Factories be filled by Irishmen, thereby removing the present Managers whose influence is detrimental to the welfare of the Industries, and whose social outlook, being foreign to ours, is an insult to the ideals of those Irishmen, who, by giving their lives to establish a native Government here, made these Industries possible."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

335/39.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF MR. J. F. QUIGLEY AS A CLERK IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The Secretary reported that the temporary employment of Mr. J. F. Quigley as a Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office would expire on the 31st March, 1939.

The Acting County Surveyors stated that they required the services of Mr. Quigley continued.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for the continuance of Mr. Quigley's employment. (Ref. Department's letter dated 5/12/38, G.17621/5/38, Dun na nGall.)

336/39.

BREAKING OF CONTRACT NO. 168, APRIL 1938, MAP NO. 225.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied for permission to break Contract No. 168, April 1938, Map No. 225, Contractor Owen Diver.

The Council unanimously decided to give Mr. Gaffrey permission to break the Contract.

337/39.

CONTINUANCE OF SERVICES OF MR. A. N. DILLON, RESIDENT ENGINEER, ROSSES ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for permission to retain the services of Mr. A. N. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme until the 30th June, 1939.

The Council unanimously decided to continue the employment of Mr. Dillon until the 30th June, 1939.

338/39. CONTINUANCE OF THE CREDIT NOTE SYSTEM FOR THE YEAR 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th March, 1939, G.124/38, Dun na nGall., stating that Councils would be free to continue the Credit Note system in the ensuing financial year on the existing basis.

The Secretary informed the Council that the Sub-Finance Committee had recommended the continuance of the Credit Note system.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the recommendation of the Sub-Finance Committee.

339/39. ASSESSMENT FOR PURPOSES OF GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st March, 1939, Circ. 24/39, stating that a further assessment for the purposes of the General Cattle Diseases Fund, equivalent to a rate of one halfpenny in the £., would probably be made next month. Every Council should, therefore, make the appropriate provision in the estimates for the forthcoming financial year.

The matter was noted.

340/39. RESOLUTIONS REGARDING EXPORT OF SEED POTATOES, AND REDUCTION OF TAXATION.

A letter was read from Mr. John B. O'Donnell, County Secretary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, enclosing copies of the following resolutions passed at a recent Meeting of the A.O.H.:-

(1) "That the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Donegal County Board, calls upon the Government to prohibit the export of potatoes from this County until it is made certain that there will be enough seed potatoes available for the coming year."

(2) "That this Board protests against the high cost of living, and calls upon the County Council to take steps to reduce taxation and the cost of social services."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolutions.

341/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF ROAD AT CORNAGILL, CONVOY.

A letter was read from Mr. Crawford J. Ramsay, Kiltory, Letterkenney, asking the Council to have a new road made into the lands of Cornagill, Convooy. They were paying very heavy rates and had no road leading out of or into their lands.

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

342/39. PROPOSED DEPUTATION FROM DERRYDRUEL, LETTERMACAWARD.

A letter was read from Mr. Pat Campbell, Derrydruel, Lettermacaward, asking if it would be possible for them in West Donegal to send a Committee to the next Meeting of the County Council, as the matter involved for the Committee was a urgent necessity.

As no deputation attended the Meeting, the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

343/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN THORR AND MEENAWAAL, CROLLY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Sweeney, Thorrr, Crollly, drawing attention to the serious condition of the roadway extending between Thorrr and Meenaweal. He had paid tax on a motor lorry, and was unable to use it on this road, and his business was thus suffering a severe loss.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the road in question had since been repaired.

344/39. COMPLAINTS RE CARRYING OUT OF ROAD GRANT WORK IN THE FINTOWN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Messrs. Charles Quinn and Francis McGeehan, Fintown, asking the Council to proceed with the expenditure of the grant of £4,500 sanctioned by the Department, as the unemployed of the district were not in a mood to put up with any further delay in this matter. The fact that no rolling-stock was available at the moment was no earthly excuse that the work of quarrying, carting, and pitching could not be put in hand at once. It would take at least three months to have the necessary material quarried and carted on to the road, and immense quantities of material were lying in the several quarries ready to be carted. There was one quarry in operation at present, and an agreement had been arrived at amongst the unemployed to take practical action and start work themselves, with or without Gangers, as they were fed up with the treatment they were receiving.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"Charles Quinn was one of ten Gangers employed on a "U" Grant - Fintown-Ballybofey Road. He refused to carry out the instructions of the Supervising Ganger, went on strike, induced a few Gangers to join him, intimidated others, and used force in the case of one Ganger. In short, he did his utmost to put the money to loss. Dealing with Road Improvement Grant, I had to take charge of this Grant myself. I have employed six Gangers and the work is proceeding in an orderly way; the same as last year. Charles Quinn seems to be very much interested in finding work for the unemployed, but he did not tell the Council that when a Grant of £200 came for making a Bog-Road for his neighbours and to give work to the unemployed he refused to sign Consent Form and the money went back to the Board of Works, the only case of its kind in the Glenties District."

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

345/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM DUNTINNY CROSSROADS AND CONNECTING WITH PORTSALON-TAMNEY ROAD AT BALLYMAGAHEY LAKE.

A letter was read from Messrs. O'Donnell Bros., Ballykinard, Rossmakill, drawing attention to the condition of the road which led from Duntinny Crossroads until it connected at Ballymagahey Lake with the Portsalon-Tamney Road. The surface was very bad with pot-holes and pipes were broken down in a few places.

Councillor Blaney supported the complaint in connection with this road.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for his attention.

346/39. CLAIM FOR PERSONAL INJURIES AND DAMAGES TO BICYCLE - MRS. MINNIE F. WALLACE, GALDONAGH, MANORCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mrs. Minnie F. Wallace, Galdonagh, Manorcunningham, drawing attention to the dangerous state of the Main Road in some places for cyclists. On the 20th February the front wheel of her bicycle struck a large rough stone, where a patch of such stones had been put down for side-filling, and had been left in the rough state without being rolled in. She was thrown off the bicycle and received injuries to her face, right hand, and knee. Such conditions on a first-class road showed considerable negligence on the part of the Surveyor. She carried on business as a dressmaker and had been unable to work since. Her bicycle had been badly damaged, and if the Council were prepared to make good the damage to it she would be prepared to waive her claim for personal injuries. If, however, she had to instruct her Solicitor to take proceedings she would claim on both counts.

The Secretary read a report in the matter which he had received from Mr. P. J. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Insurance Co.

347/39. ALLEGED DESTRUCTION OF BY-ROADS BY CARRYING OUT OF THE ROSSES ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Ward, Keadue West, Burtonport, stating that two by-roads leading into his field had been destroyed owing to the repairing and widening of the Rosses Road. The drains which he had along the road were closed. He had sod fences along one field. The half of the fence was cut away with the result that when the roller came along it forced the other part into the field closing drains and all. If the matters were not attended to within 14 days from the 1st March he would hand the case to a Solicitor.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer:-

"I interviewed Mr. Ward and he appears to have a long list of complaints. They are all small items and I will deal with them when work re-starts near Mr. Ward's house. Mr. Ward agreed to let the matters stand until then. There are, however, a few points which I would like to bring to your notice. Mr. Ward alleges that during widening on his section of the road in 1932 a bridle path was destroyed. Now it appears to me that the said bridle path must have been as bad before the road was widened as it is now. It is really a question of solid rock making the path narrow and dangerous for cattle, and surely the rock was there before the widening. He also pointed out another place which he said led into the best part of his land. Now this point is away above the road and could never have been used for a path at all. He showed me boulders which he states the men placed on top of the place and never removed. On inspection the whole allegation seems rather far-fetched. Really I think what Mr. Ward wants is a few small roads leading into his lands. That is, of course, a question for a Minor Employment Scheme, as I do not believe that Mr. Ward's position in that respect was aggravated by widening the Main Road. Mr. Ward has a few complaints with regard to drainage and fences, which are more or less maintenance, and I will attend to them in the manner indicated."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

348/39. CESSPOOL AT CUSTOMS POSTS BEING ERECTED AT BRIDGEND.

A letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health, enclosing copy of letter from the Sanitary Sub-Officer, Buncrana, referring to the erection of Customs Posts at Bridgend, and stating that a cesspool at one of them did not comply with the sanitary regulations.

As the matter was not one for the County Council, it was decided to take no action.

349/39. COMPLAINT RE ROAD LEADING PAST THE RESIDENCE OF THE HON. LADY HAYES, SHANCREGGAN, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas S. Leahy, Shancreggan, Ballybofey, enclosing a petition regarding the condition of the County Road leading from the house of Mrs. Crumlish past the residence of the Hon. Lady Hayes to Creggan Burn. The Hon. Lady Hayes purchased about 150 loads of turf in the season, but the road was in such a bad condition that the horses were unable to take up proper loads. One part of the road above the house of Mrs. Magee was nearly always covered with water. They asked the Council to have the sides of the road which were at present occupied with wild growths and banks cleared, and to have the road widened so that two vehicles might pass in safety, and also to have it steam-rolled. The Council had already been approached in June, 1938, and again in November, 1938, but nothing had so far been done.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"As Mr. Leahy states that the Road Contractor has done his best, it is evident that what is expected for this road is a grant. The amount available (£10) for this road has been expended on it. This road is now in contract, No. 59, Stranorlar R.D."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for his attention.

350/39. EXECUTION OF ASSIGNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SITE OF FORMER COURTHOUSE AT BURNFOOT AND LAND FOR ROAD WIDENING.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Assignment in respect of site of Burnfoot Courthouse and land for road widening at Burnfoot.

351/39. COMPLAINTS RE ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK IN THE DERRYNAMANSHER DISTRICT, ANNAGRY.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Derrynamansher District, Annagry, stating that the Council were informed in December, 1937, of the scandal of the Derrynamansher Road. A lot of men with large families would not be allowed to work because they complained of the scandal. It was only good customers in O'Donnell's shop who were employed. The same men were working all the time from April to September, 1937.

A letter was read from Mr. M. J. McCafferty, Derrynamansher, Annagry, inquiring, on behalf of the ratepayers of Derrynamansher and Meenaleck, why a grant was not being given for those roads. Everything was being left to Mr. Brian O'Donnell, Co.C., and he had boycotted those townlands. It was a shame the way the people of that district were being treated, and it was high time the Council sent some one to look into this state of affairs.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, reports that Mr. Hugh Coyle, Ganger, with six men are working on the Derrynamansher Road. In my opinion, there are enough men for the amount of money to be spent. A number of Minor Employment Schemes recently received from the Office of Public Works will be put in hands soon."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

352/39. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR FOR DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, stating that he considered that the duties of Food and Drugs Inspector could be performed more satisfactorily from Dunkineely Garda Station than from Killybegs, and he recommended that Garda P. O'Gallagher, Dunkineely, be appointed as Inspector in place of Garda S. O'Mainnin, Killybegs.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda O'Gallagher.

353/39. GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

A letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Co. (Ireland), Amiens Street Station, Dublin, stating that in July last they received a notice from the Acting County Surveyor that two of the Company's buses passed over Gweebarra Bridge laden with passengers in contravention of a notice stating that the Bridge was only safe for a combined weight of vehicle and load totalling 3 tons. It had been suggested that the reason for the complaint was due to the fact that the passengers were not walked across the Bridge and the vehicle driven across light. As they had numbers of applications for special buses along the route on which this Bridge was situated they would be glad for the Council's observations regarding the suggestion of walking the passengers across the bridge and driving the buses across light.

The Acting Co. Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Some time ago I wrote the Great Northern Railway Co. informing them that Gweebarra Bridge was only safe for loads of three tons, and objecting to their tourist buses using this Bridge. There are notices on either side of the Bridge to this effect. I made no suggestion regarding the walking of passengers across the Bridge, and driving the buses across light. In addition, I have been informed that there are a number of private lorries, lorrying fish from Burtonport to Sligo, using this Bridge, and that the weights of these lorries are well over the stipulated three tons."

The Council unanimously decided to adhere to the regulations already made regarding this Bridge, and to prosecute any persons found using the Bridge in contravention of the notice.

354/39. COMPLAINT REGARDING CONDITION OF PIPE ON ROAD BETWEEN MOROSS FERRY AND BALLYHEERIN POST OFFICE.

A letter was read from Mr. John McLoughlin, Ballyheerin, stating that it was two years since he notified the Council regarding a pipe being stopped on the road between Moross Ferry and Ballyheerin Post Office. The water was lying on the road as high as the fences, and it was most dangerous to travel on the road at the present time. He would hold the Council responsible for any damage done to his car as a result of this road.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Assistant Surveyor reports that he gave instructions when this road was being repaired recently to have the mouth of this pipe opened, and to have the water-tables cleaned on each side of the pipe. He says he had since been informed that Mr. John McLaughlin objected to this."

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

355/39. COMPLAINT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AT UPPER MULLY, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. James Kennedy, Mully, Glenties, stating that a grant of £400 was allocated for the construction of a road through the townland of Upper Mully. When the road was partly finished Barney Boyle, who lived in the middle of the townland, stopped the men from working on his land. If the road was not finished everybody in the townland, except Mr. Kennedy and a Mr. Con O'Donnell, would have a road, and they would not even have a right-of-way.

A further letter was received from Mr. Kennedy stating that the matter was in order, and no action was taken.

356/39. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK AT CROAGH, DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from Mr. John M. Gallagher, Croagh, Dunkineely, stating that he was the eldest of a family of six. He was getting Unemployment Assistance until 5th December, when he was notified by the Exchange to go to work at Croagh. He got ten weeks' work and then he was told to stay at home. He considered it unfair than men from Croagh could be put off the work while men from another Parish could be kept on working.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

Mr. Lennon reports that this man, along with others, was knocked off in the normal way when the gang was reduced. The fact that he had ten weeks' work on the job shows that he was fairly dealt with. Generally, the instructions are that when reducing the gang those longest on go first."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

357/39. COMPLAINT RE ROADWAY AT THE SHOP OF JOHN BUCHAN, SHIPYARD, DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from Messrs. Maxwell's of Donegal, Ltd., Bridgend, Burt, calling attention to the unsatisfactory state of the roadway from the Main Road to the shop of John Buchan at Shipyard, Downings. Breadvans and cars had to call at this shop on business, and there was no available place for turning. They thought that something should be done to make the place a little bit broader.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

358/39. COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, stating that the Spring Meeting of the General Council would be held on Wednesday, 3rd May, 1939, and any matters which the Council desired to have placed on the Agenda should be forwarded before the 20th April.

The matter was referred to the Council's representatives on the General Council.

359/39.

PRICES OF CLOTHING, FOODSTUFFS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Office of the Prices Commission, 50, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, acknowledging receipt of extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council regarding prices of clothing, foodstuffs, etc. The Prices Commission could not undertake a price investigation of the nature suggested, but investigations into the prices of certain foodstuffs and wearing apparel were included and would continue to be included in the work of the Commission.

A letter was read from the Convoy Woollen Co., Ltd., stating that their attention had been drawn to articles appearing in the various papers relative to the price of Convoy tweeds. Their tweeds were sold both in Belfast and Dublin at the same prices, and they would be glad if this contradiction would be given the same publicity as the previous statement.

The Council noted the letters.

360/39. STATUTORY REPORTS ON CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER), AND PORTSALON AND DUNFINNY DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 14th March, 1939, referring to their letter of the 27th January and requesting to be furnished immediately with the statutory reports on the Portsallon and Dunfinny and the Carrowcannon Drainage Schemes.

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

361/39. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGE BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION OVER THE LEANNAN RIVER.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 24th February, 1939, P.5212/39, stating that they had sanctioned a free grant for the construction of a footbridge over the Leannan River at the point marked "X" on an attached map, and in this connection they wished to refer the Council to Minute No. 1135/33 of the 31st October, 1933, asking for a grant in this matter. The Land Commission would carry out the work of constructing the Bridge as far as possible in accordance with the requirements of the County Council, but they were not prepared to give any undertaking in the matter. They wished to know **whether** the Council would, on this understanding, agree to take over permanently and maintain the said Bridge on completion.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for a report for next Meeting.

362/39. OFFER FROM MR. GEORGE WALKER, BLANKETNOOK, NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM, TO SUPPLY ROAD METAL TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. George Walker, Blanketnook, Newtowncunningham, stating that about a year ago he wrote informing the Council that he could supply them with 500 tons of stones for the Letterkenny Road. The matter was left in the Acting County Surveyor's hands, and he had never heard of the matter since. He knew for a fact that houses were being drawn away and that some farmers were taking off the roofs in order to supply stones. This state of affairs was going too far, and would have to be ended. He lost all his crops by flooding and he was trying to earn some money to pay the rates.

Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"Walker wants 2/- per ton for this metal. The side-filling which he refers to was obtained at 1s/3d per ton. After the 1st April I may be in a position to take some of this metal, provided it can be easily removed."

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

363/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF RIVER AT GREEVY, CLOUGHBOLIE, AND KILDONEY, BALLYSHANNON DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Greevy, Cloughbolie, and Corker, Ballyshannon, applying for a grant for the sinking and cleaning of 1680 yards of river in the townlands of Greevy, Cloughbolie, and Kildoney, in order to prevent the flooding of their lands.

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

364/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES QUARRIED AT KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Patrick Ward, Keadue, Burtonport, stating that he raised 63-2/3rds tons of stone recently. The Council carted away 40 tons and he was only paid for 30 tons of these. A dispute then arose owing to the quarry being on undivided land, and the Council was stopped from carting away the remainder. The Ganger on the Keadue section of the road told him to cart the remainder of the stones himself and that he would be paid 9d. per ton for carting them. The contract price was 3s/3d in the Quarry. He carted out the remainder of the stones and they were lying on the road and he had received no payment. If he did not get paid he would institute proceedings. There was too much swindling going on since this road started.

Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme, reported as follows:-

"Ward was given a contract for stone for the crusher at Keadue. When the stone was put up it was measured in the Quarry and contained 63-2/3rds tons. That is agreed by all parties concerned. I had grave doubts as to the possibility of getting the stone out of the Quarry, and I said so to Ward. He gave me to understand that it was done before, and in any case he would help us out if we had any difficulty. To be quite safe I paid him for 30 tons at 3s/3d per ton on fortnight ended 5th November, 1938, as an advance payment and held the rest. Now, when Ganger Boyle arrived there to cart the stone out he found it nearly impossible. He, therefore, placed some of Ward's stone on the road to make it passable. This use of stone to repair the road out of the quarry is agreed by Ward. Ward, however, states that a "few" tons were used, but our Ganger states that 15 tons were used. From my memory of the road at the time I am satisfied that 15 tons is the correct figure. Now when 23 tons was carted to the crusher, the road again became impassable. Ward was then offered 9d. per ton to cart the stones himself to the road and agreed to this. When he had 20 tons on the roadside he became disagreeable. He would not accept our measurements. He would not square the stone for measurement. He would not accept the Crusher's Ganger's figures for the amount used, or would not agree to measure by lorry load. The net result was that the Ganger told him to keep them, an action with which I am in complete agreement. Now as there is still nearly 9 tons in the quarry of the original 63-2/3rds tons, and there is 20 on the roadside, and 15 tons went in repairing the road, the Ganger's figure of 23 tons used must be accurate, and, therefore, Ward is overpaid for 7 tons. I will agree to take the stone on the roadside, when Ward gives us 7 tons free. I will pay him for the remaining 13 tons at 3s/3d per ton and give him 20 tons at 9d. per ton carting. That I consider is perfectly fair, and the allegations in Ward's letter are pure nonsense."

Councillor Scott proposed that this matter be referred to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for investigation, and the Council unanimously agreed to the proposal.

365/39. COMPLAINT RE REPAIR OF CART ROAD AT ROSHINE, DUNFANAGHY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Frank McFadden, Roshine, Dunfanaghy, stating that a hopeless job had been made of the cart road about which she complained before. It was broken down now again. This road never gave way before until the boulders alongside were removed. She was not able to use the road now at all for carting purposes, and she wished to have it improved so that the cart would be able to get out and in.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "Complainant stated she was satisfied when the work was completed last time."

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

366/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON PORTALEEN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McGonagle, Lematudder, Glengad, applying for a position as surfaceman on the Portaleen Road. He was the last contractor for this road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that it was not intended to put a surfaceman on this road.

367/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO CENTRAL HOTEL, WEST PORT, BALLYSHANNON, BY TAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick E. Rogers, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, stating that Miss Margaret O'Donnell, Central Hotel, West Port, Ballyshannon, had complained regarding damage done to her premises consequent on the condition of the West Port and the repairs that were being carried out there. About two years ago the Council had repairs carried out to the Street, and tar placed thereon. Miss O'Donnell had got the entire front of her premises painted before these repairs were carried out, but after the tar was spread on the street, a great part of it was thrown by passing vehicles on to the newly-painted wall, doors, and windows. Within the past few days the Council's workmen had started filling in pot-holes with sand and gravel and pouring tar thereon. This tar with gravel and mud was again being dashed against the premises, leaving permanent stains thereon. He had been instructed to require the Council to have the tar and mud washed off the wall, doors, and windows within the next week and not again to place tar along the front of the premises; also to have the walls, doors, and premises that were tarred re-painted. Failing this, proceedings would be instituted.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham reports that repairs were done in the Port, Ballyshannon, with Colfix, and before the tar consolidated there came a heavy shower, with the result that lorries and cars passing at the place splashed Miss O'Donnell's premises. He has had the Colfix washed off with petrol, and the house is now all right."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

368/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LANDS AT GLENGILLYGRANAHIGH, GLEN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, stating that in 1937 Mr. Edward Dugora, Glengillygranahigh, gave permission to the Council, who were constructing a fence along the County Road at his farm, to lead the water through his land on condition that the water would be restored to its original course, and the drain properly closed. This had not been done with the result that his land was being flooded and damaged. If the present watercourse was deepened and made sufficient to take away the water he would be satisfied.

Mr. Caffrey reported as follows:-

"The Acting Assistant Surveyor reports that, in his opinion, the flooding is not caused where the alterations were made to the drain. That part of the drain is good and running freely. There are stoppages, however, further down, and these have caused flooding. He suggests that it would be a suitable Scheme for a Minor Employment Scheme."

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

369/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT COAL SHED AT BRUCKLESS.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Barry, Bruckless, stating that he was getting a coal shed erected on a corner of his premises beside the public road. It would be a short distance back from where the previous fence was. He trusted that the matter was in order.

The Acting Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:- "This shed is already erected, and I saw Mr. Barry on the matter on 14th March, and pointed out to him that the structure was being erected in contravention of the regulations, being only 13' from centre line of the Main Road. I attach plan of position. The shed opening on the Main Road is actually a tip-duct for coal from carts. The average horse and cart measures 15 feet over all, so it means that while a cart is off-loading the road is obstructed for a width of 15 feet. There is a sharp curve approximately 50 yards on the Donegal side, and I fear the process of off-loading might prove a serious obstruction. In the event of permission being given for the shed to remain, I advise that the Council protect themselves against the possibility of a serious accident due to obstruction."

The Council unanimously decided to call on Mr. Barry to have the shed removed.

370/39. ERECTION OF NEW SHOP AT BRIDGETOWN WITHIN THIRTY FEET OF THE CENTRE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, stating that Mr. John Hammond, Merchant, Bridgetown, had laid the foundation for a new shop at the side of his dwelling-house at Bridgetown, and the building of same was proceeding. On the 8th March, Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, informed Mr. Hammond that the building was within 30 feet of the centre of the County Road. Mr. Hammond was unaware of this regulation, and even if he had been aware, he would have been unable to build more than 30 feet from the centre of the road without having to purchase land from an adjoining owner. In the circumstances, he would be glad if permission were given to Mr. Hammond to continue the building where the foundation had been laid.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham, Assistant County Surveyor, reports that Mr. Hammond gives all the facts of the case, which could be met, he thinks, by having him sign an agreement to take the house away if asked to do so."

The Council unanimously decided to ask Mr. Hammond to sign an undertaking to remove the building at any time he might be called upon to do so.

371/39. ERECTION OF FENCE AND GATE BY IRISH LAND COMMISSION ON ROSSAPENNA HOTEL ESTATE.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 22nd February, 1939, A. & R. 10618/39, stating that in connection with the allotment of the Estate of the Irish Land Commission (Rossapenna Hotel Co., Ltd) they proposed to erect a fence along the western boundary thereof, and to erect a gate at the point "A" on an attached map. They would be glad to have the Council's consent to the erection of the gate.

The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for a report for next Meeting.

372/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN IN INISHOWEN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Drung, Quigley's Point, applying for a position as a Flagman on a Breaker in Mr. O'Neill's District, where he understood there was a vacancy. He was married and had a wife and two children.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

373/39. DRAINAGE COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Drainage Commission, 6, Harcourt Street, Dublin, stating that the Drainage Commission would take oral evidence from the representatives of the Council on Tuesday, 4th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. They wished to know as early as possible who the Council's representatives would be.

The Council decided to appoint as their representatives to give evidence before the Drainage Commission:- Councillors Blaney, Gallen, and Scott; the two Acting County Surveyors, and the County Secretary.

It was decided to point out to the Commission that Tuesday, 4th April, was not a suitable date for the Council's representatives, and to request them to make arrangements for taking the Council's evidence on the 3rd, 5th, or 6th May, 1939.

374/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR DEEPENING AND CLEANING OF STREAM ON ROAD LEADING TO KILDONEY, BALLYSHANNON, FROM KILDONEY CROSSROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas McNeely, Kildoney, Ballyshannon, enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers for the deepening, widening, and draining of a stream on the road leading to Kildoney from Kildoney Crossroads between the points from Patrick Tunney's lane and Alexander Duncan's road.

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

375/39. ROAD NO. 106 LEADING TO HOUSE OF MR. J. BUTLER, LISTARGAN, GLENEELY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, Derry, acknowledging receipt of extract from Council's Minutes relative to the Branch Road leading to Mr. Butler's property at Listargan, Glencely. Mr. Butler stated that the road referred to in the Minutes as the "Branch to J. Butler's of Listargan and known as No. 106 in the Road Schedule" was the road which was in bad repair, and as this portion of the road was admittedly in the Road Schedule there seemed to be no reason why it should not be put in order. There was no question of complaint with reference to the road from Mr. Butler's house to Cloncha Bog, and he was not concerned with that portion of the road at all.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road would be repaired during the coming year starting on 1st April, 1939.

376/39. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

An application was received from Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, for payment of his postage account amounting to £1 : 8 : 1 for the period from 10th January, 1938, to 30th September, 1938.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for permission from the Local Government Department for payment of this account, which had not been submitted during the six months in which it was incurred, or during the subsequent three months.

377/39. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY AT IRISH YOUTH HOSTEL, BUNATON, KNOCKALLA.

A letter was read from the Irish Youth Hostels Trust, 23, Anglesea Street, Dublin, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by them in July last in connection with the opening of the road at the Irish Youth Hostel at Bunaton, Knockalla.

The Council unanimously decided to refund the deposit.

378/39. IRISH UNION ASSOCIATION, DERRY.

A letter was read from the Irish Union Association, Derry, appealing for funds to enable them to continue to do everything possible to assist in the attainment of the Unity and Independence of Ireland.

The Council decided to inform the Irish Union Association that they regretted they had no funds from which to contribute towards the purpose mentioned.

379/39. RE-VALUATION BILL.

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce, Limerick, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by them:-
"That this Public Meeting being of the opinion that Taxation in this country has reached the limit which the country can bear, protest against any legislation such as the present Re-Valuation Bill which will result in further increases in the burden on every member of the community, and that this Meeting request the Government to allow a free vote in the House in the final stages of the Bill."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

380/39. RULES GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT OF LABOUR ON THE MINOR RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Sligo County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by Sligo Co. Council:-
"That we, the Sligo County Council, respectfully ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to revise the rules governing the employment of labour on the Minor Relief and Employment Schemes with a view to including small farmers in very needy circumstances and who have been returned as ineligible, on account of means, for such employment."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

381/39. TREASON BILL, AND OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE BILL, 1939.

A letter was read from the Clerk, County Borough of Cork, enclosing copy of the following resolution adopted by the Cork County Borough Council:-

"That we, the elected members of the Cork Borough Council, hereby demand the withdrawal of both the Treason Bill and the Offences against the State Bill, 1939.

We assert that the vast majority of the people of Cork are united in their opposition to these Bills and that there is no situation existing which could justify in the slightest such penal legislation."

A letter was read from Cumann na mBan, Dublin, asking the Council to join in a nation-wide protest against coercion by passing the following resolution:-

"That we deplore the attacks on individual liberty and national aspirations which are made in the Treason Bill and in the Offences against the State Bill, and demand that such measures be abandoned."

Councillor Lynch proposed that the Council adopt the resolutions.

Councillor McRory seconded the proposal, which was supported by Councillor Gallen.

Councillor Brady stated that whilst not objecting to the passing of the proposal made by Councillor Lynch, he took exception to some of the statements made by him in support of his proposal.

A heated scene ensued between Councillors Brady and Lynch. The proposal of Councillor Lynch was declared **carried**.

382/39. ROADS IN TOWNLANDS OF CASHELARD, BALLYSHANNON, AND ARDFARNA, BUNDORAN, DECLARED COUNTY ROADS.

Councillor McShea proposed the following Notices of Motion standing in his name:-

(1) "That the new road between County Roads Nos. 2094 and 2096 in the townland of Cashelard be declared a County Road."

(2) "That the new road between the County Road at James Boyle's in the townland of Ardfarna and the County Road near the Leitrim Border be declared a County Road."

Councillor Myles seconded the proposal.

The Secretary stated that the required public notice regarding these roads had been duly given in the Press.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"As already reported these two roads fulfil the necessary conditions. No money is available, however, in the current year's estimate. I would, therefore, suggest that if they be declared County Roads that such declaration does not come into effect until the 1st April, 1940."

The Council decided to declare the roads County Roads, and to adjourn the question of providing for their maintenance until the Provisional Road Works Scheme, 1940/41, was being prepared.

383/39. ROAD LEADING FROM THE GLENTIES-DONEGAL MAIN ROAD AND ENDING AT "THE MINES" ON THE GLENTIES-ARDARA MAIN ROAD.

Councillor Houston proposed:- "That the road leading from the Glenties-Donnegal Main Road and ending at "The Mines" on the Glenties-Ardara Main Road be declared a County Road."

The Assistant Surveyor for the district reported that this road was less than eleven feet wide.

As the road did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Chairman ruled that the road could not be declared a County Road.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, suggested that the Council apply to the Board of Works for a grant for the repair of this road, and the suggestion was adopted unanimously.

384/39. PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE GRANT FOR FILLING OF HOLLOW ON MAIN ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF BUNCROBEG, GLENTIES.

Councillor Houston proposed:- "That a sum of £300 be raised for the purpose of filling a hollow on the Glenties-Ballinagrath-Ballybofey Main Road at a point known as "The Labb" in the townland of Buncrobeg. The road at this point, for a distance of about 200 yards, was, with average rainfall, covered to a depth of four feet, and was most dangerous to all kinds of traffic, particularly motor traffic."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he would keep this matter in mind when preparing Roads (Rural) Schemes for the coming winter.

385/39. FENCING OF PLOT OF GROUND AT RAPHOE ON WHICH CARAVANS ARE SITUATED.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, referring to the Council's Minute No. 1291/38 referring back to the Board the question of overcrowding of caravans at Raphoe, and stating that as the caravans were on the County Council's property, the Council should take steps to have them removed.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kelly reports that a stone fence 4' high, with two gates, which would require to be provided for existing right-of-way would cost £120."

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Acting County Surveyor to erect a wire fence around this plot of ground, and to ask the Garda Síochána to protect this fence from damage by caravan owners or other persons as far as possible.

386/39. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BOATSLIP AT EIGHTER ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th January, 1939, stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had received an extract from the Council's Minutes of the 29th December, 1938, relative to the necessity for the construction of a Boatslip on Eighter Island, and stating that he would be glad to be favoured with the observations of the Council on the proposal. In the event of the Council being prepared to recommend the Scheme arrangements could be made for a report from the County Surveyor in the matter, including an estimate of the cost and a sketch plan of the proposed work.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme, has reported to me as follows:-

"The request seems to me to be a reasonable one and the work would be of considerable public utility. The matter, however, is not just that of constructing a simple boatslip. A number of factors enter into consideration, and will have to be dealt with if the work were to be successful. I enclose the relative portion of O.S.48 showing the location of the proposed work, and you will note that there is a stretch of foreshore outside the Island. The Islanders would, therefore, require facilities for landing in low and high tides. For low tides a set of 12 steps, 6' wide and 1' rise, situated on the head land and rising up the cliff are proposed. For high tides a landing-stage, having steps situated at the back leading down from the cliff and protected to seawards by a concrete breakwater is proposed. I enclose sketch plan and elevation of the proposed works. I estimate the cost at £250."

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

387/39. APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT LINING AND DRAINING COUNTY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Deery, Ballycrowey, St. John's Point, Dunkineely, asking to be employed lining and draining the County Road. It was badly in need of repair at present.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon reports that the road was repaired and rolled in November. There are no funds available at present for the employment of a surfaceman."

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

388/39. APPLICATION BY MR. WILLIAM FLANAGAN, BARNES ROAD, BALLYBOFEY, FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. William Flanagan, Barnes Road, Ballybofey, applying for a position as Flagman. Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, held his references and application for the past twelve months. He had been informed that there were two vacancies which were to be filled by single men, and he considered this unfair as he was a married man with a wife and family.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that a Mr. Molloy, Stragar, Killybegs, and a Mr. McDermott, Lifford, had been appointed temporarily to the last two vacancies for flagmen, pending the decision of the County Council.

Councillor McMenamin took strong exception to the appointment of a single man as a Flagman, and he stated that Molloy was the owner of a bicycle shop. Flanagan had been previously in the Council's employment as a Flagman, and had left to improve his position. His services had been satisfactory and he was a married man.

Councillor Brady stated that Mr. Molloy, to whom Councillor McMenamin referred, was by no means as prosperous as Councillor McMenamin had stated.

The Chairman (Councillor McIvor) and Councillor Scott stated that, all other things being equal, appointments as Flagmen should be given to married men.

Councillors Blaney and O'Boyle suggested that in future the question of appointing Flagmen be decided by the Council.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Council approve of the appointments of Messrs. Molloy and McDermott as Flagmen.

Councillor McShane seconded the proposal, which was accepted by Councillor McMenamin and passed unanimously, on the understanding that the first vacancy for a Flagman occurring in any part of the County be given to Flanagan.

389/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT CLONARL, KILLYGORDON.

A letter was read from Mr. Stephen Patterson, Clonarl, Killygordon, complaining of the condition of the road leading through the townland of Clonarl. The road was almost impassable at present. The water-tables were filled up and the road was being flooded.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-
"This matter was on the Agenda for the last Meeting of the County Council, but was adjourned. At the time Mr. Callaghan reported that this road was very hilly and the farmers were responsible for most of the flooding by putting small pipes in the water-tables to gain access to their fields. He informs me that the drainage of this road has since been attended to."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

390/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE "BETWEEN-THE-WATERS" DISTRICT OF FANAD.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Carr, Ardglass, Portsalon, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Fanad Branch of Fine Gael:-

"That we direct the attention of the Donegal County Council to the abominable condition of the roads in the "Between-the-Waters" District of Fanad, and that we call upon them to take appropriate steps to have them repaired and improved."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the report appeared to be exaggerated. The Assistant Surveyor reported that repairs had been recently carried out to the roads in question.

The Council noted the Acting County Surveyor's statements.

391/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM BALLYMAGROARTY SCHOOL TO ROSSNOWLAGH CROSSROADS.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Lurgan, Cavangarden P.O., Ballyshannon, calling attention to the condition of the road leading from Ballymagroarty School to Rossnowlagh Crossroads. It was badly in need of repair as no metal had been put on it for four years. A grant of £200 was spent on the road leading from Rossnowlagh Crossroads to the Sandhouse, which was in good repair. Apparently it was persons with motor-cars about whom the Council were concerned, but if the road referred to was not repaired before 31st March they had decided to pay no more rates.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham reports that the road at present is very dirty. Some weeks ago a ten-day Notice was served on the Contractor who has ignored it. Civil Bill proceedings are about to be taken against him and his sureties."

The Council noted the report, and considered it satisfactory.

392/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR PIPE CONSTRUCTED IN 1937 ON ROAD FROM LEFFIN TO MEENBANAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Campbell, Cruckamore, Dungloe, stating that in November, 1937, he made a pipe on the Mountjoy Road leading from Leffin to Meenbanad. He never received payment for this work, and he wished to have the matter attended to immediately.

The Acting Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Councillor Walsh put this pipe on Road Works Scheme. It was tendered for by Mr. D. Campbell. I laid off the work and a short time afterwards I heard that the landowner objected. I told Campbell not to go on with it. At the same time Mr. P. O'Donnell, Solicitor, wrote to the Council objecting to the pipe and claiming damages. The money (£5) was struck off. Campbell built the pipe and now wants the £5."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

393/39. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK IN THE GLENCOLUMBKILLE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Gillespie, Gortaloan, Glencolumbkille, stating that he only got a few weeks' employment this year, and there were other men working all the year round. He had no means and was depending on a few shillings of dole.

The Acting Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Men are recruited for work on Minor Employment and Roads (Rural) Schemes in strict accordance with the rules laid down and according to the proximity of the work. No exceptions are made and all men are recruited through the Employment Exchange as work is available."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

394/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LAND IN THE FROSSES DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Meehan, Drumbigh, Mountcharles, stating that his farm of land adjoining the road near McGroarty's Crossroads and Frosses was being flooded owing to a drain being closed up. Steps should be taken immediately to have the drain cleaned.

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

"I examined this place in company with Mr. Meehan. As the drain runs through his lands and is taking nothing more than the normal run-off from the Main Road (as it must always have done), I am of the opinion that the Council have no responsibility in the matter."

The Council noted Mr. Lennon's report and considered it satisfactory.

395/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF FOOTPATHS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, stating that he had been directed by the Urban Council to draw attention to the bad condition of the footpaths adjoining the Trunk Road in the Urban District, and to request that the necessary repairs be speeded up, so that they would be completed before the commencement of the Tourist Season. The Council also wished to know the present position regarding the removal of the obstructions.

A further letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Bundoran Tourist Development Association, stating that he had been directed to draw attention to the fact that the footpaths in Bundoran had been neglected for the past few years, and such monies as should have been spent on them were expended in other parts of the town.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, reports that there is only £26 available for footpaths in Bundoran, and as soon as stones are broken the money will be expended on them."

Mr. O'Reilly explained that he was unable to allocate any of the Spring and Summer Employment Schemes Grants for the repair of these footpaths, as these grants were reserved for non-urbanised towns with a population of over 200.

Councillor Brady proposed, Councillor McShea seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to request the Local Government Department to allow a sum of £300 to be allocated from the Employment Schemes Vote for the repair of the footpaths in Bundoran before the commencement of the coming Tourist Season.

396/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LANDS AT BALLYMAGAHEY, TAMNEY, THROUGH CARRYING OUT OF MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. James Meenan, Ballymagahey, Tamney, with reference to a Minor Relief Scheme carried out recently at Ballymagahey. In order to carry out the works a drain was cut through one of his fields and, when he gave his consent, it was part of the arrangement that the drain would be properly closed. The drain had not been properly closed and his land was being flooded, although Mr. Dawson assured him that the matter would receive attention.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-
"This refers to a work carried out last winter by Mr. Dawson, who is now on sick leave. It will be necessary to get into communication with Mr. Dawson regarding it."

The Council noted the report.

397/39. PURCHASE OF TARRING PLANT FOR THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DIVISIONS.

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

"Four Boilers are urgently required for the North of the County, if the necessary surface dressing is to be carried out during the coming Summer. It is intended to get these from the Official Contractors on the Trades List of the Department of Local Government. As the list will not be published until the 1st of the coming month, it is not possible to give the probable cost. If prices are much the same as last year's a sum of £400 should cover the requirements."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"As the present tarring plant in South Donegal is inadequate to cope with the amount of work on hands and the work contemplated for the coming year, I beg to make application for permission to purchase two 320-gallon Tar Pressure Sprayers and two 500-gallon Stand-by Boilers, similar to that purchased for the Rosses District. The cost per unit (that is one Pressure Sprayer and Stand-by Boiler) would be £430."

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the purchase of the tarring plant, and to apply for permission to raise a loan of £1300 for the purpose; the loan to be re-payable over a period of five years, and to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer.

398/39.

COMPLAINT FROM DOWNINGS DISTRICT RE BEING REFUSED WORK ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Shiels, Downings, inquiring why he was refused work on roads when his name was on the list furnished by the Employment Exchange, and several other men were taken on at a later date.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he understood this man refused work when he was first offered it.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

399/39.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE AT DUNGLOE BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, stating that he had been requested by Mr. Anthony Boner, Bridgend, Dungloe, to write with reference to his erection of a house on his plot of land in the town of Dungloe. Mr. Boner had purchased the old Found Site bordering the river, and in order to gain access thereto for the purpose of building it would be necessary to remove portion of the bridge wall over the Dungloe River. He would build the house in any manner suggested by the Acting County Surveyor, and Mr. O'Donnell suggested that the Surveyor when next in Dungloe should consult Mr. Boner in the matter.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme:

"I investigated the matter and I enclose map explaining the position. The portion of wall to be removed is not over the eye of the bridge and its removal will not create any difficulty. I would like to add that Mr. Boner is most helpful in the matter and agreed to carry out my instructions re position of his proposed structure. I have marked a provisional line for him, subject to your permission to remove the wall. This line allows plenty of latitude for any future "town-planning" of Dungloe, and would allow the bridge to be widened to the maximum line of Dungloe Main Street. This is shown on the map. You will also note that a dotted line shows that Mr. Boner's property extends over the river where the Board of Health ram and pipe line is situated. Mr. Boner desires to extend his structure (a garage) over that part for a short distance as also indicated in the map. He has given me an assurance that he will not interfere with the ram or its accessibility and will consult us during the execution of the job. His project is a large one and includes filling up the old "pound" to road level. The distance I have asked him to go back would become a street and would help to ease a very congested portion of the town. On the whole I consider the idea a very good one, and one which would greatly add to the general appearance at that point. I also think that Mr. Boner deserves every consideration from the Council in view of his extreme willingness to facilitate any future road improvements at the point in question, and his readiness to carry out the proposals made to him by the Council's Engineers."

The Council unanimously decided to give permission to Mr. Boner to erect the building in the manner suggested to him by Mr. Dillon.

400/39.

COMPLAINTS RE ALLOCATION OF WORK IN THE DRUMKEEN DISTRICT.

Councillor Hannigan introduced Mr. Bernard Rutherford, Meenavoy, Ballybofey, whose letter of complaint dated 18th March, 1939, had been received too late for inclusion in the Agenda.

Mr. Rutherford stated that a strike had been started in the Callan District, Drumkeen, because certain men who were only entitled to part-time employment were being employed full-time. They demanded full-time employment. Railway lorries were employed carting stones, while men who had horses and carts were left to draw the dole.

The Acting County Surveyor explained that the workers were employed on the rotational system, and they could only get the number of days' work per week to which they were entitled. Any men who were working full-time were "key" men.

Rutherford stated that men were employed on the job who had not been recruited through the Labour Exchange.

Councillor Houston proposed that Rutherford be re-employed on the job on the rotational system, but Rutherford stated he would not accept this, and no further action was taken.

401/39. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

Michael O'Donnell, Merchant, Meenaneary, Carrick.
 Donal McGilligan, Merchant, Malin.
 Neal Faulkner, Merchant, Culdaff.
 John O'Donnell, Merchant, Ardara.
 W. H. Raitt, Merchant, Stranorlar, Ballybofey.
 M. M. Andrews, Merchant, Donegal.
 C. J. O'Sullivan, Merchant, Mountcharles.
 Joseph Herron, Merchant, Ardara. (Sweeney & Co.)
 James McClay, Merchant, Stranorlar.
 Patrick O'Doherty, Merchant, Malin Head.
 William Kee & Sons, Ballybofey. (Mr. George Kee.)

Applications for renewals of licences were received from the following:-

Daniel Quigley, Merchant, Killybegs.
 Allan Rogers, Merchant, Killybegs.
 Patrick O'Callaghan, Victoria Hotel, Rathmullan.
 William A. Harris, Merchant, Letterkenny.
 D. Melly, Merchant, Churchill.
 C. J. Herron, Carrickatlieve, Ardara.

The Council unanimously decided to grant licences and renewals of licences as required.

402/39. QUARRY OPENED AT KNOCK, BALLYBOFEY.

Councillor Hannigan introduced Mr. Peter Dunnion, Kinletter, Ballybofey.

Mr. Dunnion stated that a grant of £600 had been allocated for work in the Knock Division from Roads (Rural) Schemes. A new quarry was opened in the district for the purpose of supplying stones, but Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, had refused to take the stones.

Mr. Callaghan stated that the stones from this quarry were costing 12s/6d per ton, and he could obtain stones elsewhere at a cheaper rate.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he would look into the matter during the coming week.

403/39. COMPLAINT RE BEING REFUSED WORK ON ROADS IN MOUNTCHARLES DISTRICT.

Councillor McRory referred to the case of a man named Charles Harkin of Mountcharles. He stated that this man had a wife and nine children, and that the Surveyors had refused to give him work on roads.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the man to whom Councillor McRory referred was not in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, and that he could not be employed on Roads (Rural) Schemes. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

404/39. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an lOadh Marta, 1939, G.904/4/39, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceaduaighcann an t-Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £70,000. Bhi an t-udaras seo dloaghtach suas go dti 3ladh la de'n mhi seo.

405/39. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1940.

The Secretary's Estimates and the General Estimate of Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, were submitted to the Council. Arising out of the Estimates and the demand of the Committee of Agriculture, Councillor Brady criticised the action of this Committee in recommending persons to the County Council for appointment to vacancies on the Committee. He considered that this was tantamount to making the appointments themselves, an action which they had absolutely no right to take.

He stated that he had been informed that the administration of the Lime Scheme was a "farce", and he made certain allegations against the Chairman of the Committee.

Councillor Scott suggested that in future years a small Committee be appointed about a month before the preparation of the Estimates is due to commence to help the Secretary and the Accountant with the Estimates.

Councillor Scott proposed that the net increase in respect of General Charges and Separate Charges over the entire County Health District be reduced to fourpence (4d.), and that in order to effect this reduction, the Mental Hospital Committee be asked to amend their demand by excluding the sums included for the payment of the loan in connection with the new Lough Salt Water Scheme as instalments of this loan would fall due for re-payment in the current financial year.

Councillor Scott's proposal was accepted, and, with this amendment, it was decided to adopt the Estimates, and to determine the rates in the £. to be levied by means of the Poor Rate in respect of General Charges to be 182.5883 pence, and the amount to be demanded from each Urban Council to be:-

Buncrana.....	£2,773 : 7 : 0
Bundoran.....	£2,456 : 0 : 0
Letterkenny.....	£2,630 : 0 : 0

Amended to:-

At most only one half-year's instalment of the loan.

(See No. 415/39 CC)

Adopted by Co. Council

Ver. Blaney

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The Council again duly decided to point out to McCole that according to the regulations that the Council he should have handed in his Budget before the meeting. It was also decided to consider the contracts entered into by the Lenders Committee.

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THE ADJOURNED ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 1939.

406/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

407/39.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING.

The Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on the 10th January, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

408/39.

CONTRACT OF MR. BERNARD DOHERTY, TULLAGH, CLONMANY,
MAP NO. 74, CONTRACT NO. 9, BUNCRANA DIVISION.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis Kelly, Cleagh, Clonmany, stating that the Tender for No. 9, Map No. 74, Buncrana Division, was informal, as the sureties mentioned on the Tender were not the men who signed the Bond.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that Kelly had entered a Tender, but that he had objected to do certain work which the Assistant Surveyor had asked him to do.

The Council unanimously decided to confirm the contract of Mr. Bernard Doherty, Tullagh, Clonmany, in this case.

409/39.

COMPLAINT RE CONTRACT BEING GIVEN TO A RESIDENT OF
NORTHERN IRELAND.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGrath, Jun., Lettercran, Tievemore P.O., Pettigo, stating that at the Tenders Committee Meeting he tendered for portion of a road between Tievemore and Crilly on the main Pettigo-Castlederg Road. He was turned down and the contract was given to a man from Northern Ireland, namely, David Baird, Dromore Little, Co. Fermanagh. This man paid no rates in Eire, and had no interest whatsoever in Eire. He wished to know if the Council intended to cancel the contract.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that last year the Assistant Surveyor was unable to get a contractor, and had to accept a Tender from a Northern Ireland man, with sureties, of course, resident in Eire.

The tender of Mr. David Baird, to which Mr. McGrath referred, was informal, and could not be accepted.

The Council unanimously decided to leave the work in the hands of the Assistant Surveyor.

410/39.

COMPLAINT RE TENDER ACCEPTED AT DUNGLOE TENDERS MEETING,
WHICH WAS NOT THE LOWEST TENDER.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McCole, Bunawack, Dungloe, stating that at the Tenders Committee Meeting in Dungloe on the 17th February he tendered for the Bunawack Road, for which he was the old Contractor. Owing to deafness he did not hear the number of the road being called out, and a young man handed in a Tender on an obsolete form. This young man was asked to fill in a correct form, and it then occurred to McCole that the Bunawack Road was under consideration. He then handed in his Tender which was two shillings less than that which was accepted, and he was told by a County Councillor that he should have handed in his Tender at the proper time. The man whose Tender was accepted was single, while he (McCole) had seven dependents.

The Council unanimously decided to point out to McCole that according to the regulations made by the Council he should have handed in his Tender before the Meeting started.

It was also decided to confirm the contract entered into by the Tenders Committee.

411/39. CONTRACT NO. 59, MAP NO. 1515, STRANORLAR AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Gallinagh, Drumboe, Stranorlar, stating that when filling a Tender at Stranorlar Tenders Meeting for No. 59, Map No. 1515, he wrote one surety's name on the front page, and one on the bond side as the lines on the Tender directed him to do. He was turned down by Councillor Hannigan, who was Chairman of the Meeting, although his Tender for £13 : 13 : 0 was the lowest. The Tender of Mr. Peter Diver, Curraghamone, Ballybofey, for £15 was accepted.

Councillor Hannigan stated that the sureties' names were not properly filled in on the Tender.

Councillor McMenamin stated that through an error Mr. Gallinagh entered the sureties' names in the wrong place. Gallinagh was accustomed to filling in the old type of Tender Form, and was not familiar with the new form now in use.

Councillor McMenamin proposed that the tender of Gallinagh for £13 : 13 : 0 be accepted.

Councillor Baxter seconded the proposal.

Councillor Hannigan proposed, as an amendment, that the tender of Mr. Peter Diver for £15 : 15 : 0 be accepted.

Councillor McRory seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, thirteen members voted for Mr. McMenamin's motion, and eight members for Mr. Hannigan's amendment.

The Council decided to accept the tender of Gallinagh at £13 : 13 : 0.

412/39. LIST OF CONTRACTS FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1939.

The Council proceeded to consider seriatim the list of Contracts for Maintenance and Special Works for the period commencing 1st April, 1939, as provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committees.

With the exception of all Tenders which were informal, and of those Tenders in which the Acting County Surveyors objected to the contractor, the Council decided to approve of the acceptance of Tenders for the works by the Tenders Committees, and to enter into contracts for the execution of the works in accordance with the Tenders accepted by affixing the Seal of the Council to the Tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committees.

Confirmed.

Read & Approved

Chairman of Co. Council.
25th April, 1939.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 1939.

413/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

414/39.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from the Chairman (Councillor McFadden), and Councillor Cannon.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, the Council extended their sympathy to the Chairman on his illness, and expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to health.

415/39. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
24TH MARCH, 1939.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 24th March, 1939, be confirmed.

Councillor McClafferty seconded.

Councillor Scott called attention to Minute No. 405/39 regarding the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1940, and he stated that his proposal regarding the reduction of the Mental Hospital Committee's Estimate was not recorded correctly, and it was decided to amend this portion of the Minute to read as follows:-
"and that in order to effect this reduction, the Mental Hospital Committee be asked to amend their demand by excluding the sums included for the re-payment of the loan in connection with the new Lough Salt Water Scheme as at most only one-half year's instalment of this loan would fall due for re-payment in the current financial year."
Criticism of the Committee of Agriculture.

Arising out of Minute No. 405/39, the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture held on 18th April, 1939, at which it was decided to protest strongly against the discussion of alleged irregularities in the Committee's Schemes by the Council prior to the submission of all available information to the Committee.

Councillor Brady stated that he made no definite charge against the Committee. He stated that he did not say the lime scheme was a "farce." He merely stated that he had been informed that the scheme was a "farce." He also stated that it had been admitted at the Meeting of the Agricultural Committee by Councillors Scott and Mahony that the Scheme was open to abuses. Up to this year there had been very little supervision of the Scheme, and it was the duty of the Committee's paid Officials to see that the Scheme was administered in the manner in which it was intended to be administered.

Councillor Brady also quoted from the "Derry Journal" of the 2nd November, 1938, in which a case heard at Letterkenny Circuit Court, involving the Chairman of the Committee of Agriculture, had been reported.

Councillor Scott agreed with Councillor Brady regarding the lime scheme, and he stated that it was not the duty of County Councillors to uncover abuses or cite cases.

Councillor McIvor (Chairman of the Committee of Agriculture) said the report in the "Derry Journal" was not correct. He had explained the whole position arising out of the law case referred to to his Committee, and had asked for a full investigation. He repudiated the assertion that the lime scheme was **not properly supervised**, and he stated that irregularities would occur in Schemes no matter how watertight the Schemes might be.

After further exchanges, the Chairman closed the discussion, and the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

416/39. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ROAD WORKS MEETING.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Road Works Meeting of the County Council held on the 24th March, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

417/39. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 24th March, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

418/39. REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor McClafferty the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 24th March, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

419/39. REPORT OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH MARCH, 1939.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 24th March, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

420/39. REPORT OF THE SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL, 1939.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 18th April, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

421/39. REPORT OF THE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Meeting of the Law Committee held on the 18th April, 1939.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that Minute No. 28/39 of the Report be referred back to the Committee.

After some discussion, Councillor Brady withdrew his amendment, and the Report of the Committee was declared adopted.

422/39. LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1939.

The Secretary submitted the List of Payments for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1939.

Payment was ordered as recommended by the Finance Committee.

423/39. COST OF EXAMINATION FOR POSTS AS JUNIOR CLERICAL OFFICER IN THE OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL AND OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter dated 24th April, 1939, L.A.13/21/38, was read from the Local Appointments Commission stating that the certified cost of the examination for posts as Junior Clerical Officer in the Offices of the Council and of the Board of Health was £67 :16 : 4, and they requested that this amount be refunded by means of a Payable Order drawn in favour of the Secretary, Department of Finance, as soon as possible.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

424/39. LOAN OF £3,700 FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY - DEED OF CHARGE.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Deed of Charge in connection with loan of £3,700 being raised from the Council's Treasurers for the purchase of Road Machinery.

425/39. ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st March, 1939, G.9041/39, Dun na nGall., inquiring the specific dates by which the procedure in Articles 77 (2), 78, and 79 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, would be complied with in respect of the financial year 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th April, 1939, G.9041/39, Dun na nGall., drawing attention to the requirements of Article 81 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, and requesting that a copy of the Rate Estimates for the service of the current financial year showing any amendments made therein by the Council in adoption be forwarded to the Department.

426/39. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - DELAY IN SUBMITTING FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd March, 1939, asking to be furnished with Forms T. 2/3 in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of:-

Charles McKendrick, Letterkenny.
John Blackwood, Magherennan, Letterkenny.
William O'Donnell, Corrinagh, Letterkenny.
Edward Lynch, Rossbracken, Manorcunningham.
Denis Grant, Main Street, Buncrana.
W. Lyons, Drumskillan, Ture.

427/39. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th March, 1939, G.5780/2/39, Dun na nGall., referring to a resolution adopted at a Meeting of the Council on the 31st January last, and stating that it was intended to include in the forthcoming Local Government Bill a section to amend Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, relating to the payment of travelling expenses to members of Local Authorities.

428/39. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th March, 1939, G.4794/39, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister sanctioned expenditure not exceeding £255, additional to the sum sanctioned in the Department's letter of the 8th July last, in respect of the employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with Employment Schemes in the current financial year.

429/39. EMPLOYMENT OF MR. SEAN MULREANY AS ASSISTANT SURVEYOR IN PLACE OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ABSENT ON SICK LEAVE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th March, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the employment of Mr. Sean Mulreany, B.E., as Acting Assistant County Surveyor whilst Mr. Patrick Dawson was absent on sick leave, at remuneration of £5 : 5 : 0 per week.

430/39. CARRYING OUT OF THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DURING HIS ABSENCES ON LEAVE, BY THE TWO ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th March, 1939, P.H.1455/39, stating that the Minister had approved of the proposal that Dr. M. J. McColgan and Dr. Richard Hayes, Assistant County Medical Officers of Health, carry out the duties of the County Medical Officer of Health in their respective districts during the absences on leave of Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health.

431/39. EXAMINATIONS UNDER LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GAELTACHT) ORDERS - SUCCESS IN EXAMINATIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th March, 1939, G.60/38, forwarding, for the information of the Council, copies of letters which had been forwarded to Mr. E. A. Gallagher, Rate Collector, and Mr. George McGill, Clerical Assistant, informing them that they possessed a knowledge of Irish sufficient to enable them adequately to perform through the medium of that language their duties.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was decided to congratulate Messrs. Gallagher and McGill on their success.

432/39. EXPENDITURE INCURRED UPON SALARIES OF SANITARY OFFICERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th March, 1939, stating that a Payable Order for £166 : 14 : 10 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of the balance payable of proportion of expenditure incurred upon salaries of Sanitary Officers during the year ended 30th September, 1938.

433/39. MAINTENANCE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS IN THE YEAR 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th March, 1939, stating that a Payable Order for £3,618 : 6 : 3 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of the balance payable of proportion of cost of maintenance of Mental Hospital patients in the year 1937/38.

434/39. EXPENDITURE INCURRED UPON SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th March, 1939, stating that a Payable Order for £1,327 : 10 : 2 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of the balance payable of proportion of expenditure incurred by the Board of Health upon salaries of Medical Officers, etc., during the year ended 30th September, 1938.

435/39. BALLYSALLAGH (RAY RIVER) MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 31st March, 1939, S.9748/1/39, Dun na nGall. Pd., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 20th March in regard to the proposal of the County Council to raise a loan to defray expenditure on the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Minor Drainage Scheme, and pointing out that the information requested in the Department's letters of the 12th April, 1937, and the 23rd January, 1937, as regards the amount of any annual payment received by the Council had not yet been furnished. The application of the Council for the raising of the loan would be given further consideration on receipt of this information.

In reply to Councillor Baxter, the Secretary stated that no assessment had yet been made in respect of this Scheme.

436/39. REMOVAL OF TELEGRAPH POLES ON GORTAHORK-MEENLARAGH ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, dated 11th April, 1939, stating that owing to road improvements by the Council on the Gortahork-Meenlaragh Road, the removal of some telegraph poles would be necessary, and arrangements were being made accordingly. As the road improvements in question were being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant, the cost incurred by the Department in the matter would be charged to the Council in due course.

437/39. FENCING OF PLOT OF GROUND AT RAPHOE ON WHICH CARAVANS ARE SITUATED.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Raphoe, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter re fencing of plot of ground at Raphoe on which caravans are situated, and stating that the Gardaí would give the matter all possible attention.

438/39.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Ballyshannon, stating that it was proposed to have an application made at Ballintra District Court on the 18th April, 1939, for the committal to Industrial Schools of Mary, Cecilia, and Denis Maguire, Ballintra, the children of Mrs. Mary Maguire, a widow. The application was being made under the School Attendance Act, 1926.

A further letter dated 20th April, 1939, was read from the Superintendent stating that Mary Maguire was committed to St. Lawrence's Industrial School, Sligo, and that Cecilia and Denis Maguire were not committed.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Ballyshannon, stating that an application would be made at Ballyshannon on the 6th April, 1939, by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, for the committal to Industrial Schools of the following children at present detained in the County Home:-

Bridget McMorrow, West Port, Ballyshannon.

Rose Anne McMorrow, West Port, Ballyshannon.

A further letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Ballyshannon, stating that an application would be made at Ballyshannon on the 6th April, 1939, by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, for the committal to Industrial Schools of the following children at present detained in the County Home:-

Thomas Gorman, Frank Gorman, James Gorman, Tena Gorman, and Philomena Gorman, all of Abbey, Ballyshannon.

439/39. CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MAINTENANCE OF BOYS AT ST. KEVIN'S SCHOOL, GLENCREE, ENNISKERRY, CO. WICKLOW.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th April, 1939, G.8643/39, Dun na nGall., relative to the proposed increase of the contribution towards the maintenance per boy for boys at St. Kevin's School, Glencree, and stating that the Minister saw no objection to the Council's proposal, which did not require his formal sanction.

A letter was read from Rev. W. F. O'Connor, O.M.I., St. Kevin's School, Glencree, thanking the Council for their decision to increase the amount of the contribution per boy.

440/39. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (HAY, STRAW, AND PEAT MOSS LITTER) ORDER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture enclosing copy of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Hay, Straw, and Peat Moss Litter) Order, 1939.

441/39. CLOSING OF THE CUSTOMS POST AT CLADY.

A letter was read from the Royal Irish Automobile Club, Dawson Street, Dublin, stating that they were making representations both to the Revenue Commissioners of this country and to H.M. Customs and Excise, London, concerning the proposed closing of the Customs Post at Clady.

The Secretary submitted a notice which had appeared in the Press stating that this Post was being closed as from 1st May, 1939.

Several Councillors inquired the position regarding Lifford Bridge, and if it were suitable for the extra traffic which would now be using it in view of the closing of the Clady Route.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that notices were erected at the Bridge pointing out that traffic over four tons was not allowed on the Bridge.

442/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received from the Board of Works of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Loughnabrogue, Killymasney, Cornagill, Urrismannagh, Malin-Glacknabraide, Kildoney, Creevy, and "The Mines", Glenties.

443/39. POWER OF THE COUNCIL'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SUSPEND WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 30th March, 1939, L.329/39, inquiring whether general authority to suspend any Temporary Inspector, where such action appeared to be immediately called for, had been given by the Council to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Council unanimously decided to empower the Secretary to suspend any Temporary Warble Fly Inspector, where such action appeared to be immediately called for.

444/39. DAMAGE TO WOOL BY USE OF IMPROPER SHEEP DIPS, AND MARKING OF SHEEP WITH TAR.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 29th March, 1939, L.4637/38, stating that it had come to the Minister's notice that the value of fleeces, sheepskins, and lambskins, had been considerably depreciated by the use of dips or bloom powders which contained material of the nature of a dye. Such dips or bloom powders imparted a yellow colour to the wool, and thus rendered it unsuitable for general manufacturing purposes inasmuch as the colour was not removed by the washing or scouring process at the mills. Local Authorities should require a guarantee that dip tendered for was free from colouring matter which could not be readily washed out from wool.

Councillor McIvor stated that publicity should be given to this matter. He stated also that some sheep-owners used tar for marking sheep, and this also was very injurious to the wool. It was decided to refer the matter to the Sheep Dipping Committee.

445/39. FAILURE OF MR. CHARLES BRADLEY, FORMER SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTOR, TO ACCOUNT FOR 59½ GALLONS OF SHEEP DIP.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 3rd April, 1939, L.3006-38, referring to an entry in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee held on the 7th February with respect to the reported failure of Mr. Charles Bradley, Manorcunningham, who had been employed as a Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector, to account for some 59½ gallons of dip, representing a deficit of £12 :17 :10 to the Council, and inquiring the present position in the matter.

The Secretary stated that this matter was being dealt with by the Sheep Dipping Committee.

446/39. REFUSAL OF STOCK-OWNERS TO TREAT INFESTED CATTLE UNDER THE WARBLE FLY ORDER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 4th April, 1939, L.329/39, referring to a complaint of Warble Fly Inspector Peter Duffy regarding the refusal of a stock-owner in his district to treat her infested cattle as required by the provisions of the Warble Fly Order, and referring the Council to a letter from the Department on the same subject dated 11th April, 1938.

447/39. CONTINUANCE OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF MR. J. F. QUIGLEY AS A CLERK IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th April, 1939, G.10992/39, stating that the Minister sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. J. F. Quigley as a temporary clerk up to the 30th September, 1939, at his existing rate of remuneration.

448/39. STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th April, 1939, Ilgh. (S. & R.), Circ. 20/1939 enclosing form for statistical particulars relating to the Council.

449/39. APPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL A. CAMPBELL AND MISS E. V. LEYDEN
AS JUNIOR CLERKS IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th March, 1939, G.4633/6/39, stating that the Minister sanctioned the permanent appointment of Miss E. V. Leyden as Junior Clerk on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement inviting applications for the post. Before Mr. M. A. Campbell's appointment could be approved it would be necessary to submit evidence that he had been successfully vaccinated. There was, however, no objection to his temporary employment at the minimum of the approved scale (£100 per annum) pending the submission of this evidence.

A further letter dated 20th April, 1939, G.4633/12/39, Dun na nGall, was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister sanctioned the permanent appointment of Mr. Michael A. Campbell as Junior Clerk on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement inviting applications for the post.

450/39. PROPOSED PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES O'DONNELL AS
CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th April, 1939, G.4633/11/39, regarding the proposed permanent appointment of Mr. James O'Donnell as clerical assistant, and stating that the Minister was not prepared to alter his decision in this matter. Steps should be taken to have the vacancy filled as indicated in the Department's letter of the 3rd March, 1939.

The Secretary stated that Mr. O'Donnell had been temporarily filling the position held by the late Mr. Daniel Kelly, and that this vacancy had been filled by the permanent appointment of Miss Esme V. Leyden.

The Secretary explained that whilst the present system of Employment Schemes continued three or four temporary clerks would be required almost continuously.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Council appoint to their permanent staff the candidate who secured fifth place in the recent Examination for Junior Clerical Officers, but the proposal was not seconded.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Gallen seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to instruct the Secretary to continue the employment of Mr. O'Donnell in a temporary capacity.

451/39. PROPOSED SEED SUPPLY SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 11th April, 1939, E.1698/39, stating that owing to the limited funds available for the operation of the Department's Special Seed Distribution Scheme, it was regretted that further supplies of seed could not be provided this season. It was pointed out that considerable quantities of seed oats and potatoes had been provided for the more necessitous areas in County Donegal, and also that a very substantial portion of the seed distributed under the Scheme generally was purchased in that County.

452/39. OPERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS
ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th April, 1939, Circ. No. H.41/39, enclosing form for completion showing the operations of the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts up to 31st March, 1939.

453/39. LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Scott proposed the following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in his name and that of five other Councillors:-
"That Minute No. 1133/37 of the 28th September, 1937, in connection with the Letterkenny Water Supply, be, and is hereby, rescinded."
Councillor Mahony seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

454/39.

BORROWING OF LOAN OF £440 BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR
PROVISION OF SEWERS FOR THE PORTNASON AREA OF BALLYSHANNON
TOWN.

Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, in accordance with Notice duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, proposed the following motion:-
"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £440 for the provision of sewers for the Portnason Area of Ballyshannon Town."

Councillor Myles seconded the motion, which was passed.

Councillor Cole stated that the time had come when the County Board of Health should call "halt" to their borrowing powers.

455/39.

WAGES OF ALL ENGINE-DRIVERS IN THE COUNCIL'S EMPLOYMENT,
EXCLUDING OPERATORS OF COMPRESSORS.

The consent of two-thirds of the members present having been obtained, the following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the names of Councillors Mahony, Scott, Brady, McClafferty, McCrea, and Myles, was proposed by Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, and unanimously resolved:-
"That Minutes numbered 785/27 of the County Council Meeting of the 30th August, 1927, 1023/37 of the County Council Meeting of the 31st August, 1937, 1178/37 of the County Council Meeting of the 28th September, 1937, 8/39 of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting of the 10th January, 1939, and 22/39 of the County Council Meeting of the 31st January, 1939, be, and are hereby rescinded."

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

"That the following scale of wages be adopted for all Engine-Drivers in the Council's employment, excluding Operators of Compressors, as from Monday, 1st May, 1939:-

- (a) Minimum wages £2 : 5 : 0 per week, rising by seven annual increments of 2/- per week and one increment of 1/- per week, until a maximum wage of £3 : 0 : 0 per week is reached.
- (b) For the purpose of calculating existing Engine-Drivers' positions on scale, credit to be given for completed years of service, but no retrospective allowance to be made.
- (c) Where a Driver is not provided with a living-van, or a Flagman, an additional allowance of 15/- per week to be made.
- (d) Where a Driver is not provided with a Flagman, but with a living-van, an additional allowance of 5/- per week to be made."

456/39.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

The Secretary applied for Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 until the 31st May, 1939. He stated that no Overdraft had been required during the month of April.

The Secretary's application was granted unanimously.

457/39.

"AUTHORISED COMMITTEES" FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1940.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Local Government Department for permission to have the following Committees made

"Authorised Committees" for the year ending 31st March, 1940:-

- Finance Committee.
- Sub-Finance Committee.
- Law Committee.
- Scholarships Committee.
- Engineering Services Committee.
- Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.

458/39. MAKING OF RATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1940.

The Secretary having certified on the forms prescribed that the rate, in so far as the value of the hereditaments therein assessed was concerned, was in conformity with the valuations in force for the time being, the Council decided to adopt such rates as already determined, and as set out in "Notice of Deposit of Poor Rate Books for Inspection" (Form 46), and it was proposed by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Blaney, and unanimously resolved under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of Acts incorporated therewith, and subsequent Statutes, to allow and make the same in two moieties for the service of the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1940, as assessed in the Rate Book.

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

459/39. CHANGES OF NAMES OF OCCUPIERS IN THE RATE BOOK.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McClafferty it was unanimously resolved that the changes of names of occupiers as set out in returns received from the Rate Collectors be made in the Rate Books under Section 6 of 23 and 24 Vic., Cap. 4., for the year ending 31st March, 1940.

460/39. SIGNING OF RATE COLLECTORS' WARRANTS.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McClafferty it was unanimously decided to sign and seal the Rate Collectors' Warrants authorising the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1940, and the warrants were thereupon duly signed, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

461/39. RETURN OF EXPENDITURE ON INSURANCE STAMPS AND STAMP DUTY, ETC.

Arising out of a Notice of Motion by Councillor McIvor, the Secretary submitted the following particulars of the amounts expended for the year ended 28th February, 1939, on Insurance Stamps, Stamp Duty, etc:-

Unemployment Insurance, National Health Insurance, Widows' and Orphans' Pension Insurance.....	£17,820 : 0 : 0.
Widows' and Orphans' Pension Insurance in respect of certain members of clerical staff (permanent)....	7 : 6 : 0.
Widows' and Orphans' Pension Insurance in respect of Rate Collectors.....	16 : 14 : 10.
Embossing Paying Orders.....	615 : 0 : 0.
Stamp Duty on Road Contractors' Bonds.....	575 : 17 : 11.
Rate Receipts.....	160 : 0 : 0.
	£19,194 : 18 : 9.

The Council considered the return, and Councillor Gallen stated that the rotational system of employment had doubled the amount being expended on Insurance Stamps. Several other Councillors supported Councillor Gallen's complaint.

462/39. ARREARS OUTSTANDING UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS, 1924/1929.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th April, 1939, H.5893/4/39, Dun na nGall., regarding the payment of arrears due by borrowers under the Housing Acts, 1924/1929, and inquiring the present position in the matter.

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of arrears outstanding:-

<u>Name of borrower.</u>	<u>Amount paid since last Meeting of the Council.</u>	<u>Balance remaining due.</u>
William McCrossan, Milford.	Nil.	£8 : 19 : 3.
Mary Doherty, Glenmakee, Collin.	£4 : 17 : 9.	£3 : 9 : 4.
Patk. Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.	£4 : 9 : 0.	£17 : 16 : 0.
Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.	£4 : 9 : 0.	£27 : 19 : 3.
John Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.	Nil.	£50 : 6 : 0.
John J. Doherty, Cloncha, Culdaff.	£4 : 9 : 0.	£4 : 9 : 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg.	£3 : 0 : 0.	£3 : 1 : 6.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.	Nil.	£71 : 10 : 0.
Daniel McEloney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.	Nil.	£9 : 6 : 6.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.	Nil.	£13 : 2 : 2.
Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany.	Nil.	£32 : 13 : 9.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Gortahork.	£10 : 0 : 0.	£9 : 14 : 0.
Miss Mary A. Coll, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore.	£12 : 0 : 0.	7 : 9.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.	Nil.	£28 : 18 : 2.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.	£4 : 9 : 7.	£28 : 8 : 0.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that Mr. William McCrossan, Milford, had made a promise of a substantial payment by the 6th May, 1939.

The Solicitor also forwarded copy of a letter which he had received from Councillors Cole and Lynch making representations in the case of Reps. John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, and stating that they would see that a payment would soon be made.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara, promising payment of the amount owing by the 1st June.

Councillor Baxter stated that Mr. Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton, intended selling the holding on which the house was situated, and he said that he would ask Coyle to communicate with the Council's Solicitor.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Solicitor to proceed for Ejectment Orders in all cases where no amount had been paid since last Meeting, or where no promise of payment had been made; in the case of Daniel Coyle it was decided to defer action for another month.

463/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th April, 1939, H.5893/4/1939, Dun na nGall., regarding the payment of arrears in connection with advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and inquiring the present position in the matter.

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of amounts outstanding:-

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....	£54 : 13 : 4.
Joseph Doery, Drumany, Letterkenny.....	£7 : 18 : 3.
Michael Gallagher, Legnahorey, Kilmacrenan.....	£11 : 19 : 5.

He stated that the position was unchanged since last Meeting.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor to take all possible steps for the recovery of the amounts owing.

464/39. COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION IN DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall Committee, Dungloe, stating that the Hall Committee regretted they could not approve of the installation of Anthracite Stoves in the Hall. They would consider the heating of the Hall when they were in a financial position to do so, and, meanwhile, they would put a large radiator stove at a suitable place in the Hall. They would repair the side door and make it as air-tight as possible. They could not extend the cloakroom, but they would allow the use of it to the Clerk on Court days, and on any other days he required it.

Consideration of the matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

465/39. CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE LEANNAN RIVER BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 24th February, 1939, P.5212/39, stating that they had sanctioned a free grant for the construction of a footbridge over the Leannan River at the point marked "X" on an attached map, and in this connection they wished to refer the Council to Minute No. 1135/33 of the 31st October, 1933, asking for a grant in this matter. The Land Commission would carry out the work of constructing the Bridge as far as possible in accordance with the requirements of the County Council, but they were not prepared to give any undertaking in the matter. They wished to know whether the Council would, on this understanding, agree to take over permanently and maintain the said Bridge on completion.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The footbridge in question was erected under a Minor Employment Scheme in the year 1936/37. It was built entirely of reinforced concrete and will not require any maintenance."

The Council noted the report, and instructed the Secretary to forward a copy of it to the Irish Land Commission.

466/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF GATE ON THE ESTATE OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION (ROSSAPENNA HOTEL CO., LTD.)

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 22nd February, 1939, A. & R.10618/39, stating that in connection with the allotment of the Estate of the Irish Land Commission (Rossapenna Hotel Co., Ltd.), they proposed to erect a fence along the western boundary thereof, and to erect a gate at the point marked "A" on an attached map. They would be glad to have the Council's consent to the erection of the gate.

The Council decided to refuse permission.

467/39. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP, MILFORD DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 14th April, 1939, L.130/39, referring to their letter of the 11th January last regarding leave of absence to Mr. McIlhargey, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector, Milford District, and requesting to be informed if Mr. McIlhargey had resumed duty. It was observed that he was granted leave of absence for a month as from the 3rd January last on "urgent personal business", and if he had not yet returned an immediate explanation should be obtained from him as to the reasons for his continued absence.

A letter dated 21st April, 1939, was read from Mr. McIlhargey stating that he had obtained a full-time appointment, and tendering his resignation as Veterinary Inspector, Milford District. He had disposed of his private practice to Mr. Hugh Quigley, M.R.C.V.S., Malin Head (late of Cambridge). Mr. Quigley was prepared to carry on the Council's part-time work until such time as a permanent appointment was made. The services of Mr. Arnold who had been carrying out the duties temporarily since January last would not be available after the 26th April.

The Council decided to accept Mr. McIlhargey's resignation, with regret, and to appoint Mr. Hugh Quigley, M.R.C.V.S., to carry out the duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Milford District, until a permanent appointment was made by the Local Appointments Commissioners.

468/39. APPLICATION FROM WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS FOR AN INCREASE IN THEIR REMUNERATION.

Letters were read from Warble Fly Inspectors John McMonagle and Denis Gallagher asking the Council to increase their present remuneration of £2 per week.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.

469/39. INSURED PERSONS' (LOCAL AUTHORITIES' NOMINEES) MEMBERS' ELECTORATE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th April, 1939, A.258/1939, acknowledging receipt of return containing particulars as to names, etc., of the three persons nominated by the Council to be members of the Insured Persons' (Local Authorities' Nominees) Members Electorate for the three years commencing 1st May, 1939. It was pointed out that the Council was entitled to nominate four persons to serve on the Electorate, and it was requested that a fourth nomination be made.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint as their fourth nominee, Mr. James O'Donnell, Albert Terrace, Lifford, a temporary clerk in the Council's employment.

470/39. PROPOSED CARRYING OUT OF DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE TOWNLAND OF MEENMORE, DUNGLOE, BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 23rd March, 1939, P.7012/39, stating that the Land Commission had under consideration certain drainage works in the townland of Meenmore which would necessitate the deepening of the culvert under the County Road at a point marked "B" on an attached map. They wished to be informed whether the Council would, without imposing any conditions, permit the Land Commission to do this work on the culvert. In the event of the work being carried out by the Land Commission they would, as far as possible, meet the requirements of the County Council, but they could give no undertaking in the matter.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The work of deepening the culvert marked "B" on the map attached to the Irish Land Commission's application was carried out under Minor Employment Schemes in last year's Summer Drainage work, and, therefore, the matter does not arise. Mr. McKiernan, the Irish Land Commission Inspector in this area, seems satisfied that the culvert now suits his requirements, but suggests that he will make the addition of "wing walls" to the culvert to prevent erosion. This would be of considerable benefit to the County Road, and, accordingly, I would recommend that the Council should not hesitate to give the required permission to the Irish Land Commission to proceed with their projected Scheme."

The Council unanimously decided to send a copy of the report to the Irish Land Commission.

471/39. PROPOSED DRAINAGE OF EELBURN LOUGH BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 1st April, 1939, Record No. S.3346, stating that they had under consideration a proposal to drain Eelburn Lough, as shown on an attached map. It was understood that the Council spent a sum of £40 last year in an effort to relieve the pressure of water from the Lough. A copy of the specification for the proposed drainage scheme, which was estimated to cost £330, was enclosed, and the Land Commission would be glad to know if the County Council would contribute to the cost if the Land Commission undertook the work.

The Acting Co. Surveyor reported as follows:- "The expenditure referred to was under a Minor Employment Scheme carried out for the Office of Public Works. The Council have no interest in the drainage in question. The Land Commission should approach the Office of Public Works (Special Works Division) on the matter."

The Council decided to send a copy of the report to the Irish Land Commission.

472/39. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE - APPOINTMENT OF MR. DANIEL E. O'BOYLE AS A MEMBER.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer, Co. Donegal Committee of Agriculture, enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 21st March. The extract stated that the resignation of Mr. W. H. Hunt as a member of the Committee was accepted, and the Committee unanimously decided to recommend Mr. Daniel E. O'Boyle, Kincasslagh, to the County Council for appointment to the vacancy.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. O'Boyle to the Committee.

473/39. DISHORNING OF CALVES - CO-OPERATION OF WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS.

A letter read from the Chief Agricultural Officer, Co. Donegal Committee of Agriculture, enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 21st March regarding the dishorning of calves. The Committee decided, subject to the approval of the County Council, that each Warble Fly Inspector operating in the County be supplied with copies of Leaflet No. 23 for distribution to the farmers in the course of their ordinary duties.

The Council unanimously decided to agree to the Committee's suggestion.

474/39. RE-VALUATION BILL.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, F.91/1/38, referring to the Council's resolution No. 379/39 in connection with the Valuation Bill. The Council were under a misapprehension in thinking that the Bill would result in increased taxation. As to local taxation, the Bill should not cause any increase in the aggregate burden of rates on the public. It should merely re-distribute the burden in such a way as to secure that every ratepayer paid his fair share. It was admitted at present that - both as between ratepayer and ratepayer in the same rating area and as between one area and another - that the rate burden was not distributed fairly owing to the valuations being irrelative and based on obsolete nineteenth century trading and other conditions. A copy of the Minister's speeches moving the Second Reading of the Bill in Dail Eircann and winding up the debate was enclosed, and a perusal of this, in conjunction with the explanatory memorandum already circulated to the members of the Council, should help towards a better understanding of the measure, the principle of which had been approved by the Dail.

Councillor Baxter stated that the Council had passed a unanimous resolution asking the members of the Dail to oppose the Bill when it came up, and they were aware that some of them did not do so. They in Donegal, although there was a boundary, were aware of how the operation of the Re-Valuation Act had affected Northern Ireland. It had acted to the detriment of the people in every way and provided an additional means of extracting more money from the pockets of the ratepayers.

The Bill was going to camouflage increases in rates.

Councillors Brady and Scott strongly opposed Councillor Baxter, and stated that the Re-Valuation Bill was long overdue.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Government be requested to include a clause in the Bill making the putting into operation of the provisions of the Bill optional to public bodies.

Councillor McIvor seconded the proposal.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, Councillor Baxter's motion was carried by a large majority.

475/39. EQUIPMENT FOR FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, enclosing list of equipment required by the Food and Drugs Inspectors for the coming year.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Secretary to purchase the equipment required.

476/39.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

Mr. Charles Maguire, Cashlings, Kilcar.
Mrs. Annie Byrne, Carrick.

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

Messrs. Gallagher Bros., Teelin.
Messrs. Gallagher Bros., Killybegs.
Messrs. W. Thompson & Co., Letterkenny. (Mr. James Davidson.)

Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society, Letterkenny.
Hubert S. O'Donnell, Carndonagh.
Reps. P. J. Devlin, Castlefin. (Miss J. Devine.)
Messrs. E. Crockett & Co., Newtowncunningham.
Mr. John Harris, Letterkenny.

The applications were granted unanimously.

477/39.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNT.

An application was submitted from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Ballybofey, for the re-issue of a Paying Order for £2 : 17 : 2 dated 14th October, 1938, in favour of Mr. Paddy Herron, Boltyfree, Cloghan.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for permission to have a new Paying Order issued.

478/39.

ACCIDENT TO A MR. DAN GALLAGHER, ROSHINE, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, dated 31st March, 1939, enclosing copy of letter forwarded by him to the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. regarding a serious accident sustained by Mr. Dan Gallagher, Roshine, Burtonport. Mr. Gallagher was hurled from a lorry, the property of the Railway Co., and as a result his left arm had to be amputated. The Railway Company's lorry was, at the time of the accident, engaged in carting stones for the County Council.

The following report was read from Mr. A. N. Dillon, Engineer, Dungloe:-

"I received a letter from the Secretary dated the 1st inst., enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, re the above.

The accident occurred under the following circumstances:
Mr. Eddie Boner was driving a lorry hired from the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. by the Donegal County Council, for the purpose of hauling metal from Lackenagh to the tarring plant on the Roshine-Keadue Road. He delivered a load of metal and was returning for another load. Mr. Boner agreed to give Mr. Dan Gallagher a lift back to Lackenagh. Mr. Gallagher was not employed on the job and is 76 years of age. I understand Mr. Gallagher stood on the back of the lorry with his hands on the back of the Driver's cab. When rounding the bend at Roshine School, Mr. Gallagher was thrown off, and sustained injuries as described in Mr. O'Donnell's letter. The road at the point was not under repair at the time. From what I can gather, the lorry was proceeding normally, but Mr. Gallagher was not strong enough or not in a sufficiently safe attitude to overcome the centrifugal force on the corner, and Mr. Gallagher was hurled off the lorry.

It appears to me then that the accident was not due to any fault of the Council or its employees, but just the logical outcome of a man of 76 years of age standing up at the back of a lorry rounding a bend."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

479/39. FLOORS IN THE LIVING APARTMENTS OF LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Letterkenny, reporting that two new concrete floors and one wooden floor were required in the living apartments of the Courthouse. The lowest quotation for the work was £6.

Councillor Mahony stated that the greater part of the labour entailed in putting down the floors had been carried out by the Caretaker himself.

The Council unanimously decided to allow a sum of £6 for the provision of the new floors, subject to a satisfactory report from the Acting County Surveyor that the work had been properly carried out.

480/39. PROVISION OF ELECTRIC COOKER FOR THE LIVING APARTMENTS OF LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

An application was submitted from the Courtkeeper, Letterkenny, to have an electric cooker installed in the Courthouse, Letterkenny. He stated that the present range consumed an excessive amount of coal. The rental for a cooker would be 6/- per two months, and the consumption was charged for at the rate of one penny per unit. The cost of installation would be about 30/-.

Councillor Mahony proposed that a cooker be installed.

Councillor Scott opposed the proposal, but on Councillor Myles stating that an electric cooker would be more satisfactory than a new range, Councillor Mahony's proposal was unanimously agreed to.

481/39. COMPLAINT RE ACCUMULATION OF WATER ON THE PUBLIC STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, dated 30th March, 1939, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. James Doherty and others in Creeslough with regard to the accumulation of water on the public street and the want of drainage of same.

A further letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., dated 17th April, 1939, stating that they had received a further complaint from Mr. James Doherty who stated that nothing appeared to have been done to remove the accumulation of water which was as much as 6 inches deep lying in front of his premises. The overflow of this was going down over his premises and under some of the buildings in his yard. A grating would remove the nuisance.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that he understands that a tail drain, formerly taking this water, was closed when a new house was built in Creeslough, the site of the house being raised at the time. He is making provision for the proper drainage of the water in question."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

482/39. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

An invitation was submitted to the 25th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to be held in Belfast from June 29th to July 1st, 1939.

A letter was read from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, enclosing correspondence which he had had with Dr. Harley Williams, Secretary-General, National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. He had informed Dr. Williams that he was asking the County Council to approve of his attendance at the Conference in Belfast from June 29th to July 1st, and also the attendance of any other members the Council might wish to appoint.

Councillor Scott proposed, and it was unanimously resolved to approve of the attendance of Dr. Bastible at the Conference in Belfast.

483/39. EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

An application was submitted from Mr. Manus Conaghan, Buncrubeg, Glenties, to have his premises registered under the Explosives Act, 1875. The application was granted unanimously.

484/39. PROPOSED ALLOWANCE OF REFUND OF MOTOR TAX TO MR. A. N. DILLON, ENGINEER, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. A. N. Dillon, Engineer, Dungloe, applying for a refund of Road Fund Tax on his car. He realised that it was not usual to allow this refund to Temporary Engineers, but as he was now over a year in the Council's employment, he trusted that the matter would receive favourable consideration.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed, Councillor Brian O'Donnell seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Dillon's application be granted, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

485/39. SITE FOR STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 27th March, 1939, 65/51/5, regarding the site selected near Donegal town for the storage of explosives, and stating that not more than 150 lbs. of high explosives could be legally stored there. A Public Railway was a Class II Protected Work for the purposes of the Explosives Act, 1875. The distances at which Stores licensed for 150, 500, 1,000, and 2,000 lbs. of high explosives must be situated from a Class II work were 50, 100, 150, and 200 yards respectively. A suitable site should be selected at the earliest possible date, so that present unsatisfactory storage arrangements might be discontinued.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"We have not yet been successful in finding a suitable site, convenient to Donegal town, for the storage of explosives. We are at present endeavouring to find a site that will comply with the regulations laid down by the Department of Justice."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

486/39. COAL SHED ERECTED AT BRUCKLESS BY MR. P. BARRY.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 1st April addressed to Mr. P. Barry of Bruckless calling on him to have a coal shed erected by him removed at once. They wished to point out that what was referred to as a shed was really a door-way for easy access, and that part of their client's property was used mainly for coal trade. When their client was erecting this doorway he overlooked getting permission from the Council to do so. They were instructed to attend the last Meeting of the Council on Mr. Barry's behalf, but as the Meeting was held on a special date they were not aware of the fact and the matter was passed without any representation to the Council.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The County Council, at their last Meeting, decided to instruct Mr. Barry to have this coal shed removed. Mr. Barry has not done so. As a result of a conversation with Mr. Barry concerning previous report sent in by the Assistant Surveyor, I now propose making a personal inspection and bringing in a report on the matter for next Meeting."

Consideration of the matter was adjourned until next Meeting, pending result of Mr. O'Reilly's personal inspection.

487/39. UNITED RATEPAYERS' ADVISORY ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the United Ratepayers' Association, London, congratulating the County Councillors of Donegal upon the action taken by them on the 28th February in connection with the demand made upon them by the ratepayers of Donegal for lower rates with no decrease in social services. The Association was advising ratepayers in cities and towns in Great Britain on the organisation of a similar campaign, and this campaign was progressing extremely satisfactorily.

The Council noted the letter.

488/39. SOCIAL CREDIT BUREAU.

A letter was read from the Social Credit Bureau, 2, Upper Ely Place, Dublin, urging the importance of public bodies adopting other means of financing their needs than that of incurring interest-bearing debt. An ever-increasing portion of the rates now raised went in mere interest payments, and less and less for actual social services. They suggested that the following resolution should be passed by every public body:- "We are satisfied of the fact that the creating of financial credit is almost costless and resolve that this Council is determined to obtain such credit under less onerous conditions than those which obtain at present. We, therefore, instruct our Officials in the first instance to negotiate with local Bank Managers for all future financial credit as required by the Council to be put at the latter's disposal on demand without any payment of interest now or in the future, and allowing for re-payment of the capital at a rate to be agreed by the Council, the payment to the Banks to be restricted to such re-payments and to an annual service charge for keeping the account and an original service charge amounting to not more than 1% of the capital credit."

The Council unanimously decided to mark the letter "read."

489/39. GLENTIES NO. 1. O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Glenties No. 1. O.A.P. Sub-Committee, suggesting that Rev. A. O'Friel, P.P., Kilcar, be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee in place of Rev. C. McGinley, C.C., who had been transferred from the District.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father O'Friel.

490/39. COMPLAINT RE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF WATER CHANNEL AT DARNEY, DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Hastings, Darney, Dunkineely, stating that a water channel had been constructed along the whole front of his workshop about 6" deep and 10" wide, with delicate kerb stones of about 5 lb. weight set in weak cement. He repaired motors, lorries, and machines of all descriptions, as well as carrying on the usual business of a blacksmith, and he wished to inform the Council that no means of entry had been provided into his premises. Much congestion was certain to take place on the public road, and he was now notifying the Council that he would hold them responsible for any accidents which might occur as a result of this congestion.

Councillor McShane supported the complaint of Mr. Hastings.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from Mr. Lennon:-

"The channel constructed outside the premises is of the usual kind of water conduit in concrete, and is quite capable of withstanding the weight of any normal Agricultural machine in use in West Donegal."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for personal inspection, and report for next Meeting of the Council.

491/39. APPLICATION TO HAVE ROAD CONSTRUCTED ON INNISCOO ISLAND.

The Secretary submitted three letters from Mrs. Rose O'Donnell, Inniscree, Burtonport, stating that she would not pay any more rates until a road was constructed to her house. Roads had been constructed on Innisfree and Rutland Islands, and it was a shame that the people of Inniscree had not a road.

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

492/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE WITH HORSE AND CART.

A letter was read from Mr. Cormac Breslin, T.D., Bunbeg, stating that Edward Boyle, Ballindrait, Bunbeg, complained that he was not paid for work which he did with a horse and cart on the 12th, 13th, and 14th December, 1938.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this claim was being investigated by Mr. McIvor.

493/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Condry O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, stating that the water-table along the County Road was blocked up for 50 yards. His field of meadow was being destroyed in consequence.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. A. N. Dillon, Engineer:-

"I investigated this matter and it appears that Mr. James Boyle, Lackenagh, Burtonport, recently acquired land neighbouring Mr. O'Donnell's land at Glashbeggan. Mr. Neil Boyle - a son of Mr. James Boyle - started making improvements in this land some time last month, and, as part of his operations, he knocked down the fence bordering the County Road for a distance of 21 yards, lin. He then proceeded to fill in the deep water-table at the side of the road, and ended up by re-building the fence, approximately 5 feet out towards the County Road. In other words, he enriched his land by a plot of about five ft. by twenty-one yards lin. at the expense of the County public right-of-way. Needless to mention, the drainage is also completely upset as he omitted to make any provision for same and the new extension is acting as a barrier across the existing water-table. I enclose a sketch showing the position. Mr. Condry O'Donnell's interest is that the water now being blocked up at a point "A" is, of course, seeping into Mr. O'Donnell's land, and will, no doubt, have a very adverse effect on it in time. The same applies to the County Road. Mr. Con McGeehan, the Road Contractor on this road, informs me that he warned Mr. Boyle not to interfere with the County Road, but was apparently ignored. Mr. Boyle maintains that he only moved the fence out a "small bit", and that there was a deep hole outside it, and that, in fact, his fence was nearer the road than the fences below it. It is obvious to any normal observer that such was not the case, but that the position was as described above. This is corroborated by the Road Contractor, and Mr. Boyle's neighbours. In any case, Mr. Neil Boyle admits that he moved the fence out towards the County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that in view of Mr. Dillon's report he proposed serving a notice on Mr. James Boyle, Lackenagh, Burtonport, to restore the County fence to its original condition.

The Council noted that Mr. O'Reilly was giving the matter his attention.

494/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED IN 1937.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Sharkey, Lackbeg, Burtonport, stating that he supplied 84 tons of stone in November, 1937, and he was only paid for part of them. Unless he was paid for the remainder within seven days proceedings would be instituted.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. A. N. Dillon:-

"Since writing the letter Mr. Sharkey has gone to Scotland. I was, however, able to get in touch with Mr. Gallagher, who worked with Sharkey on the contract. He explained to me that the letter was sent through a misunderstanding, as they were under the impression that we were completely finished, whereas we have again started working in this quarry, since Mr. Sharkey wrote the letter. When we are completely finished in this quarry, any outstanding items will, of course, be settled up. Mr. Gallagher, for his part, seems quite satisfied to wait and come to a final agreement for all outstanding items later. I think, therefore, you may take this matter as amicably settled."

The Council noted Mr. Dillon's report and considered it satisfactory.

495/39. COMPLAINT RE ALLOCATION OF WORK IN THE FINTOWN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Messrs. Charles Quinn and Francis McGeehan, Fintown, complaining of the allocation of road work in the Fintown District, and inquiring why the taxpayers were being compelled to contribute towards the payment of Unemployment Benefits to about 150 people, when only 20 people were employed on the £4,500 grant being expended there.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had personally looked into this matter and was satisfied that the work was progressing satisfactorily. The statement that only twenty people were employed was incorrect.

496/39. COMPLAINT RE MANNER IN WHICH ROAD HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT
LEABGARROW, ARRANMORE, UNDER A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Gallagher, Ballintra, Arranmore, stating that the road leading from the former Courthouse of Arran at Leabgarrow to the lands of Patrick Boyle and Michael Gallagher had not been constructed satisfactorily. The road was far worse than it was originally. Instead of gravel being put on the road, earth obtained from the drains alongside the road was put on it. The grant from the Board of Works was wasted, and an Engineer who recently visited the Island condemned the road.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. A. N. Dillon, Engineer:-

"I interviewed Mr. Michael Gallagher and in a short time discovered (1) that he did not write the letter but asked Mr. Hugh O'Donnell to write it for him; (2) that he had no idea at all of what was in the letter; (3) when the letter was read to him he admitted it was an exaggeration of the facts. Mr. Gallagher told me that the road was improved by the Grant, and that the Ganger used some of his gravel when given permission to do so. In fact, he said that his only complaint was that he would like to have more blinding put on the centre of the road. In any case the facts are that Mr. Gallagher seems to me to be a very reasonable man, and seemed displeased that anyone should write a letter on his behalf in the tone of the letter received. He makes a most reasonable request that more gravel blinding be placed on the road leading to his holding and in my opinion that request should be granted, if possible."

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

497/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT SWILLYMOUNT, NEWTOWN-
CUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Peoples, Swillymount, Newtown-cunningham, stating that no improvement had been made in the road leading to his house. Some years ago when his rates were £38 per annum this road was passable, and now when the rates were £80, the road was an absolute disgrace. Two carts could not pass each other, and he was being put to considerable inconvenience.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"It would cost a considerable sum of money to widen this road, which is as wide now as it has always been.

It would appear that the only user of this road who has made complaint is Mr. A. Peoples.

The road for the coming year is in the County Surveyor's hands, as no contractor will take it. The road is now in reasonably good repair."

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

498/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO ROOF AT CROLLY IN 1936 OWING TO
BLASTING OPERATIONS.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duffy, Crollly, stating that the Council at their Meeting in January (Minute No. 118/39) referred his complaint re damage to the roof of his dwelling-house in 1936 by blasting operations to Mr. Caffrey for personal investigation. Mr. Caffrey had not yet called about the matter, and he wished the Council to take further action.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this claim was considerably out-of-date.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell stated that the roof of Mr. Duffy's house was damaged.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was decided to refer the matter again to Mr. Caffrey for investigation.

499/39. QUARRY ON LANDS OF MR. JAMES McGRANAGHAN, KINNYCALLY, ST. JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Quinn, Secretary, St. Johnston Labourers' Association, inquiring if it would be possible for the Council to take over the quarry on the lands of James McGranaghan, Kinnycally, St. Johnston. It was a whinstone quarry and could be bought at a reasonable price.

Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Taking over the quarry would entail considerable expense in fencing, etc. The Council are at present getting all the metal required without any trouble."

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

500/39. COMPLAINT RE CULVERT AT GUYSTOWN, BALLINDRAIT, CAUSING FLOODING OF LANDS.

A letter was read from Messrs. Patrick and James Gallagher, Sheercloon, Ballindrait, drawing the Council's attention to a culvert which crossed the County Road at Guystown at the division of their farms. This culvert was too high and was causing flooding of both farms.

Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"This pipe is a very old one and requires to be built to prevent the flooding complained of. On instructions from the Council I will have this pipe built. The approximate cost is £5."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for personal investigation.

501/39. MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM. JOSEPH STEVENSON v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor referring to the Malicious Injury application of Joseph Stevenson, Aughliard, v. the County Council, and stating that the appeal brought by the applicant against the decision of the Circuit Court was heard at the High Court Sitting in Letterkenny, when the appeal was disallowed, and the Order of the Circuit Court refusing compensation was confirmed with costs against the applicant, both in the Circuit Court and the High Court.

The Council noted the letter, with approval.

502/39. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. McGinley, Letterkenny, stating that, on behalf of the Outdoor Amusements Committee, Letterkenny, he was applying for a licence to hold dances in the O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, during the month of May.

The Council noted the letter.

503/39. RECRUITING FOR THE VOLUNTEER FORCE.

A letter was read from Captain M. O'Boyle, A.A.O., Tirconnail Regiment, Donegal, stating that during a recent discussion in the Dail an appeal was made by the Minister for Defence for co-operation from employers with reference to recruiting for the Volunteer Force. As the Council was the largest employer of workers in the County he would esteem it a favour if he could have the co-operation of the heads of the various Departments in a scheme to promote recruiting throughout the County, and further that Volunteers when at home get a fair proportion of vacancies that may arise from time to time. Men who were prepared and willing to become trained and efficient soldiers and to defend their country when danger threatened, should, in his opinion, in peace times get the recognition they were entitled to when vacancies arose and workers were required.

On the motion of Councillor Brady, the Council unanimously decided to give Captain O'Boyle every reasonable co-operation they could, and to inquire from him what exactly he required, and what were the training periods.

504/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES TAKEN FROM QUARRY FOR THE ROSSES ROAD SCHEME DURING THE TIME MR. HACKETT WAS ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Rodgers, Mullaghadoo, Kincasslagh, stating that during Mr. Hackett's time as Engineer on the Rosses Road Scheme, stone was taken from his Quarry. He was only paid £11 : 5 : 0, and he still claimed payment for 2000 tons at 3d. per ton.

Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme, reported as follows:-

"I regret to state that at this stage I can give no opinion on the merits of this claim. The facts are that on the 1st January, 1938, a payment was made to Mr. Rodgers for 900 tons trespass @ 3d. per ton (£11 : 5 : 0), and Mr. Doherty, Supervising Ganger on the Rosses Road Scheme at the time, states that Mr. Hackett gave him to understand this payment was for the full amount of stone quarried and was final. I interviewed Mr. Rodgers. He is an elderly gentleman, and I found it very difficult to get clear facts from him as to on what exact grounds he was basing his claim. I gathered, however, that he arrived at the figure of 2000 tons from what he could judge the amount to be from his past experience and not from any accurate measurement. To use his own words, "Mr. Hackett is still in the country and will certify for that amount of stones." He seems very sincere in his claim, but, on the other hand, it seems peculiar that he should have allowed the matter to lapse for so long. You may, perhaps, think it better to defer the matter to the next County Council Meeting, and, in the meantime, I could endeavour to get in touch with Mr. Hackett, if instructed to do so. Mr. Hackett may remember the matter and be able to give some accurate information bearing on it. I may also be able to trace some of the past records of the scheme or obtain local information from the men working on the scheme about that period. The amount involved is £13 : 15 : 0, and it is, therefore, most essential to establish the facts one way or the other, before taking any action."

The Council noted that Mr. Dillon was investigating this claim.

505/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AT MAGHERACAR, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Gilvary, St. Joseph's Orphanage, Bundoran, stating that he recently gave a corner of his field in the townland of Magheracar to the County Council in order to widen the turn. The turn was left in a very bad way, and had been giving him a lot of trouble.

Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"About three years ago the father of Mr. Michael Gilvary signed consents agreeing to give the County Council the necessary land to widen a turn at Magheracar. There was then no fence at this particular corner, merely a bank. The corner was removed after some time, and a sod fence built on top of the bank further into the field, and I notice that both ends of this sod fence have been recently torn down by cattle traffic. I instructed the surfaceman, Jack Keenaghan, to repair both ends of the fence."

Mr. Michael Gilvary's father, died some time after the consents were signed, and before the corner was eased, and Mr. Michael Gilvary has been complaining that he got no compensation for his land.

I would be grateful for a direction as to when the Council's responsibility for fences, such as built above, ceases."

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

506/39. ERECTION OF BUILDINGS IN DUNGLOE WITHIN STIPULATED DISTANCE FROM CENTRE OF ROADWAY.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "Since putting this item on the Agenda, I find that the question has come before the Dungloe District Court. As the District Justice did not give any ruling in the case, the matter was adjourned until the next Court. In the meantime, Mr. Dillon reports that the man concerned has decided to remove the portion of the structure which was built, and to re-build according to regulations."

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

507/39.

WORKING HOURS ON DIRECT LABOUR WORK.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"A certain amount of variation in working hours on Direct Labour work has crept in during the last few years due to a number of reasons. Originally, a fifty-hour week was worked, consisting of nine hours per day and five hours on Saturday. With the introduction of the Conditions of the Employment Act, a forty-eight hour week came in. This was done by starting work at 8.20 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. each morning. With the introduction of the rotational system on Relief Grants, the eight-hour day was worked for five days of the week on these grants, and work started at 8 a.m. During the winter, with the short days, it was not possible to work 8 hours and 40 minutes except by taking only half-an-hour at dinner-time.

The later work can be started, where tarring is concerned, the better, as with damp chippings and a cold road, good work cannot be done until the sun is well up and the benefit of the heat from it is experienced. With the Summer Time it means that we are almost two hours ahead of the sun, and conditions are just ideal for tarring when it comes to stopping-time and work has to be left off.

I would suggest that the time of work should be definitely fixed for all work to start at eight o'clock old time, with a full hour for dinner, except from the first week in November until the first week in February, when half-an-hour only is to be taken; the work to stop at 5.40 on full-time work and 5 o'clock on rotational work."

The Council unanimously decided to approve of Mr. Caffrey's report.

508/39. CONTINUANCE OF THE SERVICES OF MR. PATRICK J. SWEENEY, B.E., AND MR. MICHAEL J. McDAID, B.E., ENGINEERS ENGAGED ON ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the retention of the services of Mr. Patrick J. Sweeney, B.E., and Mr. Michael J. McDaid, B.E., Engineers engaged on Roads (Rural) Schemes, for a further period.

The Council unanimously decided to continue the services of Messrs. Sweeney and McDaid for a further period not exceeding three months, with remuneration at the rate of £5 : 5 : 0 per week; the appointments to be terminable by a week's notice on either side. (R/RS/7, 27th October, 1938.)

509/39. OUTBREAK OF SHEEP SCAB ON EFFISHMORE MOUNTAIN, CARNDONAGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Marner, V.S., Carndonagh, applying for the services of the local Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector to assist him in the supervision of the dipping of 800 sheep involved in an outbreak of scab on Effishmore Mountain.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th April, 1939, L.4975/38, regarding the outbreak of scab amongst sheep grazing on Effishmore Mountain, and stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the employment of a Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector for a period not exceeding one month, with remuneration at the rate of £2 per week, to assist Mr. Marner, M.R.C.V.S., in carrying out the sheep dipping arrangements in connection with the outbreak.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, the Council approved of the arrangements.

510/39.

COUNCIL'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A letter was read from Messrs. O'Keefe's Advertising Service, Dublin, asking the Council to place their advertisements through their service.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

511/39. COMPLAINT RE CUTTING OF HEDGE, THE PROPERTY OF MR. WILLIAM SLEVIN, TOWNPARKS, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. Edmund Pierce-Condon, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, stating that he had received instructions from Mr. William Slevin, the owner of certain lands at Townparks, Ballyshannon, to question the right of the Council's workmen, Hugh Gavigan and Terence McPhelim, to cut a hedge on his client's property at Townparks. For a distance of 65 yards this hedge had served as a boundary and fence on Mr. Slevin's lands, and it had now been cut to a height of a few inches from the earth. Unless the Council paid compensation, amounting to £10, for the loss of shelter to Mr. Slevin's cattle, proceedings would be instituted.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The hedge in question is the property of the Donegal County Council. It was planted by them, to the road side of the sod and stone fence there some 25 or 26 years ago when Mr. Steadman was County Surveyor in this area.

Recently it had grown so much that it was a danger to traffic at the bad corner there, as well as scraping the paint off the passing vehicles. During the past winter the poor of Ballyshannon cut and carried away for firewood several sections of it, leaving gaps in what remained. In the circumstances stated above, I directed the Council's workmen to trim the hedge which they did last week.

With regard to the cuttings complained of, I have directed the surfacemen to collect and burn them."

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

512/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR METAL SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL IN MARCH, 1938.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. Paddy Ward, Tubberkeon, Dungloe, to claim the sum of £2 :10 : 0 being price of 10 tons of metal supplied to the Council in March, 1938. His client had made repeated applications for payment. He had received instructions to institute proceedings unless an immediate settlement was made.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney reports that Mr. Paddy Ward, Tubberkeon, Dungloe, tendered for 20 tons of metal for U.161, No. 16. Mr. Kearney measured the stones on the 12th March, 1938, and according to his figures Ward was paid the sum of £5. A Paying Order No. 32086 for £5 was issued to Ward and, according to our records, was cashed on the 26th March, 1938."

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

513/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN THORR AND THORR NATIONAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Sweeney, Thorr, Crolly, stating that some small repairs had been carried out to the roadway between the townland of Thorr and Thorr National School. These repairs had not made the road any better for vehicle traffic, and he wished the Council to give this road some attention in return for the rates and motor tax which the people of that district were paying.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that during the last three months he has spent over £60 in trying to keep this road in any kind of tolerable state for traffic. It is being cut up by lorries for which it is altogether unsuitable. He is starting to repair it again."

Councillor Brian O'Donnell stated that the Council's Engineering Staff should be congratulated on the manner in which they had kept this road in repair, considering the amount of heavy vehicle traffic using the road.

He proposed, and it was unanimously decided to refer this matter to the Acting County Surveyor, with instructions to keep this road in mind when allocating Roads (Rural) Grants in future.

514/39. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR STORAGE OF TOOLS AT KINLETTER, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Carlin, Kinletter, Ballybofeey, applying for payment for storage of tools during a period in which quarry work was in operation in Kinletter Quarry. The Surveyor promised to pay him. He had a house occupied with tools for 14 weeks and 4 days. He had received 5/- in part payment, and he claimed payment at the rate of 1/- per day for the period mentioned.

Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"I made no arrangements to pay 1/- per day or night for storage of tools. The tools were stored in this man's outhouse by Charles McElchar (Ganger), and some day after work was started Carlin did ask me if he would be allowed anything for keeping the tools. He would make no bargain and was satisfied to take whatever he got. The day on which work was stopped he asked me if I could give him something. I gave him 5/- and he was quite satisfied. I have since interviewed him and he agrees that no bargain was made nor did he expect to get 1/- per day, but people were telling him what he should get and the letter was written for him."

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

515/39. DISPOSAL OF FARM AT RUSKEY, MANORCUNNINGHAM, LATELY OCCUPIED BY MR. JAMES STEELE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st April, 1939, G.6004/2/39, stating that the Minister had no objection to the Council disposing of the farm at Ruskey lately occupied by Mr. James Steele to Mr. Alexander McKnight at the sum offered.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, transfer of farm at Ruskey, Manorcunningham, to Mr. Alexander McKnight.

516/39. POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Hara, Poolawaddy, Arranmore, stating that owing to ill-health he was leaving the district for a short time, and he wished to transfer the responsibility of looking after the Boatslip to Anthony O'Hara, Jun., Poolawaddy, Arranmore.

The Council noted Mr. O'Hara's letter.

517/39. COMMISSION ON ROADS (RURAL) GRANTS IN THE DISTRICT OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, asked for an instruction as to the payment of Commission on Roads (Rural) Grants in the district of Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. Dawson went off on sick leave on the 14th January, and Mr. Sean Mulreany has since been acting in the district. Part of the work had been done prior to Mr. Dawson's going off, and the remainder of the work was being carried out by Mr. Mulreany.

The Council decided, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department, to apportion the Commission between Messrs. Dawson and Mulreany, on the basis of the amounts expended by them.

518/39. CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1908.

An application was submitted from Miss Maud O'Donnell, Burtonport, for a licence under the Cinematograph Act for O'Donnell's Hall, Burtonport.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licence, subject to satisfactory reports from Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, and the Gardaí.

519/39. CONSCIENCE MONEY.

The Secretary submitted a letter received on the 15th April, 1939, enclosing £1 : 0 : 0 in respect of "Conscience Money."

520/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR PIPE CONSTRUCTED IN 1937 ON ROAD FROM LEFFIN TO MEENBANAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Campbell, Cruckamore, Dungloe, stating that the Council had been misinformed with reference to the pipe he had built on the Mountjoy Road leading from Meenbanad to Leffin. He was instructed by the Assistant Surveyor to build the pipe and went on with the work. It was six months afterwards that the objection was raised. Had he been notified that there was any objection he would never have built the pipe.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This matter has been reported to the County Council on various occasions, as follows:-

"There was a proposal sent in by Councillor Walsh to build a pipe on the Mountjoy Bog Road. The work was tendered for by Dan Campbell and I laid off the work. After the lapse of some months, I asked Campbell did he build the pipe. He said "No, that the landowner objected." I then told him not to build it. Some time before the end of the financial year, Campbell built the pipe. Mr. O'Donnell, Solicitor, wrote to the Council objecting and claiming damages. I struck off the money. Councillor Walsh is supposed to ask the question "Can the Council build a pipe?", and it is stated that he was told "Yes." As a result of this Campbell wants to be paid for his work."

I would now ask that the matter be referred to the Law Committee."

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle it was decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

521/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN ON CRUDE OIL TRAILER.

A letter was read from Mr. William Flanagan, Barnes Road, Ballybofey, stating that at last Meeting he was promised the first vacancy for a Flagman in any part of the County. He had learned that there was a Crude Oil Trailer going out shortly to Gweedore, with Paddy Kelly, Castlefin, as Driver. He wished an immediate reply as to whether this Engine was going out or not.

The Acting County Surveyor (Mr. Caffrey) stated that no Flagman was required on the Machine referred to.

522/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS DRIVER OF HAULAGE TRACTOR.

A letter was read from Mr. James Tourish, Main Street, Lifford, applying for a position as Driver of one of the Haulage Tractors. He had twelve years' experience of driving heavy lorries.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

523/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON RELIEF SCHEMES ON TORY ISLAND.

A letter was read from Rev. Charles McFadden, C.C., Tory Island, stating that a grant had been allocated for a road in Tory Island. Owen Doherty, Middletown, Tory Island, wished to be appointed as Ganger or Charge Hand over the work, if the conditions were that somebody on the Island would take charge.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

524/39. OFFER TO PURCHASE PARTS OF OLD STONE CRUSHER AT INVER BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. B. Kelly, Frosses, stating that there was an old stone crusher along the Inver Road near Inver Bridge this last few years. There were a few wheels on it that he would like to purchase, or if the wheels would not be sold separately he wished to know what price the Council would accept for the crusher.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I do not think it would be advisable at this stage to sell any part of the old Breaker. There are several parts which may be used as re-placements for Breaker No. 30, which is of the same type."

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

John J. McFadden
Chairman of County Council
2nd May 1939

525/39. CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO HORSE AND CART OWING TO COLLISION WITH STEAM-ROLLER.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Cleary, Bishop Street, Ballyshannon, stating that a steam-roller recently came into collision with his horse and cart. The horse was hit by the roller and then went up on the side of the road, capsized, and broke the cart.

The Secretary stated that the Insurance Co. had settled this claim by the payment of 30/-.

526/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES AT CARRICKASCANLON, CHURCHILL.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Harkin, Carrickascanlon, Churchill, stating that his fences had been tumbled by the Council's workmen, and he wanted to have them repaired or compensation paid.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

527/39. ERECTION OF BUILDING BY MR. HUGH STRAIN, KILMACRENAN, WITHIN STIPULATED DISTANCE FROM CENTRE OF ROADWAY.

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

"A Mr. Hugh Strain has started to re-build a house in Kilmacrenan, and has advanced the frontage by about 2' 6". The house is on the corner between the Main Road to Croeslough and the road to Churchill. He has advanced the frontage to come in line with the neighbouring house known as Taylor's Hotel. This house previously projected further than any of the other houses on the Street. Mr. Strain wrote to me on the 31st March stating that he intended building. I replied and told him he would require to make application direct to the Council for permission to do this. He has not, however, done so."

The Council instructed Mr. Caffrey to serve a notice on Mr. Strain calling on him to have the building removed.

528/39. DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG ON THE 24TH APRIL IN EACH YEAR.

A letter was read from the 1916 Veterans' Association, 16, Parnell Square, Dublin, enclosing copy of the following resolution:- "That we call on all Gaels who love their country and who have confidence in her future to display the National Flag on April 24th next, and on this date, in each succeeding year, to commemorate the Rising and Proclamation of the Republic in 1916."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

529/39. SEPARATIST CLUB, DUBLIN - STATEMENT ON IRISH DEFENCE.

A letter was read from the Separatist Club, Dublin, enclosing, for the Council's perusal, statement on Irish Defence.

The statement was noted.

530/39. IRISH UNION FOR THE ABOLITION OF VIVISECTION.

A letter was read from the Irish Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, Dublin, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by them at a recent Public Meeting:-

"That in the interest of the honour of our country and the better health of her citizens, this Meeting urges that all money from Sweepstake Funds devoted to Medical Research be used for Clinical Research, involving no experiments on living animals, and we call on the Government to abolish vivisection in Eire."

The Council decided to mark the resolution "read."

531/39. CONTINGENCY FUND, SOUTHERN DIVISION - APHORT PIER.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied to have the sum of £30 allowed on the 29th November, 1938, out of the Contingency Fund, Piers, for the repair of Aphort Pier re-voted, as owing to unfavourable weather conditions it was not spent.

The application was granted unanimously.

Confirmed.

W. M. S. J. J. J.
Chairman of County Council.
30th May, 1939.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF MAY, 1939.

532/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacGreadie, McDaid, McFadden, McGrenra, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), McRory, Scott, and Walsh.
The Council's Solicitor was also in attendance.

533/39.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, the Council extended their congratulations to the Chairman (Councillor McFadden) on his recovery from his recent serious illness.

534/39.

C H A I R M A N.

Councillor McFadden presided at the early part of the Meeting, and after his departure Councillor Blaney took the Chair which he occupied throughout the Meeting.

535/39.

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 25th April, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

536/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25th April, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

537/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25th April, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 16th May, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

538/39.

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

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 16th May, 1939.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed that Minute No. 34/39 of the Report of the Committee dealing with a complaint re non-payment for a pipe constructed in November, 1937, on the road leading from Leffin to Meenbanad, be referred to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for personal investigation and report to the next Meeting of the Law Committee.

The Council agreed to Councillor O'Boyle's proposal, and with the exception of Minute No. 34/39, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting was declared adopted.

539/39.

B U R T O N P O R T P I E R.

Arising out of Minute No. 33/39 of the Report of the Law Committee Meeting of the 16th May, a letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that he had heard from Counsel in connection with the above Pier. He enclosed a draft of a letter which should be sent by the Council to the Department of Industry and Commerce. This would, he believed, ensure that no action relative to the control of Burtonport Harbour would be taken pending the carrying into effect of the report of the Transport Committee for County Donegal.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the Council's Solicitor's suggestion.

540/39. PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH, 1939.

The List of Payments to Road Contractors for the half-year ended 31st March, 1939, was submitted, and payment ordered in each case, as certified by the Acting County Surveyors.

541/39. RECRUITING FOR THE VOLUNTEER FORCE.

A letter dated 25th May, 1939, was read from Captain M. O'Boyle, A.A.O., Tirconail Regiments, Donegal, conveying his thanks to the members of the Council for the co-operation they had offered as regards the employment of members of the Volunteer Force.

The annual training for Infantry and Cavalry (Cyclists) Corps would commence at Finner Camp this year on the 3rd June. Initial training of three months' duration would also commence at Finner Camp on the 1st June. He would be glad if the Council would arrange that every facility be given to any members of the Force employed by the Council in order that they could report for the periods of training which he had mentioned.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyors. (503/39 C.C.)

542/39. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COUNTY AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th April, 1939, IR/113, stating that it was proposed to hold a Conference of County Surveyors in the Engineers' Hall, Dawson Street, Dublin, on the 2nd and 3rd May. The Minister was anxious that County Councils would afford facilities to their Surveyors to attend the Conference, and, as was done last year, arrange for some of the Assistants to attend if the County Surveyor was satisfied that suitable arrangements could be made for carrying on local services in their absences.

543/39. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR FOR INISHOWEN
NO. 2 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 19th April, 1939, L.329/39, stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the appointment of Mr. Thomas James Green, Quigley's Point, as Temporary Warble Fly Inspector in Mr. McConway's District during the latter's absence from duty. Mr. Green's appointment was subject to the same terms and conditions as applied in the case of the other Temporary Inspectors in County Donegal.

544/39. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - DELAY IN SUBMITTING FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th April, 1939, asking to be furnished with Form T. 2/3 in connection with a suspected case of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Porthall.

545/39. LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GAELTACHT) ORDERS, 1928 - 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 19th April, 1939, Circ. No. 58/39, enclosing copy of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) (Amendment) Order, 1939, which amended earlier Orders by allowing Officers whose term of Office would have terminated on the 28th February, 1939, to continue in Office until 31st July, 1939, but not after that date unless, in the meantime, they had satisfied the Minister that they possessed the knowledge of Irish mentioned in Article 3 of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Order, 1928.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th April, 1939, enclosing copies of letters addressed to Rate Collectors Crampsey and McGinley who had failed to comply with the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders, 1928-1939, and who had been granted a further opportunity to present themselves for examination in Irish,

546/39. HOUSING GRANT ALLOCATED TO MR. JOHN SCOTT, PORTLEAN, KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th April, 1939, A.015687, stating, in reply to an inquiry from the Secretary, that a grant of £80 had been allocated in respect of the erection of a new house for Mr. John Scott, Portlean, Kilmacrenan, but no payment had yet been made.

547/39. RULES GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT OF LABOUR ON MINOR RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th April, 1939, RU/206/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 31st March enclosing resolution of the Council requesting that the rules governing the employment of labour on Minor Relief and Employment Schemes be revised with a view to including small farmers in very needy circumstances and who had been returned as ineligible. The letter stated that it was not proposed to amend the regulations in the manner suggested. (380/39 C.C.)

548/39. AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th April, 1939, R/RM/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the sum of £700 voted for the removal of obstructions in Bundoran Urban Area being held available for expenditure in the current financial year.

549/39. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MR. O'REILLY, ACTING CO. SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th April, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the claims for Travelling Expenses incurred by Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, in the period July to October, 1938, may be paid.

550/39. GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st May, 1939, G.3000/2/39, Oifig. (g)., stating that the amount payable by the Donegal County Council under the General Cattle Diseases Fund was £687 :15 : 0, and the Council's Treasurer had been directed to pay this sum forthwith to the Bank of Ireland.

551/39. DONEGAL COUNTY SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd May, 1939, P.61/1939, Ilgh., stating that the Minister had made an Order amending the County Scheme in accordance with his notice of the 21st December last. The Order was being printed and a copy would be forwarded in due course.

552/39. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - DOCUMENT SECURING THE RE-PAYMENT OF ADVANCES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd May, 1939, Circ. H. 60/39, requesting that before any advance was made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts the Council take steps to ensure that re-payment of the advance was secured by an instrument vesting the ownership of the property in the Local Authority, subject to the right of redemption by the applicant for the advance.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor.

553/39. RETURN OF SAMPLES TAKEN UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 3rd May, 1939, SK.9/5/39, asking for a return of samples taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts during the year ended 31st March, 1939.

554/39. PURCHASE OF TAR SPRAYERS AND TAR BOILERS, AND RAISING OF LOAN THEREFOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th April, 1939, R/IR/20, authorising the purchase of two tar pressure sprayers from the suppliers who previously supplied such machines. The Minister would raise no objection to the purchase also of six tar boilers.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th May, 1939, S., Dun na nGall., stating that the Acting Minister had sanctioned the raising of a loan of £1,300 for the purchase of tar sprayers and tar boilers; the loan to be obtained from the Treasurer and to be re-payable over a period of five years, with interest at the usual rate.

555/39. ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE - HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS.

A letter was read from the Royal Sanitary Institute asking the Council to organise a Health week celebration during the period from 1st to 7th October, 1939, inclusive.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was decided to refer this matter to the County Board of Health.

556/39. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

An Invitation was submitted to the 25th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to be held in Belfast from June 29th to July 1st, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th May, 1939, P.H.14229/39, Dun na nGall., Se., stating that the Minister did not consider it necessary for the Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance to send a representative to the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to be held in Belfast from June 29th to July 1st, 1939.

The Council noted the Department's letter.

557/39. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an lladh Bealtaine, 1939, G.904/5/39, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire Sealadach um Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe do Chomhairle Chonndae Dun na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £45,000 i gcoir costaisi reatha sealadacha.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £60,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mi na Meitheamh, 1939.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £60,000 suas go dtí an 30adh Meitheamh, 1939.

558/39. VALUATION BILL.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance dated 11th May, 1939, F.91/1/38, acknowledging receipt of Minute No. 474/39 further relative to the Valuation Bill.

559/39. RE-ISSUE OF OUT-OF-DATE PAYING ORDER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th May, 1939, RM/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the re-dating of Paying Order No. 1121 issued on the 14th October, 1938, to Mr. P. Herron, Boltyfree, Cloghan, in respect of road work.

560/39. SCALE OF WAGES FOR ENGINE-DRIVERS IN COUNCIL'S EMPLOYMENT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th May, 1939, R/RM/7, stating that the Minister had noted that the Council had revised the wages scale for engine-drivers. (455/39 C.C.)

561/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th May, 1939, R/SGQ/7, relative to the provision and erection of a weighbridge at Letterkenny under the Road Improvement Grant, 1937/38, and stating that no objection would be raised to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Pooley at £289. No further work should be undertaken until the lay-out plan had been approved. The weighbridge must be erected in accordance with the terms of the Road Traffic Act on a site to which the County Council have clear possession adjoining a public road under their control. The lay-out should be planned to facilitate the weighing of heavily-laden and awkwardly-loaded vehicles with an easy approach from the adjoining public road. A plan showing the proposed lay-out should be submitted for approval in due course.

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

562/39. APPLICATION BY MR. A. N. DILLON, RESIDENT ENGINEER, ROSSES ROAD SCHEME, FOR REFUND OF MOTOR TAX.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th May, 1939, R/RS/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 3rd May enclosing Minute No. 484/39, and stating that refunds of amounts paid by temporary Surveyors in respect of Motor Licence Duty cannot be authorised.

The following letter was submitted from Mr. Dillon in connection with this matter:-

"I received a letter from the Secretary on the 19th inst. enclosing copy of letter from the Local Government Department in connection with the above. The Local Government Department state that "refund of amounts paid by temporary Surveyors in respect of Motor Licence Duty cannot be authorised."

I wish, in the first place, to thank the members of the Council for the favourable consideration which they gave to my application at the April Meeting. I wish to have the matter considered again on the following grounds:-

(1) My status is not that of Temporary Surveyor. I am employed by the Council as Resident Engineer on the Rosses Road Scheme, and I am carrying out the duties of Temporary Surveyor in addition to the duties of the original appointment.

(2) I did not request a refund for my first year in Office, but only for this second year. The question, therefore, of my getting the benefit of the refund even should my employment by the Council terminate before the end of this year does not arise."

The Council unanimously decided to request the Department to re-consider their decision in this matter, and to forward to them a copy of Mr. Dillon's letter.

563/39. RETENTION OF SERVICES OF MR. A. N. DILLON AS TEMPORARY ENGINEER ON ROSSES ROAD SCHEME UP TO 30TH JUNE, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th May, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention up to 30th June, 1939, of the services of Mr. A. N. Dillon as Engineer on the Rosses Road Scheme upon the terms previously sanctioned.

564/39. RETENTION OF THE SERVICES OF MESSRS. P. J. SWEENEY AND M. J. McDAID AS TEMPORARY ENGINEERS FOR A FURTHER PERIOD.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 17th May, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention for a period not exceeding three months of the services as Temporary Engineers of Messrs. P. J. Sweeney and M. J. McDaid.

565/39. ALLOWANCES TO SURVEYORS IN RESPECT OF ROAD GRANT WORK.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th May, 1939, stating that the Minister had received the approval of the Minister for Finance to the recoupment from the Road Fund of the allowances in respect of the present financial year at the rates which obtained in 1938/39, and on the conditions previously indicated.

566/39. ILLNESS OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th May, 1939, R/RS/7, asking to be furnished with a statement of Mr. Patrick Dawson's absences from duty since 1st April, 1936.

The Secretary stated that he had furnished the Department with the required information.

The Secretary submitted a Medical Certificate dated 27th May, 1939, from Dr. Philip McGarry, 84, Dublin Road, Belfast, in which it was stated that Mr. Dawson was suffering from bronchitis and general debility, and had been under his care from 18th May, 1939, in Liseux Nursing Home, Belfast. He was still unfit to resume duty, but would be able to resume in about a month's time.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Mr. Dawson another month's leave of absence.

567/39. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Glen, Kilmacrenan, stating that at Dunfanaghy District Court on the 26th April, 1939, Patrick Coyle and Bernard Coyle of Gortnaleck, Creeslough, were committed to Killybegs Industrial School.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Síothchana, Ballybofey, stating that an application would be made at Stranorlar District Court on the 7th June, 1939, for the committal to Killybegs Industrial School of Patrick and Thomas McGlinchey, Stranorlar.

568/39. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - MILFORD DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 5th May, 1939, L.130/39, stating that the Minister offered no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. Hugh Quigley, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Milford District pending the making of a regular appointment through the Local Appointments Commission in place of Mr. McIlhargey who had resigned.

569/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Leabgarrow, Arranmore Island, and Inniscree Island.

570/39. LAY CHECK INSPECTORS FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE WARBLE FLY ORDER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 1st May, 1939, G.446/39, stating that the Minister for Agriculture had appointed a number of Lay Check Inspectors for work in connection with the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders. These Inspectors would pay surprise visits to farms already reported on by the Council's Temporary Inspectors and examine the cattle thereon with a view to confirming that the prescribed treatment had been carried out. The Council was requested to facilitate the Inspectors in every way possible, and to have the required Forms available for inspection.

571/39.

SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME, 1939 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 1st May, 1939, L.1471/39, requesting to be furnished with particulars of the arrangements made by the Council to secure compliance with the requirements of the Sheep Dipping Order during the dipping period of the current year. A draft specimen copy of regulations for use in this connection was enclosed, but before finally adopting regulations of the kind the Council should submit the proposed regulations to the Department for approval.

A further letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th May, 1939, L.1471/39, asking for particulars of the arrangements which the Council proposed to make to secure compliance with the requirements of the Sheep Dipping Order during the dipping period of the current year.

The Secretary stated that the Department's letters had been considered by the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee at a Meeting that morning. The Committee had recommended that in Regulation No. 2, the date "1st August" be altered to "1st June", and that in Regulation No. 4, the words "proper swim tank" be altered to "suitable tank," and the words "in such swim tank" be altered to "in such tank."

The Council noted and approved of the recommendations of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.

572/39. REQUEST FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT GRANT FOR CLEANING OF RIVER KNOWN AS "BALLYLOSKEY BROOK."

A letter was read from Councillor Cole enclosing petition from a number of farmers drawing the attention of the Council to the necessity for cleaning the river known as the "Ballyloskey Brook." This small river which carried a great amount of water had been responsible for the destruction of the crops of the farmers whose lands lay in close proximity to the river.

On the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Lynch, the Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Office of Public Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

573/39.

GUARANTEED MINIMUM PRICE FOR OATS.

A letter was read from Councillor Kavanagh enclosing letter from the Buncrana Co-operative Society forwarding resolution passed at a Meeting on the 7th March, at which it was decided to ask the members of the County Council to request the Government to give a guaranteed minimum price for oats of 10d. per stone. Owing to the nature of the soil in many districts it was unsuitable for wheat.

Councillor Kavanagh spoke at length in support of the matter, and proposed that the Council support the resolution of the Buncrana Co-operative Society.

Councillor Baxter stated that he would second the resolution if Councillor Kavanagh would alter the price requested from 10d. per stone to 1/- per stone.

Councillor Kavanagh agreed to Councillor Baxter's suggestion, and the resolution, as amended, was passed unanimously.

574/39.

ROSSES ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd May, 1939, R/IR/81/2, referring to previous correspondence regarding the provision of further funds to complete the Road Improvement Works for the Rosses Area, and stating that it was estimated that a further sum of £6,000 would be required to enable the works to be completed. The Minister had obtained the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the diversion of the sum of £4,000 from the winter allocation for Employment Schemes on roads to be carried out during the current financial year, the balance to be provided by a further Grant from the Road Fund. A scheme should be submitted as soon as possible providing for a total expenditure of £6,000. The Acting County Surveyor should be asked to report what extra plant was required to have the uncompleted sections of the proposed bus route completed and the route open to traffic not later than the 31st July, 1939.

The Council noted the Department's letter.

575/39.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

Applications to have premises registered under the Explosives Act, 1875, were received from the following persons:-
 Frank Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, Glenties.
 Miss J. Devine, Castlefin.

The Council unanimously decided to register the premises under the Explosives Act, 1875.

576/39.

EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

Applications for extensions of time for payment of accounts were received from the following persons, to whom Paying Orders had been issued, but which were not cashed within the prescribed time:-

<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Date of original Paying Order.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
Michael Forker, Glenahilt, Burtonport.	18th Feb., 1938.	£2 : 6 : 7.
Peter Greene, Rate Collector.	15th June, 1938.	4 : 0 :
McCreath, Taylor & Co., Dublin.	2nd Sept., 1938.	£63 : 10 : 1.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction for the issue of new Paying Orders in these cases.

577/39.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

Denis Quinn, Greenans, Glenties.
 J. P. Speer, Merchant, Letterkenny.
 J. A. Moore, High Road, Letterkenny.

The applications were granted unanimously.

578/39.

ARREARS OUTSTANDING UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS, 1924/1929.

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of arrears outstanding in connection with loans granted under the Housing Acts, 1924/1939:-

<u>Name of borrower.</u>	<u>Amount paid during May, 1939.</u>	<u>Amount still outstanding.</u>
William McCrossan, Milford.	£3 : 0 : 0.	£5 : 19 : 3.
Mary Doherty, Glenmakee, Collin.	Nil.	£3 : 9 : 4.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.	Nil.	£17 : 16 : 0.
Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.	Nil.	£27 : 19 : 3.
Reps. John Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.	Nil.	£50 : 6 : 0.
John J. Doherty, Cloncha, Culdaff.	Nil.	£4 : 9 : 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg.	Nil.	£3 : 1 : 6.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.	Nil.	£71 : 10 : 0.
Daniel McEloney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.	£4 : 0 : 0.	£5 : 6 : 6.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.	Nil.	£13 : 2 : 2.
Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany.	Nil.	£32 : 13 : 9.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Gortahork.	Nil.	£9 : 14 : 0.
Miss Mary A. Coll, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore.	Nil.	7 : 9 :
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.	Nil.	£28 : 18 : 2.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.	Nil.	£28 : 8 : 0.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton, stating that he was endeavouring to sell the farm on which his house was situated, and he wished the Council to defer action for a further period.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter, the Council decided to adjourn for three months the question of taking action against Daniel Coyle.

The Secretary stated that all the defaulters, with the exception of Mr. Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh, and Mr. Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany, had made payments or promises of payments, since the matter was reported at the March Meeting of the Council.

The Council again unanimously decided to instruct the Solicitor to proceed for Ejectment Orders in all cases where no amounts had been paid, or no promises of payment of made. (462/39 C.C.)

579/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th May, 1939, H.5893/6/39, Dun na nGall., inquiring the position in connection with arrears due by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of amounts outstanding:-

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....£54 :13 : 4...3 half-years.
Joseph Deery, Drumany, Lettorkenny..... £7 :18 : 3...2 half-years.
Michael Gallagher, Legnahorey,
Kilmacrenan. (Paid £5 since last £6 :19 : 5.
Meeting.)

John Gallagher, Falcarragh.....£13 : 7 : 1...1 half-year.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Solicitor to call on Mr. John Gallagher, Falcarragh, to pay the amount owing by him immediately, and to proceed for Ejectment Orders in the cases of Messrs. McGready and Deery who had made no reply to the Solicitor's demand for payment. (463/39 C.C.)

580/39. AMOUNTS OWING BY THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The Secretary reported that the following amounts were owing by the Urban District Councils of Buncrana and Bundoran:-

Buncrana.....£5,442 :17 : 9.
Bundoran.....£1,200 : 2 :10.

The Council noted the position.

581/39. MR. GEORGE MCGILL OF THE COUNCIL'S CLERICAL STAFF.

The Secretary reported that the probationary period of Mr. George McGill of the Council's clerical staff would expire on 31st May, 1939. He had pleasure in reporting that Mr. McGill had given every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties since his appointment.

The Council noted the Secretary's report, and decided to appoint Mr. McGill in a permanent capacity.
(18/6/1938, G.5694/10/38, Dun na nGall.)

582/39. COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall Committee, Dungloe, stating that the Hall Committee regretted they could not approve of the installation of Anthracite Stoves in the Hall. They would consider the heating of the Hall when they were in a financial position to do so, and, meanwhile, they would put a large radiator stove at a suitable place in the Hall. They would repair the side door and make it as air-tight as possible. They could not extend the cloakroom, but they would allow the use of it to the Clerk on Court days and on any other days he required it.

It was decided, on the motion of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle, to refer this matter to the Sub-Finance Committee.

583/39. APPLICATION FROM FLAGMAN FOR INCREASE IN WAGES.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Flagman, Breaker No. 9, Portnoo, Glenties, applying for an increase in wages of 5/- per week. He had 19 years' service and his present wages were £2 per week. Other Flagmen with shorter service had £2 : 5 : 0 per week.

The Secretary stated that Gallagher was unmarried, and that the maximum of the present scale for unmarried flagmen was 35/- per week.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

584/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT HOUSE AT FAHAN DISPENSARY.

A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Lamberton, Castletown, Fahan, applying for permission to build a cottage at Fahan Dispensary; a continuation of two houses already there.

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

"According to the sketch plan submitted by Mr. Lamberton, the proposed building will come partly within the prescribed limits of 30 feet from the centre of the road. The proposed building will also be near a bad corner at the junction of two roads. For these reasons I recommend that permission should be refused."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting; Councillor Scott and Mr. Caffrey to go into the matter in the meantime.

585/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT HOUSE AT THE COVE, BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McLaughlin, The Cove, Bunrana, applying for permission to build a dwelling-house on the site of an old dwelling-house. One end of the house would be 16 feet from the centre of the road, and the other end would be 20 feet from the centre of the road.

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

"Mr. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, recommends that permission should be given in this case as the owner of the ground is prepared to give a strip of land on the opposite side of the road, 100 yards long and 15 feet wide, for road widening purposes, free of charge."

The Council unanimously decided to give Mr. McLaughlin the required permission, in return for the slip of ground.

586/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO A ROAD AT TURMONE, MOVILLE, UNDER CONTRACT. CONTRACTOR JAMES ELKIN.

Councillor Lynch proposed:-

"That we ask the County Surveyor to examine the road under contract in Turmone, Contractor James Elkin. The road runs from Elkin's, Turmone, to Mossyglan, and the Contractor is getting a lot of trouble by Thomas Donovan turning water on to it, and not allowing water down its own channels."

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is a matter which the Road Contractor, under his contract, is bound to attend to. The Contractor was given the usual notice to serve on Donovan to abate the nuisance. Unless the Council would consider giving the Contractor legal assistance in bringing the case, I do not know of anything else which can be done to assist him in the matter."

Councillor Baxter stated that he thought the Contractor should be allowed the assistance of the Council's Solicitor.

It was unanimously decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for personal investigation and report for next Meeting of the Council.

587/39. COMPLAINT RE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF WATER CHANNEL AT DARNEY, DUNKINEELY.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report on the complaint of Mr. Thomas Hastings, Darney, Dunkineely, regarding a water channel constructed outside his premises:-

"I inspected water channel constructed at Darney, Dunkineely. Having discussed the matter with the Assistant County Surveyor, I have made arrangements to improve the channel complained of by Mr. Hastings. I am satisfied that when this improvement is carried out, Mr. Hastings will have nothing to complain of."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.
(490/39 C.C.)

588/39.

COAL SHED ERECTED AT BRUCKLESS BY MR. P. BARRY.

Arising out of Minute No. 486/39 C.C., Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"As directed by the Council I inspected the coal shed erected at Bruckless by Mr. P. Barry, and beg to report as follows:-

The main danger occurs at the spot when carts are off-loading. If the horse and cart are at right angles to the road, the road would be obstructed for a width of about 15', and as there are sharp bends on the road on either side, this would be a grave potential source of danger to ordinary road traffic. If, as Mr. Barry suggests, the carts when off-loading would be kept alongside the coal shed, the road would be reasonably safe. If the Council grant permission to let Mr. Barry keep this shed as already erected, I would suggest that as well as getting him to sign the ordinary agreement whereby he would agree to remove this shed if and when called upon, that a clause be embodied in the Agreement which would indemnify the County Council against any accidents which might arise out of any off-loading at this shed. I attach plan of position."

The Council unanimously decided to allow the shed erected by Mr. Barry to remain in its present position; subject to an Agreement, as suggested by Mr. O'Reilly, being prepared by the Council's Solicitor and signed by Mr. Barry; the cost of the Agreement to be borne by Mr. Barry. (486/39 C.C.)

589/39.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIDE DOOR BY MR. E. O'DONNELL, LETTERKENNY, LEADING ON TO THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Ward, Registration Officer, Lifford, referring to an application made some time ago by Mr. E. O'Donnell, Main Street, Letterkenny, for permission to open a side door from his dwelling-house on to the Courthouse Square. He had no objection to Mr. O'Donnell's doing so, subject to an Agreement being signed between the County Council and Mr. O'Donnell granting him nothing more than a licence to use the said door for a temporary convenience, and that the said door shall be immediately closed again on his request to do so. He deferred action in this matter owing to the fact that alterations in the Courthouse might have been necessary because of the High Court on Circuit, but he had received no communication since from the Department in the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to give Mr. O'Donnell permission to erect the required door; subject to an Agreement, as suggested by Mr. Ward, being prepared by the Council's Solicitor and signed by Mr. O'Donnell; the cost of the Agreement to be borne by Mr. O'Donnell.

590/39.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF STREET TELEPHONE KIOSK IN LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Postmaster, Letterkenny, stating that his Authorities had under consideration the erection of a Street Telephone Kiosk in Letterkenny. The most suitable and centrally-situated position was the Courthouse Square, which, he understood, was the property of the County Council. In the event of the erection of the Kiosk being finally decided upon he would like to have an assurance that no objection would be offered to a proposed site (free of rent) at a position in the Courthouse Square to be selected by the Engineering Department at a later date.

The Council unanimously decided to give permission for the erection of the Telephone Kiosk on the following conditions:-

- (a) the site selected to be approved by the Acting County Surveyor;
- (b) a rent of one penny per year to be charged;
- (c) an Agreement to be signed undertaking to remove the Kiosk at any time the Council may call on the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to do so;
- (d) the Agreement to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor, and the cost thereof to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

591/39.

OFFER TO SELL STONE-CRUSHING PLANT TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. E. A. Cochrane, Meentiaghs, Drumfries, offering to sell to the Council his stone-crushing plant, which they had at present hired. The price which he would accept for the complete plant was £1,100.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:—"I would not recommend the purchase of second-hand machinery. Even if it was decided to purchase, I am afraid the Local Government Department would not be prepared to sanction it."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

592/39.

COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK IN THE ST. JOHNSTON DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Quinn, Secretary, Local Workers' Association, St. Johnston, stating that the members of the Association wish to inform the Council that they were not getting their play in regard to work on the Garriockmore Road. Since the work started, only eight men from the St. Johnston area were working. The rest were from the Boyagh area. There were no men from the St. Johnston District employed at the cleaning of the Swilly Burn. A deputation would attend the Meeting in connection with the matter.

No deputation attended, but the Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report which was noted:

"Mr. Kelly, Assistant County Surveyor, reports that he is not aware of any application for work from St. Johnston. He says equal numbers of men from each area are employed."

593/39.

BALLYSALLAGH (RAY RIVER) MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th May, 1939, S.9748/2/39, Dun na nGall. Pd., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 3rd May regarding the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Minor Drainage Scheme. As the cost of the work had already been met from revenue, the raising of a loan would not be warranted at this late stage, and the expenditure should remain as a final charge against revenue.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Blaney, it was unanimously decided to assess the cost of this Scheme on the owners whose lands had been improved; the cost to be spread over a period of 35 years.

594/39.

PROVISION FOR THE WIDOW AND FAMILY OF THE LATE MR. HENRY M. WARRINGTON, PLUMBER IN THE SERVICE OF THE MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ASYLUM OFFICERS' SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1909.

A letter was read from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, stating that the Committee of Management had unanimously agreed, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 (b) of the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909, to grant to the widow and family of the late Mr. Henry M. Warrington, who had been engaged in the service of the Committee as Plumber, and had died, one year's salary and value of emoluments, amounting to £240, subject to the sanction of the Donegal County Council.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor McCrea seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Council approve of the proposal of the Mental Hospital Committee.

595/39.

"AUTHORISED COMMITTEES" FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th May, 1939, G.14228/39, Dun na nGall., referring to the resolution of the Council at last Meeting asking to have certain Committees made "Authorised Committees", and stating that sanction to the recognition of the Committees referred to therein as "Authorised Committees" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, was conveyed in the Department's letter of the 18th June, 1938.

The matter was noted.

**596/39. SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEES - QUESTION OF MAKING THEM
"AUTHORISED COMMITTEES" FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 63
OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.**

The Secretary stated that two Sub-Committees of the Scholarships Committee had met on the 18th January, 1939, and the 7th February, 1939.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to have these Committees made "Authorised Committees" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

597/39. MALINMORE LANDING-SLIP.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 3rd May, 1939, C.87.102/1/36, referring to their letter of the 5th December, 1938, and Minute No. 1471/38, and inquiring whether the repairs to Malinmore Landing-slip had yet been carried out by the County Surveyor.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon, Assistant County Surveyor, reports that the repairs to Malinmore Boatslip were carried out approximately twelve months ago."

The Council decided to send a copy of the Acting County Surveyor's report to the Office of Public Works.

**598/39. EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1939/40 - AUTUMN AND WINTER
ALLOCATION.**

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 20th May, 1939, RU/206/10, referring to the final paragraph of their letter of the 27th February relative to the submission of the proposals for road and footpath works to be carried out during the Autumn and Winter of the current financial year, and stating that the Grant available was £75,130, subject to a local contribution of £4,670. A scheme providing for a gross expenditure of £79,800 should be submitted immediately on the relevant forms.

Councillor Blaney proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that in future County Councillors be consulted before these Schemes are finally decided upon.

599/39. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., 1, 2, and 3, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of the Report of the Directors of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., together with Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

600/39. SAMPLES TAKEN UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Letterkenny, enclosing particulars of samples which the Food and Drugs Inspectors in the County had on hands, and asking for an instruction as to how they were to be disposed of.

It was decided to instruct the Chief Superintendent to forward these samples to the nearest District Hospital in each case, or to the County Home; the cost of transport to be charged to the County Council.

601/39. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

A notification was submitted of intention to apply for licence under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of Outdoor Dancing at the O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny.

602/39. COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRABANE AND LETTERKENNY RAILWAY COMPANY.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed at a Meeting of the Letterkenny Urban Council held on the 1st May, 1939:-

"On the motion of Mr. G. W. McCaul, it was unanimously decided to request that the Donegal County Council consider taking action jointly with this Council in order to terminate payment of sums annually towards dividends on ordinary capital of the Strabane and Letterkenny Railway."

On the suggestion of the Council's Solicitor, the Council decided to refer this matter to the Law Committee, and, in the meantime, to ask the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, to supply the Council with any information at his disposal.

603/39. AILEACH NO. 2 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. James Kernan, Clerk, Aileach No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that his Committee wished to have Rev. Daniel E. Gibbons, C.C., and Mr. Peter McLaughlin, Merchant, Newtowncunningham, appointed members of the Sub-Committee in place of Father Murphy who has been transferred from the district, and the late Mr. John E. O'Neill.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father Gibbons and Mr. McLaughlin.

604/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND FOOTBRIDGE IN THE TOWNLAND OF SHESKINBEG, GWEEDORE, AND OFFER TO CONTRIBUTE A SUM OF £10 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE WORK.

A letter was read from Colonel A.F.S. Hill, Himbleton Manor, Droitwich, England, enclosing letter from his former tenants of the townland of Sheskinbeg, Gweedore, asking him to urge the Council to allocate a grant for the construction of a road in that townland. He stated that he knew the district well, and that a rough track and a footbridge would cost about £100, and would be a tremendous boon to the townland. If the Council was unable to undertake the work this Summer, he would be pleased to contribute £10 to the making of a light footbridge so that the children might not have to wade through the river in winter on their way to School.

The Council noted Colonel Hill's generous offer, and it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works with a request that they have the required work carried out under a Minor Employment Scheme.

605/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR METAL ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL IN MARCH, 1938.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, referring to the claim of Mr. Paddy Ward, Tobberkeen, Dungloe, for £2 : 10 : 0 for metal supplied to the Council in March, 1938, and to the Minute of the last Meeting of the Council, No. 512/39. He found that what happened was that Barney Houston of Tobberkeen, a neighbour of his client, also tendered for metal at the same time, but finding that he would be 10 tons short, he requested Ward to supply same. Ward did so, and the amount was measured by the Surveyor and used on the road, but neither Houston nor Ward had ever since been paid for these 10 tons. It was obvious that either one or the other of them must be paid, and he would be glad if the Council would re-consider the matter in the light of these facts.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This item came before the Council at their April Meeting when Mr. O'Donnell, Solicitor, wrote on behalf of Mr. Paddy Ward, Tobberkeen, claiming £2 : 10 : 0 for metal supplied. Mr. Kearney reported at the time that he let Mr. Ward a contract for 20 tons and that he measured and paid for it. Mr. O'Donnell now states that there was some arrangement between Ward and Barney Houston, and Mr. Kearney states that he knows nothing of such arrangement. He reports that he let Mr. Houston a contract, measured same, and paid for it, and that Mr. Houston has not complained to him that he was not paid."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

606/39. COMPLAINT RE INTERFERENCE WITH THE EXIT OF THE CULOORT RIVER INTO THE SEA THROUGH THE CARRYING OUT OF A MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. Edward Doherty, Gortnamullin, Malin Head, to complain of the action of the Council's servants or agents in interfering with and attempting to divert the exit of the Culoort River into the sea. By diverting the present mouth of the river his client's lands would suffer serious flooding and would be liable to damage and destruction from high tides and floods. If any further effort was made by the Council's servants or agents to carry out the scheme, legal proceedings for damages and for an injunction would be instituted.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that owing to this objection the work in question had not been started, and it was not now intended to carry it out.

The Council noted the position.

607/39. COMPLAINT RE ROAD UNCOMPLETED AT NEWTOWNDRUMGORMAN, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Sweeney, Newtowndrumgorman, Donegal, complaining of the condition of a road in that townland which was started over two years ago and left unfinished. About one-fourth of it was made, and owing to the carting of stones over it for the repair of the County Road it had been left unfit for children to walk on.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is not a County Road. It was referred to the Board of Works on several occasions, the last time being about two months ago."

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

608/39. TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR DANIEL E. KELLY.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th May, 1939, L.329/39, stating that when a Departmental Veterinary Inspector called on the 9th May at the residence of Mr. Daniel E. Kelly, Temporary Warble Fly Inspector, Knockbrack, Letterkenny, he was handed a note which indicated that Mr. Kelly had proposed to work that day in the Magheraboy Electoral Division. The townlands were not specified and the Inspector was unable to locate Mr. Kelly. The Inspector noted from the records at the County Council Offices that Mr. Kelly had carried out inspections during the previous week at the farms of Edward Lynch, Rosbracken, William Holmes, Drumerdagh, and Col. Swiney, Big Isle. He was informed by Mr. Lynch and by Mr. Holmes' steward that the Inspector had not called on them this season, and at the farm of Colonel Swiney he was informed by two employees that the Inspector had not been seen there this season. In view of the foregoing, the Minister had withdrawn his approval of Mr. Kelly's further employment pending an investigation of the case by the Council.

The Secretary stated that the matter had been considered by the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee at a Meeting that morning.

The Committee had recommended, in view of the early termination of the Warble Fly Season and the difficulty of re-placing Mr. Kelly at this late stage in the Season, that his employment be continued for the remainder of the period; the question of his re-appointment next Season to be seriously considered when the occasion arises.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the action of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.

609/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT TOURIST SIGN AT WOODHILL, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mrs. Eileen C. West, Woodhill, Ardara, stating that in accordance with the new tourist regulations it was necessary for her to erect a sign at the entrance to her house indicating that it was a Guest House. She applied for the Council's permission to have this sign erected.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the required permission, subject to the approval of the Acting County Surveyor.

610/39.

TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR JAMES BYRNE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th May, 1939, L.329/39, stating that on the 11th May at 3.50 p.m. a Departmental Veterinary Inspector met Mr. James Byrne, Temporary Warble Fly Inspector, Meenaneary, Carrick, in charge of a pony and cart on the road near his residence. The Inspector accompanied Mr. Byrne to the latter's house, and on examination of his Official notebook he found that the last entry made therein was in respect of the 6th May. When this was pointed out to Mr. Byrne he produced a private notebook which, he stated, he carried with him. According to the entries in this notebook, Mr. Byrne had carried out inspections on the morning of the 11th May at the farms of P. Gallagher, Fintragh; J. McShane, Fintragh; and J. Byrne, Lisnacloy. The Inspector was subsequently informed at each of these farms that Mr. Byrne had not visited there. The Minister had withdrawn his approval of Mr. Byrne's further employment pending an investigation of the case by the Council.

The Secretary stated that the matter had been considered by the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee at a Meeting that morning.

The Committee had recommended, in view of the early termination of the Warble Fly Season and the difficulty of re-placing Mr. Byrne at this late stage in the Season, that his employment be continued for the remainder of the period; the question of his re-appointment next Season to be seriously considered when the occasion arises.

611/39.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEA WALL ON INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Sweeney, Inishkeeragh Island, Burtonport, stating that in recent years much damage had been done to the Island by high tides. His house received no protection from the sea wall, which protected, to a certain extent, most of the other houses on the Island. His house had been undermined to such an extent by these high tides that living in it during another winter might have serious consequences. He understood that a sum of money was granted for a sea wall on this section of the Island, but nothing had been done so far, and he asked the Council to speed up the work if the money had been granted. If no money had been granted, he hoped that a grant would be allocated for this necessary work.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme:-

"The only grant for a sea wall at Inishkeeragh at the moment is Minor Employment Scheme No. 396 for £35, and that is nearing completion. The question of the adequate protection of Inishkeeragh has been receiving the attention of various Government Departments for some time, and I understand that the Board of Works are at the moment contemplating a very substantial grant to be carried out under their own direct supervision for Mr. Sweeney's part of the Island. In view of this I would advise Mr. Sweeney to have patience and see how matters develop."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

612/39.

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AT CARTING OF STONES FOR THE LAGHEY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. McGlanaghy, Main Street, Donegal, applying for work at the carting of the stones from the Quarry to the Laghey Road.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I interviewed the Ganger (P. Cassidy) carrying out the work on the Donegal-Laghey Road this afternoon. He says that all the carters employed there were got from the local Employment Exchange, and that the name of Mr. Patrick Joseph McGlanaghy does not appear amongst those on the list of carters supplied to him."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

613/39. COMPLAINT FROM DOWNINGS DISTRICT RE BEING REFUSED WORK
ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Shiels, Downings, stating that he never refused work on a Minor Employment Scheme as stated by the Acting County Surveyor at the March Meeting of the Council. He actually was in employment at the time and could not accept work. He understood that a statement had been forwarded to the Department of Industry and Commerce as to his having been employed by the County Council from the 6th September, 1938, to the 6th October, 1938, and this statement was false as he was not employed at that time.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The returns made to the Department of Industry and Commerce were made from the Paysheets. If this man was employed at the time it is difficult to know why his name was submitted by the Employment Exchange."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

614/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LANDS AT GLENGILLYGRANAHIGH,
GLEN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, referring to the complaint of Mr. Edward Dugera, Glengillygranahigh, Glen, regarding the flooding of his property. Mr. Dugera maintained that the cause of the flooding was as set out in the original letter which was before the Council at their March Meeting, Minute No. 368/39. They stated that the Assistant Surveyor did not take the trouble to examine the premises properly and did not speak to Dugera on the matter at all. They suggested that an independent Surveyor be sent to examine the damage, and that he should communicate with Dugera beforehand.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"I reported on this matter on the 23rd March, 1939, after having visited and examined the drain in question. I suggested a drainage scheme to remove stoppages further downstream and further upstream. On the occasion when I visited the drain I called on the man working in the field. There was another man present at the time whose name I do not know. On inquiries I find that Mr. Edward Dugera lives in Gleneragh and not in Glengillygranahigh."

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

615/39. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK AT GORTNATRAW,
KINDRUM.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Friel, P., Gortnatraw, Kindrum, complaining of the unfair allocation of work in that district, and enclosing a list of men who had got practically no work this year.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulreany reports that he did his best to give everyone a share of the work, but apparently did not manage it. The work finished on 15th April last."

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

616/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF STRETCH OF ROAD BETWEEN ROSSGIER
AND CLONLEIGH.

A letter was read from a number of residents of the Porthall and Clonleigh Districts complaining of the condition of a stretch of road between Rossgier and Clonleigh. This bit had always been left when the rest of the road was under repair, and it was now becoming dangerous for horses as it was so full of pot-holes.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there were no funds at the moment for the re-surfacing of this stretch of road. It would be attended to in due course.

617/39. ERECTION OF BUILDING BY MR. HUGH STRAIN, KILMACRENAN, WITHIN STIPULATED DISTANCE FROM CENTRE OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Strain, Kilmacrenan, stated that he intended to appear before the Council in connection with the building of his house at Kilmacrenan.

Mr. Strain appeared before the Council in connection with the matter. He stated that he had been served with a ten-day notice to have the building erected by him removed.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the building erected by Mr. Strain be allowed to remain.

Councillor MacGreadie seconded.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the building had been erected on a corner. He had discussed the matter with the Council's Solicitor and was of opinion that an Agreement could be prepared which would protect the Council's interests.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor MacGreadie seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to have Minute No. 527/39 of the 25th April, 1939, rescinded at the next Meeting of the Council.

618/39. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF INJURIES TO A COW ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED ON THE PUBLIC ROAD LEADING FROM GWEEDORE TO CROLLY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rose Boyle, Ardara, Gweedore, stating that on the 6th May when her cows were being driven past the stone crusher which was working on the public road leading from Gweedore to Crolla, two of them were driven over the fence into a field five or six feet below the level of the road, with the result that one of them was seriously injured. The stone crusher and the barrows which were on the road obstructed the passage of the cows, and she intended to hold the Council responsible if the animal did not recover.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Law Committee.

619/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, stating that the Council was neglecting their duty in not having the fence restored to its original condition. The Acting County Surveyor should see that this work was carried out immediately.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Council are not neglecting their duty in this case. A ten-day Notice for the removal of the fence was posted to James Boyle, Lackenagh, Burtonport, but was returned marked "insufficiently addressed" as there were several persons of the name of James Boyle in that townland. Subsequently, I sent the Notice to Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, and asked him to serve it personally on the proper person. Mr. Dillon served the Notice on Boyle on the 25th May, 1939."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

620/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF THE FOOTPATHS, ETC., IN THE VILLAGE OF ST. JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from Mr. Philip Doherty, Secretary, Public Health Committee, St. Johnston, stating that it had been decided to send a deputation to the next Meeting of the Council to urge on the Council the necessity for the completion of the village footpaths and the tarring of the Main Street, and other minor requirements. Mr. Hanahoe, Solicitor, Carrigans, would address the Council on behalf of the deputation.

Mr. Hanahoe, Solicitor, appeared before the Council. He stated that the footpaths in the village of St. Johnston were hardly fit for pedestrian traffic. Shopkeepers were unable to display their goods outside their premises, owing to dust from the street.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the Main Street of St. Johnston was not the Main Road, and with the money available, it was impossible to tar a long stretch of a County Road. The street would be tarred as soon as funds permitted.

The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey to deal with in the best manner possible.

621/39.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE AT BUNGRANA COURTHOUSE.

Letters were read from Mr. William McCafferty, Plumber, 47, Bishop Street, Derry, and Main Street, Buncrana, complaining that he had not been paid for repairs to the heating system and the water supply at Buncrana Courthouse in January, 1939.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Doherty reports that he has not had an opportunity to examine this work. He was not notified when the work was done and will find it difficult to certify for it, as a result."

The Council decided to authorise payment to Mr. McCafferty, subject to the work being certified as satisfactorily completed by the Acting County Surveyor.

622/39.

COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK AT BALLYHEERIN.

A letter was read from Mr. William Breslin, Seamount, Ballyheerin, Carrigart, stating that at several periods since 1934 he was appointed Ganger by Mr. Patrick Dawson. In November, 1938, when working on the Tullyconnell-Laddan Road work was stopped for a few days as the roller was sent to another job. When the work was re-started a man called Charles Martin of Kindrum was appointed Ganger. Eddie Friel, the Supervising Ganger, was re-placed also by a man called Carr, but Friel organised a strike and was reinstated. Martin was a relation of Friel's and that was why he was appointed.

A further letter was read from Mr. William Breslin, Seamount, Ballyheerin, Carrigart, again complaining of the employment of Gangers on the Laddan-Tullynadall Road, and making further allegations against Mr. Eddie Friel, the Supervising Ganger.

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

"William Breslin started work as Ganger on this road on the 14th November, 1938, at 6s/8d per day. His pay was cut in December by Mr. Dawson to 5s/6d per day. Work was stopped on the 14th March, 1939, and a new list of men got from the Exchange the following day. I told Friel on Wednesday, 15th March, 1939, that I was doing this. On the following Monday, 20th March, 1939, Charles Carr was sent to roll with the new Gang. There was no work on Monday or Tuesday owing to the attitude of the old gang. Work was then resumed with Charles Carr as Ganger. I afterwards interchanged Carr and Martin who was a charge hand at Eelburn."

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

623/39.

VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AT MOUNTCHARLES AND DUNKINEELY.

The Secretary stated that Councillor Brian McRory had telephoned him stating that the Inspector of Weights and Measures had made arrangements to have the Weights and Measures for Mountcharles District verified at Donegal Town instead of at Mountcharles as on former occasions. Councillor McRory asked him to authorise the Inspector to use the Tanatallon Hall, Mountcharles, for the verification of the Weights and Measures, as bringing them to Donegal would impose inconvenience and hardship on the traders of Mountcharles and District.

On the 20th May, 1939, the Secretary stated, he authorised Sergeant Sweeney to use the Tanatallon Hall, Mountcharles.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the Secretary's action, and to allow a rent of 10/- per day for the Tanatallon Hall.

Councillor McShane stated that the traders of Dunkineely had to bring their Weights and Measures to Killybegs for verification, and this caused considerable inconvenience.

The Council decided to ask the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, to make arrangements in future years to have the Weights and Measures for Mountcharles and District verified at Mountcharles, and those for Dunkineely and District at Dunkineely.

624/39.

ROAD AT CROAGHNAMADDY CONSTRUCTED BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 19th May, 1939, P.30305/34, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 29th May, 1934, in which it was stated that the County Council agreed to take over and maintain Croaghnamaddy Road when it was completed. The road had now been completed, and they wished the Council to arrange to take it over for future maintenance.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney reports that the road in question is not completed. It is not properly pitched. The pipes are badly built, and it is not constructed to carry lorry traffic. In view of this report, I would not recommend the Council to take over this road for future maintenance."

The Council unanimously decided to inform the Irish Land Commission that the road would not be taken over until it was properly completed.

625/39.

COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO PIPE ON ROAD CONSTRUCTED UNDER A MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME AT TRENTABOY, CONVOY.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Magee, Trentaboy, Convooy, stating that a new road had recently been made through the townlands of Trentaboy and Mullaghfin by the Board of Works. A splendid job was made of it, but a new pipe was built at the entrance of the County Road where an old one existed. When the pipe was finished two men came along and tumbled eight feet leaving no entrance now at all. The ratepayers of the district wished the Council to take steps to have the pipe repaired.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Callaghan reports that this work is not on a County Road. The pipe was built on a Minor Employment Scheme No. 382. It is, therefore, not a question for the Council and is purely a matter of dispute between the neighbours."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

626/39.

RAMELTON QUAY.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Ramelton, stating that owing to winter floods there was a quantity of loose stones and gravel collecting at Ramelton Quay. It would be necessary to have this removed with a cart.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this work would be carried out when a suitable opportunity arose.

627/39.

MOUNTCHARLES PIER.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied to have the sum of £10 allowed in Minute No. 1485/38 for Mountcharles Pier re-voted. Owing to the state of the weather and rough seas it was impossible to have the work at this Pier carried out.

He also stated that on further examination of the Pier it was found that some fenders would have to be re-placed, and an additional sum of £11 would be required.

The Council unanimously decided to allow the sum of £10 to be re-voted, and to grant an additional sum of £11 for this Pier.

628/39.

CLADNAGERAGH PIER.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied to have the sum of £15 allowed for Cladnageragh Pier in Minute No. 1184/38 re-voted. This work was held up owing to weather conditions.

The Council unanimously decided to re-vote the amount.

629/39.

CONTINGENCY FUND - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £6 from the Contingency Fund to repair Bridge on Road, Map No. 1999, Ballyshannon District.

The application was granted unanimously.

630/39.

CONTINGENCY FUND - NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the following amounts from the Contingency Fund:-

Aileach Area.

To repair pipe on Map No. 1082.....£3 :10 : 0.

To re-build pipe on Map No. 1071.....£4 : 0 : 0.

Lifford Area.

To repair pipe on Map No. 1336.....£1 :10 : 0.

To re-build pipe on Map No. 1356.....£5 : 0 : 0.

Letterkenny Area.

To repair pipe on Map No. 1138.....£1 :10 : 0.

To repair pipe on Map No. 918.....£2 :10 : 0.

The application was granted unanimously.

631/39.

BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS, LIFFORD AND AILEACH AREAS.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, asked the Council to break Contracts Nos. 89, April 1938, Aileach Area (Albert Lynch), and No. 18, April 1938, Lifford Area (William Mulrine.)

The Council unanimously decided to break the contracts.

632/39.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM MEENTIAGH TO GLENVAR.

A letter was read from Rev. James McLoughlin, C.C., Glenvar, calling attention to the necessity for the repairing of the road from Meentiagh to Glenvar. There was considerable traffic on this road, and three years ago people were complaining that they could hardly cycle on it, so it could be imagined what it was like now.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Canning, Glenvar, complaining of the condition of the road from Shankey Hill to Glenvar R.C. Chapel. This road had not been repaired for a number of years, and there was considerable traffic on it.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulreany reports that he has a quantity of rough stone available, and when machinery is also available he will get it rolled in on this road. He has a surfaceman attending to darning."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

633/39.

COMPLAINT RE METHOD OF APPOINTING GANGERS ON ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Leabrannagh, Arranmore, complaining of the method of appointing Gangers on Arranmore. The Council should appoint the old Arranmore Gangers who had the best qualifications. It was contrary to all rules to have men appointed as Gangers whose means would not permit them to apply for Unemployment Assistance.

A further letter was read from Mr. O'Donnell regarding the same matter. He stated that if the selection of Gangers were left in the capable hands of the Employment Exchange Manager there would be no trouble, because the appointments would go to the needy and not to the well-to-do.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Dungloe:-

"Mr. O'Donnell, in his time, has written to most of the Government Departments, and none of his complaints, on investigation, have ever been accurate. One of his favourite Departments is the Department of Justice, and Sergeant Keown of Burtonport Garda Station has informed me that he has always found his information inaccurate, exaggerated, and entirely unreliable, and that he is convinced that in this case Mr. O'Donnell is not voicing the opinion of the vast majority of the people of Arranmore, who are quite satisfied with the running of Minor Employment Schemes. The last time I was in Arranmore, nobody made any allegations of unfairness with regard to the selection of Gangers to me, although there was ample opportunity to do so."

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

634/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES ON ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. James Boyle, Leabhrannagh, Arranmore, applying for a position as Ganger on Minor Employment Schemes. He had seven children, the eldest of whom was 13 years, and his only income was 5/- per week. He was a much more deserving case than any of the other Gangers at present employed.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"There is no vacancy for a Ganger on Aran at the moment, but when the Gangers are being selected for the coming Schemes, Mr. Boyle's application will receive due consideration."

The Council noted the report.

635/39. ALTERATIONS TO TELEGRAPH POLES ON THE BUNCRANA-CARNDONAGH ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that it would be necessary to carry out alterations to the telegraphs on the Buncrana-Carndonagh Road at Unrycam, and as the road improvements in question were being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant, the cost incurred by the Department would be charged to the Council in due course.

The Council noted the letter.

636/39. DAMAGE TO TELEGRAPH POLES AT DUNGLOE ROAD STATION.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that telegraphs were damaged at Dungloe Road Station on the 6th April as a result of blasting operations carried out by the Council's workmen. When the cost of repairing the damage had been ascertained, an account would be forwarded.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon reports that during blasting operations on S.U.151, some damage was done to the telegraph pole and wires at Dungloe Road Station. The linesman did not think the damage very serious, and the repairs should not be expensive."

The Council noted the report.

637/39. ROAD CONSTRUCTED BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION IN 1932 IN THE TOWNLANDS OF DRUMNAHEARK AND EDENAMUCK.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 23rd May, 1939, P.16718/37, transmitting, for such action, as the Council might consider suitable, copy of letter regarding a road in Drumnaheark and Edenamuck, which appeared to refer to the road connecting two County Roads marked "A-B" on an annexed map. This road, A-B, was constructed by the Irish Land Commission in 1932 under the Relief Act, 1931, and they did not propose to take any further action in the matter. The people of the district wished to have the road repaired and were complaining bitterly of the action of the Authorities in the matter.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon reports that the road is approximately three miles long. Of this distance a portion constituting Road, Map No. 1783, and 540 perches long, is County property. The remainder, approximately one mile, is not a County Road. A sum of £150 would be needed to put that section in proper condition to be taken over and maintained from Council funds. The portion in the Council's hands is in good repair."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

638/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING OFF THE MAIN CASHEL AND FAHAN ROAD, CARNDONAGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Con McDermott, Guil, Carndonagh, complaining of the condition of the road known as "Con McDermott's Road" leading off the Main Cashel and Fahan Road. The local Surveyor maintained that this was not a County Road, but he could get old Contractors who worked on the road for the County Council to prove that it was a County Road.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"If the name of the last Contractor with the year in which it was taken and the description or points set out in the Schedule were given, an effort would be made to trace this road in the old books. The position is that the road was never repaired during the time of the present Assistant Surveyor who is in the district about ten years, and there is no record of it being a County Road."

The Council decided to ask Mr. McDermott to furnish the particulars mentioned by Mr. Caffrey in his report.

639/39. MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES NOS. 61 AND 65, MILFORD DISTRICT.

Councillor Baxter referred to Minor Employment Schemes, Nos. 61 and 65, Milford District. He stated that these Schemes should be commenced at the lower end of the rivers, as if the upper end was started first, as proposed, it would mean that the lands surrounding the lower part would be flooded.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

640/39. DRAINING OF LAKES THROUGH CARRYING OUT OF MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Councillor O'Boyle complained that through the carrying out of Minor Employment Schemes numbers of lakes were being drained, and this was destroying the beauty of the countryside,

The complaint was noted.

641/39. CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, Councillor McIvor congratulated Councillor Blaney on the expeditious manner in which the business of the Meeting had been carried out, and the record established by the Meeting having concluded in such a short time.

Confirmed.

Michael O'Mae Fadden

*Chairman of Co. Council,
27th June, 1939.*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1939.

642/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

643/39.

A P O L O G Y.

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

644/39.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council extend their sympathy to Councillor Brian O'Donnell on the recent death of his brother.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion, which was passed in silence; all the members standing; and with which the Secretary associated himself on behalf of the Staff.

645/39.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony proposed the re-election of Mr. Michael O'G McFadden, T.D. as Chairman. He paid a glowing tribute to Mr. McFadden's services as Chairman and his impartiality.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion, and joined in the tribute to Mr. McFadden as did also Councillors Gallen, Brady, and the Secretary.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Councillor McFadden returned thanks for his re-election, and stated that he always found it a very pleasant duty to preside over the Meetings of the Council.

646/39.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor MacCreadie proposed the re-election of Senator Neal Blaney as Vice-Chairman, and, in doing so, he paid a tribute to the manner in which the Meetings over which Senator Blaney presided were conducted.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. Senator Blaney returned thanks for his re-election.

647/39.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor McClafferty proposed the re-election of Councillor McIvor as Deputy Vice-Chairman, and Councillor Cole seconded.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Councillor McIvor returned thanks for his re-election.

648/39.

REGULATION OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON EACH STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council unanimously decided to continue the same number of members on each Standing Committee of the Council as last year, except in the case of the Law Committee to which it was decided to add another member.

649/39.

ELECTION OF LAW COMMITTEE.

The Council unanimously decided to re-elect the Law Committee as it stands, and to add to it the name of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle.

650/39. ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Mahony the following Standing Committees of the Council were unanimously re-elected:-

Finance Committee.
Roads Committee.
Diseases of Animals Committee.
Old Age Pensions Committee.
Tenders Committee.
Scholarships Committee.
Library Committee.
Piers Committee.
Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.
National Monuments Committee.
Co-Ordination of Engineering Services Committee.

651/39. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty, Councillors Mahony and Scott were unanimously re-elected as the Council's delegates to the Meetings of the County Councils' General Council, and they were authorised to attend not more than four Meetings.

652/39. ELECTION OF BARONIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DIRECTORATE OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.

Councillor Cole was unanimously re-elected as the Council's representative in connection with the Carndonagh Extension of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell was unanimously re-elected as the Council's representative in connection with the Burtonport Extension of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway.

653/39. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Mahony, Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle was unanimously re-elected as the Council's representative on the Irish Tourist Association.

654/39. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 30th May, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

655/39. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th May, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

656/39. REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 30th May, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

657/39. REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th May, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 20th June, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

658/39. REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 20th June, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

659/39.

BUNCRANA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th June, 1939, G.13461/39, stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had been informed that five members of the Buncrana Urban District Council had become disqualified, and the remaining members did not attend Meetings of the Council.

Under Article 7, sub-Section 5, of the Schedule to the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, if any District Council became unable to act, whether from failure to elect or otherwise, the County Council in which the District was situate might order Elections to be held and might appoint persons to form the District Council until the newly-elected members came into Office.

The Minister desired that the position be brought to the notice of the County Council with a view to their considering what action was necessary in order to enable the District Council to function.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Local Government Department be requested to arrange for the appointment, as early as possible, of a Commissioner to administer the affairs of the Buncrana Urban District Council.

660/39. CONSTRUCTION OF SIDE DOOR BY MR. E. O'DONNELL, LETTERKENNY, LEADING ON TO THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE, LETTERKENNY.

A letter dated 23rd June, 1939, was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing Agreement for execution in connection with the construction by Mr. Edward O'Donnell, Letterkenny, of a door leading on to the Courthouse Square, Letterkenny, for which permission had been given by the County Council at their Meeting on the 30th May, 1939, Minute No. 589/39.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Agreement, under Seal.

661/39.

GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle handed in a letter which he had received from the Manager of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co. in which was pointed out the difficulty the Company experienced in catering for tourists owing to the dangerous condition of Gweebarra Bridge, and the fact that the weight of vehicles crossing the Bridge was limited to three tons.

The Secretary read a report submitted to the County Council at their Meeting on the 29th September, 1931, by the former County Surveyor, Mr. John Caffrey. In that report it was stated that a sum of at least £4,000 would require to be expended on Gweebarra Bridge to put it in a reasonably safe state for existing traffic.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the dangerous condition of this Bridge, which was stated to be the main tourist artery in the Rosses Area, connecting South and West Donegal.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Local Government Department for a grant for the re-construction of this Bridge, and to ask the Irish Tourist Association to use their good offices in this connection.

The Acting County Surveyor was instructed to erect Warning Notices at the nearest junctions on either side of the Bridge, in addition to the existing Notices at either end of the Bridge.

It was also decided to consult the Council's Solicitor on the Council's responsibilities in the matter, and their powers of redress in the event of damage to the Bridge by users of it, the weight of whose vehicles exceeded the stipulated safety margin.

662/39. QUESTION OF APPOINTING MOBILE PATROL TO DETECT MOTOR OFFENCES.

Councillor Baxter proposed:- "That the responsible Ministry be asked to arrange with the Gardai in County Donegal to have a Mobile Patrol to detect Motor Offences, and also to prevent speeding with the object of preventing accidents."

Councillor O'Boyle seconded the proposal, which the Council unanimously decided to refer to the Department of Justice.

663/39. REQUEST TO HAVE WHITE TRAFFIC LINES PROVIDED AT THE FOUR ROADS ENTERING THE TOWN OF MILFORD.

Councillor Baxter proposed:- "That the Acting County Surveyor make arrangements to provide white traffic lines at the Four Roads entering the town of Milford."

Councillor O'Boyle seconded.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he was making arrangements to have white lines provided at Milford.

664/39. DELAY IN SUBMITTING FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH SUSPECTED CASES OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 24th May, 1939, asking to be furnished with Form T.2/3 in connection with a suspected case of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Charles Lynch, Iskaheen, Muff.

665/39. PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS, AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION.

An invitation was submitted to the Public Works, Roads, and Transport Congress and Exhibition, 1939.

666/39. PUBLIC ANALYST'S REPORT - RESULT OF FOOD AND DRUGS PROSECUTION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th June, 1939, P.H.3940/2/39, Dun na nGall. H., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 16th May on the subject of the Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st March, 1939, and asking for the result of the prosecution in the case of Rose A. McShane, Drumreagh, Killybegs.

667/39. LOAN OF £10,000 TO DEFRAY EXPENDITURE ON THE COST OF NEW ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION, CENTRAL HEATING, LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT, ETC., AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th June, 1939, S.974/2/39, Letterkenny M.H., sanctioning the raising of a loan of £10,000 to defray expenditure on the cost of a new electrical installation, central heating, laundry equipment, etc., at the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny; the loan to be obtained from the Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., and to be re-payable over a period of fifteen years with interest at the usual rate.

668/39. RATES WRITTEN OFF AS IRRECOVERABLE DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th June, 1939, Circ. G.71/39, asking to be furnished with a statement showing the total rates written off as irrecoverable during the financial year ended 31st March, 1939.

The Secretary stated that the total amount of rates written off as irrecoverable during the period mentioned was £2,261 : 19 : 7.

669/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Sheskinbeg; and Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.

670/39. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde faoi dhata an 8ad Meitheamh, 1939, G.904/6/1939, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire do Chomhairle Chonndae Dun na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £60,000 i gcoir costaisí reatha sealadacha. Bhí an t-udaras seo dleagthach suas go dtí an 30adh lá de'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Iúil, 1939.

Socrúigheadh go m-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dtí an 31adh Iúil, 1939.

671/39. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CARNEGIE UNITED KINGDOM TRUST.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust for the year ending 31st December, 1938, was submitted.

672/39. LICENSING OF A VEHICLE, THE PROPERTY OF MR. JOHN STEVENSON, BALLYARE, COOLBOY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th June, 1939, R/MT.7., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 31st May relative to the licensing of a vehicle, the property of Mr. John Stevenson, Ballyare, Coolboy, and stating that, as the vehicle was presumably constructed or adapted for use and used for the conveyance of goods in the course of trade, it fell to be licensed under Paragraph 5 of the Third Schedule to the Finance Act, 1926.

673/39. WARBLE FLY ORDER - DUTIES OF TEMPORARY INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th June, 1939, L.329/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 22nd May and its enclosed copy of a letter from Warble Fly Inspector John McGinty relative to his visits to farms where he was unable to obtain suitable help in the examination of the cattle, and stating that, in such circumstances, the Warble Fly Inspector should make the best examination or inspection possible, if it did not fit in with his itinerary to make an early subsequent visit for the purpose.

674/39. CONTAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLIES OR FISHING WATERS AS A RESULT OF SHEEP DIPPING OPERATIONS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th June, 1939, L.4512/38, stating that the Minister was anxious, as far as possible, to eliminate any possibility of future complaint regarding contamination of water supplies or fishing waters as a result of Sheep Dipping operations, and he would be glad if all Local Authorities concerned in dipping operations or the provision of dipping facilities would, before the commencement of this year's dipping period, remind their Inspectors of the necessity for ensuring that the residue from dipping baths shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent it from reaching drinking or fishing waters.

675/39. DISMISSAL OF WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS JAMES BYRNE AND DANIEL E. KELLY.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 16th June, 1939, L.329/39, stating that the Minister could not see his way to agree to the reinstatement as Warble Fly Inspectors of Messrs. James Byrne and Daniel E. Kelly. In view of the early termination of the treatment period no action need be taken by the Council to re-place them this season.

676/39. REQUEST TO HAVE GUARANTEED MINIMUM PRICE FIXED FOR OATS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th June, 1939, E.2714/39, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter enclosing an extract from the minutes of proceedings of the Council relative to the fixing of a minimum price for oats.

677/39. HOLIDAYS (EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th June, 1939, Circular Letter No. 66/1939, stating that an Order had been made by the Minister for Industry and Commerce bringing the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, into operation as from 22nd May, 1939. The provisions of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, relating to annual leave, cosser pay, and pay in respect of public holidays for industrial workers had been repealed, and instead, the relative provisions of the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, would have effect as from 22nd May, 1939, in respect of these as well as other workers to whom the Act of 1939 applied.

678/39. AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th June, 1939, Ref. No. A.13642/39, Dun na nGall (F.), enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance for the three half-years ended the 31st March, 1938.

679/39. SAMPLE OF BITUMEN FOR SURFACE DRESSING SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 12th June, 1939, C.P.1412/2/39, Dun na nGall., referring to the sample of bitum for surface dressing recently submitted for test from a consignment delivered by Messrs. McCreath, Taylor & Co., Ltd., Official Contractors, on 17th May, 1939, and transmitting a copy of the Analyst's Report which showed that the sample failed in the penetration test.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 19th June, 1939, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter enclosing copy of communication from Messrs. McCreath, Taylor & Co., and asking to be furnished in due course with the result of the test of the duplicate sample proposed to be carried out by the Official Contractors.

680/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT TOURIST SIGN AT WOODHILL, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mrs. Eileen C. West, Woodhill, Ardara, thanking the Council for their courtesy in granting her permission to erect a sign to Woodhill Guest House, and stating that she was in communication with the Acting County Surveyor (609/39 C.C.)

681/39. DUES COLLECTED UNDER THE MARINE WORKS MAINTENANCE ACT, 1902.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 14th June, 1939, enclosing a Payable Order for £21 : 13 : 3, being the amount payable to the Council under Section 6 (2) of the Marine Works Maintenance Act, 1902, in respect of dues collected at Gortnasate Harbour during the year ended 31st March, 1939.

682/39. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (HAY, STRAW, AND PEAT MOSS LITTER) ORDER.

A copy of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Hay, Straw, and Peat Moss Litter) Order, 1939, was submitted.

683/39. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A notification was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Carndonagh on the 5th July, 1939, of lands in Ardagh, formerly in the occupation of Edward Granny.

684/39. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The Report of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis for the year 1938 was submitted.

685/39. AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1940.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th June, 1939, stating that a Payable Order for £12,687 in respect of a first instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1940, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

686/39. SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE - RECOGNITION AS AN AUTHORISED COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th June, 1939, G.14228/2/39, inquiring what functions were carried out by the Sub-Scholarships Committee which could not be carried out by the Scholarships Committee. The names of members constituting both bodies should also be furnished.

A further letter dated 24th June, 1939, G.14228/3/39, Dun na nGall., was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister sanctioned the recognition of the Sub-Scholarships Committee as an Authorised Committee for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

687/39. ERECTION OF BUILDING BY MR. HUGH STRAIN, KILMACRENAN, WITHIN STIPULATED DISTANCE FROM CENTRE OF ROADWAY.

The consent of two-thirds of the members present having been obtained, the following rescinding Notice of Motion standing on the Agenda in the names of Councillors Baxter, McIvor, Mahony, Kavanagh, Walsh, and Lynch, was proposed by Councillor Baxter, seconded by Councillor Mahony, and unanimously resolved:-

"That Minute No. 527/39 of the County Council Meeting of the 25th April, 1939, instructing the Acting County Surveyor to call on Mr. Hugh Strain, Kilmacrenan, to remove a building erected by him, be, and is hereby, rescinded."

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

"That permission be given to Mr. Hugh Strain, Kilmacrenan, to erect a building within the stipulated distance from the centre of the roadway, in line with the adjacent buildings; subject to an Agreement, as suggested by Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, being prepared by the Council's Solicitor and signed by Mr. Strain; the costs of the Agreement to be borne by Mr. Strain."

688/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £8,000 FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWERS FOR THE TOWN OF KILLYBEGS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed, Councillor Myles seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £8,000 for the provision of sewers for the town of Killybegs."

689/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING, DEEPENING, AND STRAIGHTENING OF THE GLENTOGHER RIVER.

Councillor Cole proposed, Councillor Lynch seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That we, the Donegal County Council, request the Irish Land Commission to give a grant towards the cleaning, deepening, and straightening of the Glentogher River."

690/39. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR THE CARRICK HALL.

An application was received from Mr. Patrick Cassidy, Carrick, for a Cinematograph Licence for the Carrick Hall.

The Council unanimously decided to renew the licence for this Hall.

691/39. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

Applications for extensions of time for payment of accounts were received from the following persons, to whom Paying Orders had been issued, but which were not cashed within the prescribed time:-

<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Date of original Paying Order.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
Denis Boyle (Con), Loughanure, Annagry.	2nd October, 1938.	£5 : 5 : 2.
Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	29th July, 1938.	£1 : 12 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction for the issue of new Paying Orders in these cases.

692/39. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society, Ltd., Ballybofey.
Messrs. J. Irwin & Co., The Diamond, Donegal.

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

Mr. Thomas Stewart, Letterkenny.
Messrs. Stewart & Cooper, Castlefin.
Mr. David Best, Raphoe.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the applications.

693/39. EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1939/40 - APPROVAL TO SCHEME OF WORKS SUBMITTED.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th May, 1939, RU/206/7, stating that the Minister had approved of the scheme of road and footpath works to be carried out by the Council with the aid of a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1939/40, and the work should be put in hands immediately, and should be completed on or before the 30th September, 1939. Works No. U.151.E., had been assigned to the Scheme.

694/39. RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD LEADING AROUND LOUGH ESKE - PROVISION FOR WORK UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 31st May, 1939, HGR/7/10, referring to previous correspondence regarding the re-construction of the road leading around Lough Eske, and inquiring what provision for the road in question had been made or was contemplated under the Employment Schemes Vote for the current financial year.

A letter was read from Mr. A. O'Doherty, N.T., Townawilly, inquiring the position in connection with this road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he was making provision under the Employment Schemes Vote for the completion of the re-construction of this road.

695/39. APPLICATION FROM MR. J. A. LAMBERTON, FAHAN, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A COTTAGE AT FAHAN DISPENSARY.

A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Lamberton, Castletown, Fahan, applying for permission to build a cottage at Fahan Dispensary; a continuation of two houses already there.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lamberton could keep within the statutory regulations by keeping back a few feet from the frontage of the other house. The Council might consider giving him permission to build in line with the old foundation if he signs an agreement to take the building down when called upon, without compensation."

Councillor Scott proposed and it was unanimously decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and to ascertain, in the meantime, if Mr. Lamberton would set back the house a distance of two feet. (584/39 C.C.)

696/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO A ROAD AT TURMONE, MOVILLE, UNDER CONTRACT. CONTRACTOR JAMES ELKIN.

Arising out of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Lynch at last Meeting of the Council, the Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I inspected the road in question and interviewed both the Road Contractor and Thomas Donovan. The matter is a trivial one and appears to arise out of ill-feeling between Donovan and some of the men who work in means with the Contractor. The Contractor wants the water to go down along the side of the road and Donovan wants it to go across a trinket. Between the two, the water has gone down the centre of the road and torn it. I told the Contractor that he was to keep the water off the road."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter. (586/39 C.C.)

697/39. DEDICATION OF PORTION OF GREEN AT RATHMULLAN FORT FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 31st May, 1939, D.21.39/2/38, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 1st June, 1937, 673/37, relative to encroachments made by the Council on the Green at Rathmullan Fort in connection with the widening of the existing public road on the western side of the Green and the construction of a new road through the Green to Rathmullan Pier, and stating that, in order to regularise the position, the Minister for Finance had agreed that the portions of the Green on which the encroachments had been made should be dedicated to the public for roadway purposes. A plan was enclosed showing the area affected coloured brown, and they would be glad to be informed that the County Council agreed to the proposed dedication.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter the Council unanimously decided to approve of the dedication of portion of the Green at Rathmullan Fort for roadway purposes.

698/39. BUNANINVER SLIPWAY.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 9th June, 1939, C.87.89/1/36, referring to the Secretary's letter No. 584/37 of the 7th May, 1937, in connection with the construction of Bunaninver Slipway. On the 29th May, 1939, a Certificate of Completion in respect of the works was signed by the County Surveyor and their Engineer, as provided for in Clause 8 of the Agreement governing the execution of the works. The custody of the works and responsibility for their maintenance as from the date of the Certificate had, accordingly, passed to the Council in pursuance of Clause 9 of the Agreement.

The Council noted the matter.

699/39. GOLA ISLAND PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 9th June, 1939, C.87.34/1/36, referring to the Secretary's letter No. 672/37 of the 1st June, 1937, in connection with the repair and improvement of Gola Island Pier. On the 30th May a Certificate of Completion in respect of the works was signed by the County Surveyor and their Engineer, as provided for in Clause 8 of the Agreement relating to the execution of the works, and the custody of the improved works and responsibility for their maintenance as from the date of the Certificate, accordingly passed to the Council in pursuance of Clause 9 of the Agreement. The original works were transferred to the Council for maintenance on the 1st May, 1934.

The Council noted the letter.

700/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Cornelius Boyle, Loughfad, Clooney, applying for a position as Flagman on one of the Rollers in the County.

A letter was also read from Mr. Bernard Gallagher, Kilclooney, recommending Boyle for an appointment.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there were no vacancies.

701/39. APPLICATION BY DISTRICT COURT CLERK, LIFFORD, FOR PRESS FOR KEEPING OF RECORDS.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Lifford, applying for a Press in which to keep District Court books and records. The Press would require to be about 7' high and 4' broad with suitable shelving and pigeon holes in which to store the books and records.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, to make inquiries as to the necessity for the Press; and, if a Press were necessary, to prepare an estimate of the cost.

702/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR DEEPENING AND WIDENING OF A FAULTY DRAIN IN THE TOWNLAND OF TULLAGH, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Gill, Crossconnell, Clonmany, applying for a further grant for the completion of the deepening and widening of a faulty drain (Scheme No. 39) in the townland of Tullagh, Clonmany.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Gill, Crossconnell, Clonmany, applying for a grant to have a new outlet stoned in the townland of Crossconnell, Clonmany. The sides were of a sandy nature and would cave in and cause flooding.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McCole, Tullaugh, Clonmany, applying for a grant to clean a faulty drain which ran through several farms in the townlands of Crossconnell and Tullaugh.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick R. Gill, Crossconnell, Clonmany, applying for a grant to have a drain stoned for about 200 yards in the townland of Crossconnell to complete Minor Employment Scheme No. 40.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the applicants to the Office of Public Works, 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

703/39. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROADS IN THE KERRYKEEL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Logue, Gortnatraw, Kerrykeel, applying for work as a road labourer. He had got no work for months now, and he could not understand why as he always got his fair share of any work that was going before this.

Councillor Baxter supported the application of Logue who was, he stated, a very deserving case.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no work going on in the District at present.

704/39. CLAIM OF MRS. JANE CANNON, STRALONGFORD, DRUMKEEN, FOR £20 IN RESPECT OF AN ACCIDENT ON THE PUBLIC ROADWAY TO A COW, HER PROPERTY.

The Secretary stated that a Civil Bill had been served on him on behalf of Mrs. Jane Cannon, Stralongford, Drumkeen, for £20 in respect of an accident on the public roadway to a cow, her property.

The Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had taken the matter up with the Insurance Co.

The Council decided to inform the Insurance Co. that it was believed that a settlement could be easily effected in this case.

705/39. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROADS IN THE DRUNG DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McGee, Drung, Quigley's Point, stating that he was a Road Contractor for several years. For the past two years he had not got any work to do on roads, except part of eight weeks. As he was the former Contractor he thought he should get preference in any work that was going in the area.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "Mr. O'Neill reports that he has no direct labour work in this district at present. Mr. Doherty reports that he could take a supply of two-inch stones of approved quality from this man if he was prepared to supply at a reasonable price."

The Council decided to ask McGee to communicate with Mr. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, if he was prepared to supply a quantity of two-inch stones.

706/39. COMPLAINT RE SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTED IN THE TOWNLAND OF COTTEEN, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Molloy, Post Office, Derrybeg, stating that a sewerage was being constructed in the townland of Cotteen. This sewerage ended at a field of his where oats were growing. There was a pipe (closed) through this field, a small one, which would be unable to carry all the excess water coming through the sewerage drain, and would cause flooding of his field and the best part of his land. If flooding occurred at this place he would hold the Council responsible for damages.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports:- 'This is a Minor Employment Scheme and refers to a covered drain and not a sewer. The water from the covered drain has now been turned into an open drain on Mr. Molloy's land with his consent.'"

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

707/39. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the Annual Meeting of the General Council would take place during Horse Show Week, August 8th to 12th, inclusive. Notice of any matter which the Council might desire to have placed on the Agenda should be forwarded before the 26th July.

The matter was referred to the Council's representatives on the General Council.

708/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM CARRIGART TO DUNMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Gallagher, Secretary, Carrigart Fianna Fail Cumann, Creevy, Glen P.O., Kilmacronan, stating that the Cumann wished to bring to the notice of the Council the importance of having the road leading from Carrigart to Dunmore widened, tarred, and rolled, and a footpath provided, about one mile in length, as on Sundays this road was dangerous and too narrow for the present traffic.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"There is a proposal for a grant on this road for the coming winter, but it is for the stretch beyond Dunmore. Possibly the work will be continued in a following Grant towards Carrigart."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

709/39. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR CROCKERY PIPES LAID DOWN AT ROSSNAKILL TO PREVENT FLOODING.

A letter was read from Mrs. Giley Friel, Rosanakill, stating that her house and yard were much lower than the Rosnakill Street, and she had been unable to keep the yard free from water from the street in rainy weather. Mr. Dawson always promised to have the matter attended to, but nothing was done. In the end she bought crockery pipes, costing £5, and had them laid from the street to the drain at the bottom of the yard, beginning in a manhole where the street joined the yard. This would have been done by the Council and she wished to know if the Council would allow her the cost of the pipes. She did not mind the cost of the labour or of the cement.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for a report for next Meeting.

710/39. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROADS IN GLENAGIVNEY DISTRICT, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard McHenry, Glenagivney, Greencastle, stating that he could not afford to pay his rates. He lost all his potatoes, and he had a beast set apart specially for paying his rates, but it died. If he was given work on the roads he would make an effort to improve his position and pay his rates.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor reported that there was no Direct Labour work available in this district at present.

Councillor McDaid stated that the work in this area was being most unfairly distributed. Two or three men were getting all the work which was available.

711/39. ROAD CONSTRUCTED SOME YEARS AGO FROM CARNSHANNAGH, BURNFOOT,
TO KILMACKILVENNY, BURNFOOT.

A letter was read from Messrs. Thomas Anderson & Co., 10, Castle Street, Londonderry, stating that some years ago the Council repaired the road leading from Mr. William Hamilton's at Carnshannagh, Burnfoot, to Mr. Charles O'Donnell's in Kilmackilvenny. This road touched on the lands of Reps. James F. Wallace, Fairview, who gave the Council a small strip off his adjoining fields to widen and improve the road. Reps. Wallace's property had now been sold to a Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, and they would like to know if this was now a public road under the Council or if it still retained its old status serving the adjoining owners of land and the residents of the Kilmackilvenny Area.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "The work in question was done by the Office of Public Works. The road is not a County Road. The carrying out of the work by the Board of Works did not alter any right-of-way which may have previously existed over it."

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

712/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM MALINBEG POST OFFICE TO
MALINMORE POST OFFICE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Byrne, Postman, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille, complaining of the condition of the road from Malinbeg Post Office to Malinmore Post Office. The road was not fit for animals to walk on. A sum of £20 was spent on it last year, but the road was still a disgrace to the County.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"I have travelled over this road on two occasions quite recently, and the report as to its condition is greatly exaggerated. There are, no doubt, a considerable number of loose stones on the surface, but this cannot be avoided in a third-class County Road, unrolled, especially after a prolonged period of drought. In the Winter of last year £23 was spent on repairs and £20 in the Spring, total £43 (total amount allocated for the two sections). I have in hands the same amount for the current financial year, but I think its expenditure in the present season would not be as effective as in the Winter or late Autumn."

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

713/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM CALHAME N.S. TO
URBAL N.S., DUNKINEELY DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Dr. M. McGettigan, Dunkineely, enclosing petition from the ratepayers of the townlands of Loughmilt and Calhame complaining of the condition of the road leading from Calhame National School to Urbal National School. At some parts this road was so narrow that two carts could only pass with difficulty. The road was rough and uneven, and, if allowed to remain in its present condition, would be impassable during the winter months.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is a third-class County Road two miles long, unrolled. It is not correct to state that it has had no repair for some time past. It is on contract and it was lined, cleaned, and surfaced with 100 tons of stone in the last financial year. As it is a long and difficult road to maintain, I increased the allocation last year from £15 to £25. I am contemplating provision for this road in Employment Schemes Vote for the current financial year."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

714/39. LAYING OF UNDERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE IN BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applying for permission to lay an underground telegraphic line along Castle Street, Main Street, and across the River Bridge from the Post Office to a point at the South side of the River Bridge, Ballyshannon.

The Council decided to grant the required permission.

715/39. LAYING OF OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE AT GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line along the Battery Bray Road from Greencastle Post Office to the Fort Hotel.

Permission was granted on condition that the poles be kept free of the carriageway, and on condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal, except in so far as State-aided Schemes and Schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas are concerned, to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

716/39. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES AT BALLINACARRICK, BALLINTRA.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Spence, Ballintra, stating that he was allowed a sum of £10 by the Council for land taken for road widening purposes at Ballinacarrick. The Council's workmen took more off the corner than was originally agreed upon, and he now claimed a further sum of £10 for the extra land taken.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, reports as follows:-

"As you are aware P. Molloy and you set out the line of new roadway in the presence of Mr. Spence telling him that in addition due allowance would have to be made for the slope. As far as I can see, and Mr. Molloy agrees, no land was taken other than that set out by you. At the Ballyshannon end of the widening, Molloy was in the act of taking additional land, but I made him go back to the line originally agreed upon."

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

717/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, stating that nothing had yet been done as regards restoring the fence to its original condition or cleaning up the water-table. James Boyle and his son, Neil Boyle, had taken a high-handed action, and the Civic Guards should be brought on the ground to see that the fence was restored.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"As reported at the last Meeting of the County Council, Mr. James Boyle, Lackenagh, Burtonport, was served with a ten-day notice to remove the fence in question and restore it to its original position. I have since received a letter from Mr. Boyle acknowledging receipt of notice. He also states that the fence is only 20' feet in length and has been erected for the purpose of preventing trespass on his land. He states that he is willing to sign an agreement to permit the Council to widen the road adjoining his property. I have since, however, had the matter again investigated, and, as a result of a report received to-day from Mr. Dillon, I intend writing Mr. Boyle again and insisting that the fence be restored to its original position without further delay. If he does not do so, I will hand the matter over to the County Council's Solicitor."

The Council noted and approved of the report of the Acting County Surveyor.

718/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

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

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....£54 :13 : 4.

Michael Gallagher, Lognafoorey, Kilmaerenan..... £6 :19 : 5.

The Secretary stated that the Sub-Finance Committee had decided to defer action in the case of McGready until the 20th August next, on representations being made by Mrs. McGready. A promise of payment had also been made by Gallagher.

The Council noted the position.

719/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

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

William McCrossan, Milford.....	£5	:19	: 3.
Mrs. Mary Doherty, Glenmakee, Collin, Carndonagh.....	£3	: 9	: 4.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.....	£17	:16	: 0.
Reps. Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.....	£27	:19	: 3.
John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.....	£50	: 6	: 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.....	£2	: 1	: 6.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.....	£71	:10	: 0.
Daniel McEleney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.....	£5	: 6	: 6.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.....	£13	: 2	: 2.
Edward Shiels, Jun., Rooskey, Clonmany.....	£32	:13	: 9.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh.....	£9	:14	: 0.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.....	£28	:18	: 2.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.....	£28	: 8	: 0.

The Council decided to leave this matter in the hands of their Solicitor.

720/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES QUARRIED AT KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Patrick Ward, Keadue, Burtonport, referring to his complaint for non-payment for stones quarried at Keadue, Burtonport, which was before the Council at their March Meeting. The matter was then referred to Mr. O'Reilly for personal investigation, and he would be glad to know how the matter now stood.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme:-

"I again visited Mr. Ward and put to him the proposition at the end of my report on the same subject to the March Meeting of the Council. Mr. Ward was not altogether pleased with this suggested solution. As there appeared to be some doubt as to the amount of stone which did, in fact, go into the road leading to the Quarry, and as there appeared to be nothing to be gained by a "stone wall" attitude, which might prolong this rather minor dispute indefinitely, I suggested a compromise to Mr. Ward and he agreed. I agreed to pay Mr. Ward 25 tons @ 3s/3d, and 25 tons haulage @ 9d. provided he supplied the missing seven tons, and then let us cart away all the stone on the roadside. He agreed to this and I paid Ward on Paysheets for S.U.152 on the 17th June, 1939. I think you may, therefore, take it that the matter has been satisfactorily settled from both points of view."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

721/39. APPLICATION TO PURCHASE OLD TAR CONTAINERS.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGinley, N.T., Secretary, Gweedore G.A.A. Football Club, stating that the Club intended enclosing the Magheragallon Football pitch with corrugated iron, and they would be glad if they could obtain some old tar containers from the Council.

Councillor McClafferty proposed, and it was unanimously decided to sell to the Club the old tar containers required.

722/39. LOAN OF £1,300 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TARRING PLANT.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing Engrossment of Deed of Charge for execution by the Council in connection with the raising of a loan of £1,300 for the purchase of tarring plant.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to execute, under Seal, Deed of Charge in connection with the raising of a loan of £1,300 for the purchase of tarring plant.

723/39. COMPLAINT RE MAN IN RECEIPT OF BLIND PENSION BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

The Secretary read a letter purporting to be from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Sheskinarone, Dungloe, stating that Mickey Ban O'Donnell, Cragheyboyle, Dungloe, who was getting 10/- per week in respect of a blind pension, was getting steady work as a carter at Cragheyboyle with Gaffer McSorley under Phil McCauley. Was this right or just, or was it because he was a cousin of Phil McCauley?

The Secretary stated that he had acknowledged receipt of this letter to Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Sheskinarone, Dungloe, and had received a letter from Mr. O'Donnell stating that he was not the writer of the original letter.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme:-

"I investigated this matter and found the position to be as follows: Mr. Mickey Ban O'Donnell is getting a blind pension, but his sight is not altogether nil. He has been certified as having 6% efficiency by a specialist, and this apparently qualifies him for a pension. As Mr. O'Donnell has a wife and two children he had to depend on his private farming activities to augment his pension. This year he suffered some reverses in this direction, and one of the Dungloe Town merchants advanced him sufficient money to buy a horse and cart so that he might endeavour to get work on the local road schemes as a carter. He applied for work and the Ganger tried to discourage him, and I have every reason to believe that Mr. Phil McCauley did likewise. Mr. O'Donnell insisted that he was quite safe working on Schemes near his own home where he knew the terrain, and as the Ganger found it difficult to obtain carts near the site of the work he employed him."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that as soon as this matter was brought to his notice, Mr. O'Donnell's services were dispensed with.

The Council instructed the Acting County Surveyor not to employ in future any person in receipt of a blind pension.

724/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF HARBOUR AT BRUCKLESS.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Chestnutt, Owner and Skipper of the S.V. "Mill Bay" complaining of the condition of the Harbour at Bruckless. About two years ago he had great difficulty in berthing his boat at this Pier owing to the fact that a great deal of old rubbish, such as old road material and gravel had been thrown into the berthing-place. On the 22nd May last he again called at this Pier and found that the berthing-place was even in a worse condition as the rubbish had accumulated to such an extent that he was delayed for three days before he succeeded in getting alongside the Pier to discharge his cargo. The state of affairs at this Pier was due to the throwing-in to the berthing-place of road material by the Council's workmen. If the rubbish was not cleared away immediately he would claim damages for delay.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. Lennon:-

"I made a careful examination of Bruckless Harbour and can find no evidence of any old road material being deposited there. The road to the Pier is repaired by Direct Labour and no material was spread within ten yards of the berth. There is no doubt that ground seas are depositing silt and sand there, and to remedy this, dredging would be needed. I will proceed to have it cleaned at low tides if instructed. The Council's workmen were not on this section since February."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £20 from the Contingency Fund for the carrying out of the required work at this Pier.

The Council decided to grant the sum required from the Contingency Fund.

725/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE AT LOUGH VEAGH HOUSE, CHURCHILL, AND CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR TREES CUT DOWN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Johnstone, Lough Veagh House, Churchill, drawing attention to a matter concerning the entrance to her residence. During last winter the surfaceman removed a curved wall at the gate, and had made it straight, which, she considered, was very unsafe for traffic coming from her house. Several trees had also been cut away. She wanted the Council to have the wall left back in its former position, and the widening taken off the opposite side, and she claimed a sum of £6 for the loss of the trees.

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

"Having had many local requests to remove a dangerous corner at Gartan Bridge, I instructed the surfaceman to ask Mrs. Johnstone's permission to set back a wall on her grounds on the understanding that no compensation would be paid. The surfaceman got this permission, and the corner was widened by removing five or six trees and setting back the wall. Mrs. Johnstone was not satisfied with the position of her entrance gate when this had been done, and I then offered her £3 to enable her to re-locate the gate and its piers to suit herself, and also to include compensation for the trees. There was no doubt whatever that permission to widen was given without question of compensation. Mrs. Johnstone should have considered the question of the effect of widening the corner on her entrance before giving us permission to proceed. Actually her contention that the widening has made the entrance unsafe for traffic coming from her house is untenable. The reverse is the case as visibility is improved in all directions. I suggest that Mrs. Johnstone be allowed to take any further action she likes in this matter."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for personal investigation and report for next Meeting of the Council.

726/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO PREMISES ON THE BALLYBOFEY-DONEGAL ROAD OWING TO THE CARRYING OUT OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph P. O'Callaghan, Clar-Loughesko, Donegal, stating that road improvements were being carried out on the Donegal-Ballybofey Road at Barnes Gap. On parts of the road the sides were being raised, whilst on other parts the entire width of the road was being covered. Part of the road repaired ran through the lands and past the business premises of the late John Callaghan, of which he was the Administrator. The street in front of the business premises had an incline of three or four inches from the door towards the road. About four feet deep of the street was, before the repairs to the road, on a level with the adjoining portion of the road. The repairs carried out had now risen the road until it was on a level with the floor of the business premises, and, consequently, left a large runnel running alongside the full length of the street. All water falling on the road flowed on to the street. The road on the side nearest the business premises had not even been tarred to the same width as the road either before entering, or after leaving, the section adjoining the street. He had drawn the attention of the Ganger and Mr. Cunningham to this matter on several occasions, but nothing had been done. If the matter was not repaired to his satisfaction within fourteen days he would have recourse to law, not to have the runnel filled and the flow of water stopped, but to have the road lifted and re-laid at its former level.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. M. F. Cunningham:-

"In my opinion nothing was done there to cause the writing of such a scurrilous letter, nor has the writer any cause of complaint as to the manner in which the work was carried out."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had himself inspected the road and it was untrue to say that it was on the same level with the floor of the business premises.

Councillor McIvor stated that he had recently been on this road, and he thought the Council's Survey Staff should be congratulated on the manner in which it had been repaired.

The Council unanimously decided to take no action in the matter.

727/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A BYRE ALONGSIDE THE COUNTY ROAD IN GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Rogers, Glenties, applying for permission to build a byre in his own back yard. He believed that some person had complained that he was building too near the public road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had received the following letter from Mr. Kearney:-

"Mr. Patrick Rogers intends to build a byre alongside the County Road that leads off Glenties Street to Carrickbrack. The number of the road is 82, April 1938, Map No. 1492. I told Rogers that the building had to be kept 30 feet off the centre of the road. He said that he would apply to the Council for permission to build beside the road as it was a road of very little importance. The County Road is 18' wide."

The Council decided to adjourn this matter until next Meeting; the Acting County Surveyor to make a personal inspection of the place in the meantime.

728/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT DWELLING-HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE OF CULDAFF.

A letter was read from Mr. John Hegarty, Croragh, Culdaff, applying for permission to erect a dwelling-house in Culdaff village within 30 feet from the centre of the public road on the site of an old dwelling-house.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the erection of this building.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the required permission.

729/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT GARAGE AT FAHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Christopher Farrell, Fahan, enclosing drawings of a garage which he intended erecting at his residence at Fahan, and applying for the necessary permission.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting; Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, to inspect the site in the meantime.

730/39. COMPLAINT RE ACCUMULATION OF WATER ON THE STREET AT CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, referring to previous correspondence regarding the accumulation of water on Creeslough Street, and in particular to the Council's Minute of the 25th April, 1939. They regretted and were surprised to learn from Mr. Doherty, one of the affected parties, that this matter had not received attention, in spite of the fact that Mr. McIvor reported that he was making proper provision for drainage. All that was done was to empty a few loads of gravel and this had made the position worse than ever. The water had been within a few yards of the ventilators of Mr. Doherty's house, causing dampness in the house.

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

"When surfacing Creeslough Street I instructed the Ganger to put a grating on an old stone drain which crosses underneath the street. This was objected to on the ground that the drain carried sewerage and would give rise to an objectionable smell. I told the Ganger not to proceed. On investigation I found that the water which lodges outside Mr. Doherty's and which I intended to release into the old tail drain formerly ran into a tail drain on the site of the Misses Colhoun's new house. I understand the Misses Colhoun raised the site and thus blocked the tail drain. I think Mr. Doherty must be aware of what has caused water to accumulate recently, and that he should take action against whoever closed the tail drain. The alternative is for the Council to open the drain or put a grating on the old sewer."

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

731/39. CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO LANDING FACILITIES AT MUCKROSS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th May, 1939, C.87.39/1/36, referring to the proposal for the provision of improved facilities at Muckross, Co. Donegal, in respect of which a grant not exceeding £386 from the Employment Schemes Vote was sanctioned towards the construction of a breakwater and formation of an approach road. The question of the most suitable method of executing the works had been under consideration, following a report from their Engineer. They held the view that the better course for them would be to restrict their operations to the actual marine engineering work, and that the Council, in view of their existing organisation for road work, should undertake the execution of that portion of the Scheme which provided for the formation of a suitable approach down to the breakwater. They would be glad to learn if the Council would fall in with the proposal and arrange to put the approach road work in hand in the near future. Out of the estimate of £515 which had been prepared in respect of the entire works, a sum of £45 was provided for the proposed approach, and in the event of the Council deciding to undertake this portion of the Scheme a payment of that amount would be made to them on completion of the work.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"If the County Council are agreeable we are quite prepared to undertake the portion of the Scheme dealing with the proposed approach road at Muckross referred to in the letter of the Office of Public Works dated 30th May, 1939."

The Council unanimously decided to agree to carry out the construction of the proposed approach road.

732/39. APPLICATION FROM ROAD CONTRACTOR TO BE RELEASED FROM CONTRACT, OWING TO SHORTAGE IN TONNAGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Meenadinna, Glenties, stating that he took a contract in February, 1938, for 400 perches of a road leading from the Main Road, Straboy, to the C.D.B. Road, Drinconeose. The tonnage required was 80 tons. The material was measured on the 12th October, 1938, and he heard no more about it until he was notified by Mr. Kearney in December that he was 28 tons short, and instructing him to supply gravel for blinding. He did supply 10 tons which was not mentioned in the contract. Had he been notified in time that he was short in the required tonnage of metal he would have made good the difference. The quantity required in former years for this contract was 110 tons. He could not afford to work for nothing, and, in the circumstances, he respectfully asked the Council to relieve him of the contract.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I would ask to have this matter adjourned pending a personal inspection as I am not satisfied that this contractor should not be entered for prosecution for a breach of contract."

The Council decided to adjourn this matter until next Meeting; Mr. O'Reilly to make a personal inspection in the meantime.

733/39. SHORTAGES IN AMOUNTS OF TONNAGE PUT UP BY CONTRACTORS.

Arising out of the foregoing Minute, Councillor McIvor proposed, Councillor McClafferty seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to instruct the Surveyors to notify all Contractors of any shortages in the amounts of tonnage put up for measurement.

734/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF BOG ROAD IN UPPER MEENBANAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Ward (Charles), Upper Keadue, Meenbanad, applying for a grant for the making of a Bog Road in Upper Meenbanad.

The Council decided to refer Mr. Ward to the Office of Public Works, Dublin.

735/39. ERECTION OF LOCK-UP SHED IN THE YARD OF THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD, FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew McIntyre, County Librarian, Lifford, stating that the Library Committee had decided to request the County Council to erect for the use of the Library, a small lock-up shed in the County House yard, size 6½' x 8½'.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Council unanimously decided to have the shed erected.

736/39. ALTERATIONS TO TELEGRAPH POLES ON THE CREESLOUGH-CASHELMORE ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that owing to road widening on the Creeslough-Cashelmore Road two telegraph poles would require to be moved back as they would be dangerous to traffic. As the road widening in question was being done with the aid of a Government Grant, the cost incurred would be charged to the Council in due course.

The Council noted the letter.

737/39. COMPLAINT FROM DOWNINGS DISTRICT RE BEING REFUSED WORK ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Shiels, Downings, stating that the Council made a false return to the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding his employment, and, as the Council at their last Meeting, decided to take no action in the matter, he intended handing the case to a Solicitor.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. McIvor:-

"I am not aware in what way we made a false return. Does Mr. Shiels mean that we made a false return of the dates of his employment with us? If so, the matter can be easily checked."

The Council noted the report and decided to take no action in the matter. (398/39 G.C. and 613/39 G.C.)

738/39. OFFER TO SUPPLY ROAD MATERIAL TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Miss Bella Carr, Downings Bay, Downings, offering to sell the Council about 300 tons of mixed clay and gravel from a quarry on her lands convenient to the road. It was of a much better quality than the material which was being used on the roads in that locality by the surfacemen.

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

739/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING OFF THE MAIN CASHEL AND FAHAN ROAD, CARNDONAGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Con McDermott, Coill, Carndonagh, referring to Minute No. 638/39 regarding the road leading off the Main Cashel and Fahan Road, which the Surveyors could not trace as a County Road. He was the last contractor on this road, and he held the contract about 1922 or 1923. He received £5 for the contract, which was a repair one. Messrs. John Kane, Sludden, Carndonagh; Patrick McLaughlin, Sludden, Carndonagh; and James McLaughlin, Sludden, Carndonagh, also contracted for this road.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have had the books for 1922 and 1923 looked up but can find no trace of any contract held by Mr. McDermott, or any contract answering the description or points of the road in question."

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

740/39. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY AT GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph McLoone, Grocer, Glenties, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in connection with a road opening.

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The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

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The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

741/39. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROAD AT GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McCormick, L.D.S.I., 25, Clarendon Street, Derry, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in July, 1938, in connection with the opening of a roadway at Greencastle. The road was not opened at the time.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the deposit had been refunded.

742/39. PROTEST FROM BALLINTRA DISTRICT AGAINST NEW HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT FIXED BY THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McCauley, Jun., Secretary, Ballintra Workers' Rights Association, stating that at a large and representative meeting of road workers held on the 18th June, a protest was made against the new hours of employment fixed by the Council. Men were deprived of the opportunity of attending to their crops, which was helpful owing to the high cost of living. The Association wished to have the former hours of working restored, but they would make no protest if the working hours of men looking after tarred roads were altered from what they formerly were.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. M. F. Cunningham:-

"The large and representative meeting of the road workers held on the 18th June was, as far as I can gather, hatched in the fertile brain of Mr. Edward McCauley, Jun., Ballintra. I have asked three of our road workers residing around Ballintra and they neither attended nor heard of such a meeting having been held on the above, or any other date, to protest against the new working hours as fixed by the County Council."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

743/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT TULLYEARL, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, enclosing petition from ratopayers of the townland of Tullyearl, Donegal, asking the Council to place the road passing through the townland of Tullyearl and connecting the said townland with the Main Donegal-Ballyshannon Road at Ardlenagh Bridge on their records as a County Road, and have same placed in good and proper repair for use by foot, cart, and other vehicles.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. Cunningham:-

"A section of the road in question, No. 1938, is in bad repair, i.e. the end of same from the Main Road, Drumgowan, to the sea at Ardlenagh. At the sea end of this section there is a double ope pipe, (opes 18" x 18") to carry away the water flowing alongside the road. This pipe is 118 feet in length. Some 18 or 20 years ago an abnormal storm or cloudburst destroyed this pipe tearing away the roadway for a distance of 156 feet and to an average depth of about 4 feet. At the time, I drew the County Surveyor's attention to the case, but nothing was done as there was no traffic on road. It will take about £50 to repair the damage. From that section across the sloblands to the townland of Tullyearl is not a County Road. If a new road was constructed, a huge battery wall would be required to keep back the tide. The old battery wall was swept away in 1880."

As there were no funds available, the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

744/39. BREAKING OF CONTRACTS - INISHOWEN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Messrs. Patrick Douglas and Eugene McCarron, Malin, asking the Council to release them from the following Contracts:-

No. 145, April 1938.

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The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that his Assistant reported that these contracts should be broken for the sake of the contracts themselves. The Council unanimously decided to break the contracts.

745/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO SLIEVEBAWN,
MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mr. James P. Doherty, Slievebawn, Malin Head, complaining of the condition of the road leading to Slievebawn, of which he complained last year. It is in a worse condition now than ever.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road. It did not connect two County Roads and could not, therefore, be declared a County Road.

746/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE TOWNLAND OF
GLASSERCHOO, MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Joe McGee, Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh, complaining of the condition of the roads in the townland of Glasserchoo. They were in a hopeless condition.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. McIvor:-

"The only County Roads in Glasserchoo are Nos. 467 and 468. In both cases I have had to terminate contracts. No. 468 is at present under repair, Direct Labour, and No. 467 will also be repaired by Direct Labour. Mr. McGee may be under the impression that many of the other roads in this townland are under the County."

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

747/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO KILLYDONNELL
GRAVEYARD, RAMELTON.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Hannigan, Kiln Lane, Ramelton, stating that in December last he complained of the condition of the road leading into Killydonnell Graveyard. Nothing had since been done to the road. The surface was overgrown with grass, and owing to the briars on both sides of the road it was impossible for a person to pass without getting his clothes torn. As this was a mixed burying-ground, and if it was not attended to immediately, he would get the Clergymen of the different Churches to report the matter to the Minister for Local Government.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting for a report from the Acting County Surveyor.

748/39. MR. A. N. DILLON, RESIDENT ENGINEER, ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the retention for a further period of the services of Mr. A. N. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the retention of Mr. Dillon's services for a further period not exceeding three months. (L.G.D.'s ref. R/RS/7, 15th May, 1939.)

749/39. CONTINUANCE OF THE SERVICES OF MR. PATRICK J. SWEENEY, B.E.,
AND MR. MICHAEL J. McDaid, B.E., ENGINEERS ENGAGED ON
ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the retention of the services of Mr. Patrick J. Sweeney, B.E., and Mr. Michael J. McDaid, B.E., Engineers engaged on Roads (Rural) Schemes, for a further period, not exceeding six months.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the continuance of the services of Messrs. Sweeney and McDaid for a further period not exceeding six months, with remuneration at the rate of £5 : 5 : 0 per week; the appointments to be terminable by a week's notice on either side.

(L.G.D.'s ref. R/RS/7, 17th May, 1939.)

750/39.

GLENTIES COURTHOUSE.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £10 for the repair of Glenties Courthouse.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Mr. O'Reilly's application.

751/39.

CONTINGENCY FUND--NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund, Northern Division:-
Lifford Area.

To repair side of Road No. 1419..... £10.

To repair breach on Road No. 1419a..... £8.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Mr. Caffrey's application.

752/39.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD NO. 7, ARDMALIN
ELECTORAL DIVISION, INISHOWEN AREA.

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

"Regarding Road No. 7, Ardmalin Electoral Division, I had a letter from Mr. O'Neill on the morning on which the Agenda is made out, asking me to make an application for £300 to repair this road as it was cracking.

The road in question, for a distance of about 450 yards, is sitting up on a turf bank, and is only 8 or 9 feet wide. It leads to an Hotel and Licensed Premises. There is another approach to the premises from Bree, over a road which was made up recently, and on which a considerable sum of money out of a Relief Grant was spent.

I could not see any signs of cracking in the road, but it had been partly coated with gravel the day before. The road is sometimes used by excursion parties in buses in the Summer time. The only cracks I could see were surface cracks which can be seen on any pie crust bog road subjected to fairly heavy traffic in dry weather. Owing to its narrowness and the fact that there is a drop of 6 feet or so into the fields on either side it is not suitable for bus traffic, as nothing else can pass a bus travelling on it. It is a County Road. Mr. O'Neill has put notices at each end stating that the road is unsafe for heavy vehicles. As even if the turf banks were cut away a proper foundation could still not be found, the re-making of the road at a lower level would be very expensive, and a sum of £300, even if it were available, would not complete the work. I would estimate the amount required to re-make the road to a proper width at over £1,000, and the money is not available."

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor McDaid seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to ask the Local Government Department for a grant of £2,000 for the re-making of this road; and also to request the Irish Tourist Association to use their good offices in the matter.

753/39.

BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS - AILEACH DISTRICT.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, asked the Council to have the following Road Contracts broken:-
Aileach Area.

No. 66, April 1938, Map No. 917, Columba Campbell.

No. 91, April 1938, Map No. 946, Columba Campbell.

No. 69, April 1938, Map No. 940, William Curran.

No. 72, April 1938, Map No. 939, William Curran.

The Council unanimously decided to break the contracts.

754/39.

BOILER ON ROLLER NO. 26/86924.

A letter was read from the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., College Green, Dublin, stating that the Boiler on Roller No. 26/86924 had recently developed a serious crack in the uptake about 5 inches above the water line. The Boiler could be repaired by drawing the tubes and removing the top-end plate attachment rivets.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

755/39.

BOILERS IN BUNCRAHA AND CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSES.

A letter was read from the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., College Green, Dublin, reporting on the Heating Boilers in Courthouses, and stating that they were all in good order, except Buncrana and Carndonagh, on which the following reports had been made:-

Buncrana.

G.I. Sectional Heating Boiler; in good order but the Radiator in Courthouse which was recently repaired has again cracked in several places. This, of course, should be renewed.

Carndonagh.

New rear flue casting should be fitted.

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

756/39.

PURCHASE OF TAR BOILERS.

A letter was read from the Federation of Irish Manufacturers, Ltd., 3, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, stating that they understood that Messrs. Gilbert Bros., Navan, had tendered for tar boilers. Prejudice had been shown by a number of County Councils to the Irish firm making these goods, though not in the case of the Donegal County Council. The tariff on these goods was hardly adequate as the importer frequently made very little profit on his sales by selling goods not made in Ireland at relatively higher profits at the same time. Therefore, on these occasions Messrs. Gilbert Bros. had to rely on the patriotic feeling of public institutions for assistance as their prices were about the same as the English prices.

The Council noted the letter.

757/39.

COMPLAINT FROM EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE, LETTERKENNY, RE GANGER PATRICK MCGINLEY.

A letter was read from the Employment Exchange, Letterkenny, stating that a case occurred recently where three men - Charles McBride, Patrick McBride (John), and John McBride (Pat), all of Devlinreagh, Carrigart, were brought under notice for failure to report for employment on the 6th March, 1939, at Tullagh. In the course of investigations it transpired that Ganger Patrick McGinley "excused" the men from taking up the employment offered to them on account of the distance of the site of employment from their homes. The Ganger exceeded his authority by excusing the men and he should be suitably instructed.

The Council noted the letter.

758/39.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT HOUSE AT CABRY, QUIGLEY'S POINT, WITHIN PROPER DISTANCE OF CENTRE OF COUNTY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. James Bonner, Builder and Contractor, Moville, stating that he was building a house in the townland of Cabry, Quigley's Point, on the right-hand side of the Main Road leading from Derry to Moville. He could not get further back than 23 feet from the centre of the road, and he requested the Council to grant him permission to proceed with the work.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

759/39.

SOCIAL CREDIT BUREAU, DUBLIN.

A letter was read from the Social Credit Bureau, Dublin, drawing the Council's attention to a motion passed by the Legislature of Manitoba by 28 votes to 19 votes, on April 13th, 1939. They suggested that the Council would perform a useful public service by presenting the Government with a similar demand calling on them to instruct the appropriate institutions forthwith to order their methods of administration in such a way that the material and social welfare which this country and its people were physically capable of producing should be made also financially possible.

The Council noted the letter.

760/39.

SEPARATIST CLUB, DUBLIN -- PROPOSED BOYCOTT OF ENGLAND.

A letter was read from the Separatist Club, Dublin, enclosing statement on partition, and advocating a stringent economic boycott of England. The Irish people must assert themselves and insist on a daily and intensive use of the Irish Radio Station in the Anti-Partition Campaign. Protestants in the Twenty-Six Counties should be prevailed upon to make their proper contribution to the Anti-Partition Campaign. The Council should use on all correspondence the Anti-Partition Stamps which had been issued by the Derry Anti-Partitionists.

After some discussion, the Council decided to note the matter.

761/39.

MR. WILLIAM O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry Boggs, Bree, Malin, enclosing petition from ratepayers demanding the attention of the Council to the state of the roads in the area under the supervision of Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and requesting that a Surveyor be appointed who would understand his work and do it honestly. Refusal of this request would end in rebellion and non-payment of rates.

The Secretary stated that the petition was signed by about 200 persons.

A lengthy discussion on the matter ensued, in which the following Councillors took part:-- Councillors McDaid, Friel, Lynch, Blaney, Scott, McIvor, Mahony, and Houston.

Councillor Scott proposed that Mr. O'Neill be transferred to some other District in the County, and Councillor Friel seconded his proposal.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the Local Government Department be requested to investigate the position in the District, and Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Houston proposed that Mr. O'Neill be given another six months, and that if the conditions in the district were not improved at the end of that period that he be dismissed.

The proposals were all subsequently withdrawn, and it was unanimously agreed to inform Mr. O'Neill that the Council took very serious notice of the complaint received, and also of his failure to attend the County Council Meeting or to submit an explanation to the Secretary, as he knew the matter would be under discussion that day.

It was also decided to adjourn the matter until the next Meeting of the Council on the 25th July, 1939, and to ask Mr. O'Neill to attend that Meeting.

762/39.

RESIGNATION OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 17th June, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that it was noted from the Secretary's letter of the 6th June that Mr. Patrick Dawson had been granted further leave of absence for one month, and asking to be informed if Mr. Dawson resumed duty at the expiration of that period.

The Secretary read a letter which he had received from Mr. Dawson inquiring on what date his sick leave expired, so that he might send in his resignation as Assistant Surveyor.

Councillor Mahony stated that this letter was intended by Mr. Dawson as his resignation, and he proposed that Mr. Dawson's resignation from the position of Assistant Surveyor be accepted with regret.

He paid a tribute to Mr. Dawson's services as an Official of the Council for almost forty years, during which time he had given entire satisfaction to everyone concerned.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal of Councillor Mahony, and joined in the tribute to Mr. Dawson, as did also Councillor Scott, Mr. Gaffrey, Acting County Surveyor, and the Secretary.

It was decided to refer the question of Mr. Dawson's Superannuation Allowance to the Sub-Finance Committee, and to refer the question of filling the vacancy to the Local Appointments Commissioners; the salary scale for the new appointment to be the same as that of the other Assistant Surveyors in the County, i.e. £250 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £400 per annum.

Mr. Dawson's resignation was accepted with regret.

Confirmed

E. Mahony
Chairman of County Council
25th July, 1939.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1939.

763/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

764/39.

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

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

765/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th June, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

766/39.

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

Councillor McIvor proposed the adoption of the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 27th June, 1939.

Councillor McClafferty seconded.

The Secretary pointed out that the Sheep Dipping Committee, at their Meeting that morning, had recommended that sheep-owners who wished to dip in the Council's Baths and to use their own dip be allowed to do so, provided the dip was a dip approved by the Minister for Agriculture.

Accordingly, Regulation No. 5 should be altered to read as follows:- "Dip approved by the Minister for Agriculture shall be used in all cases."

The Committee's Report of the 27th June, 1939, was adopted unanimously, and it was also decided to adopt Regulations, under Seal; Regulation No. 5 having been altered as recommended by the Committee.

767/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th June, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 18th July, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

768/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 18th July, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

769/39.

L I S T O F P A Y M E N T S F O R T H E Q U A R T E R E N D E D 3 0 T H J U N E , 1 9 3 9.

The List of Payments for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1939, was submitted, and payment ordered as recommended by the Finance Committee.

770/39.

S A L E O F L A N D S B Y T H E I R I S H L A N D C O M M I S S I O N.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Carndonagh on the 12th July, 1939, of lands in Meenaleavin, now or formerly in the occupation of William McElhinney.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Carndonagh on the 12th July, 1939, of lands in Aghaglasson, now or formerly in the occupation of Hugh Harkin.

771/39. PROPOSED REFUND OF MOTOR TAX TO MR. A. N. DILLON, RESIDENT ENGINEER, ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd June, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister saw no reason to alter the decision conveyed in his letter of the 16th May regarding refund of Motor Tax to Mr. A. N. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme.

772/39. RETENTION OF SERVICES OF MR. A. N. DILLON AS RESIDENT ENGINEER, ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th July, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention of the services of Mr. A. N. Dillon as Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme, for a further period not exceeding three months upon the terms previously sanctioned.

773/39. PAYMENT OF FEES IN CONNECTION WITH ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd June, 1939, R/RS/7, referring to the Council's Minute No. 517/39, and stating that the authority for payment of fees in connection with the Roads (Rural) Schemes was confined to permanent members of the County Survey Staff.

774/39. RETENTION OF SERVICES OF TEMPORARY ENGINEERS IN CONNECTION WITH ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th July, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention up to 31st December, 1939, of Messrs. P. J. Sweeney and M. J. McDaid as Engineers in connection with the Employment Schemes upon the terms previously sanctioned.

775/39. RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD LEADING AROUND LOUGH ESKE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd June, 1939, RGR/7/10, requesting a reply to the Department's letter of the 31st May regarding the re-construction of the road leading around Lough Eske.

776/39. LICENSING OF VEHICLE I.H.1822, THE PROPERTY OF REV. JOHN J. TIMONEY, FORMERLY OF BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th June, 1939, M.T.7./Rfd., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 11th May and enclosure relative to the licensing of Vehicle I.H. 1822, the property of Rev. John J. Timoney, formerly of Ballyshannon, and stating that there was no provision for a refund of motor licence duty in the circumstances.

777/39. ORDER AMENDING AND MODIFYING THE DONEGAL COUNTY SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th June, 1939, P.81/1939, Ilgh., enclosing, for the Council's information, a copy of the Order made by the Minister on the 2nd May, 1939, amending and modifying the County Scheme in accordance with his notice of the 21st December, 1938.

778/39. COST-OF-LIVING BONUS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st July, 1939, G.79/39, stating that the cost-of-living bonus for the period from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1939, would be based on an average cost-of-living figure of 75.

779/39. AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE TWO HALF-YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1938.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th July, 1939, A.17448/39, Dun na nGall., enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the County Council for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1938.

780/39. ROADS ADMINISTRATION AND STATISTICS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 4th July, 1939, R/42/39, requesting the submission of particulars relating to Roads Administration and Statistics required in the Department's Circular letter of the 31st March last.

781/39. GRANT IN AID OF MAINTENANCE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th July, 1939, stating that a Payable Order for £2,600 had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer, being payment on account in respect of the cost of maintenance of Mental Hospital patients in the year 1938/39.

782/39. EXPENDITURE INCURRED UPON SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS, ETC., DURING THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th July, 1939, stating that a Payable Order for £1,451 in respect of proportion of expenditure incurred upon salaries of Medical Officers, etc., during the year ending 30th September, 1939; and a Payable Order for £220 in respect of proportion of expenditure incurred upon salaries of Sanitary Officers in the same period, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

783/39. ESTATE DUTY GRANT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th July, 1939, stating that arrangements had been made for the distribution of the balance of the Estate Duty Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1939. The share of County Donegal amounted to £967 :15 : 1, made up as follows:-

As Road Authority.....	£489 :18 : 7.
As Poor Law Authority.....	£477 :16 : 6.

784/39. ERECTION OF NEW HOUSE BY MR. MICHAEL McGUINNESS, KILLYBEGS. REASON FOR NON-PAYMENT OF HOUSING GRANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th July, 1939, A.011879, Dun na nGall. HBF., referring to the Secretary's letter regarding Housing Grant in connection with the erection of a new house by Mr. Michael McGuinness, Killybegs, and stating that no grant could be paid in this instance in view of the fact that the total floor area of the house as built exceeded 1,250 square feet; the maximum allowable in houses qualifying for grants under the Acts.

785/39. CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL ISSUED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th June, 1939, H.No. 306, Dun na nGall. (HBF.), stating that the Certificate of Approval issued under the Housing Acts to Mr. John Loughrey, Drung Lower, Quigley's Point, in respect of the erection of his house had been cancelled.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th June, 1939, stating that the Certificate of Approval issued under the Housing Acts to Mr. Thomas E. Kee, Meenagrave, Welchtown, in respect of the reconstruction of his house had been cancelled.

786/39. GWEEBARRA BRIDGE - REPRESENTATIONS FOR A GRANT FOR REPAIR.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association dated 7th July, 1939, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution regarding Gweebarra Bridge, and stating that they would take an early opportunity of making special representations to the Local Government Department on the lines suggested by the Council.

787/39. ROAD NO. 7, ARDMALIN ELECTORAL DIVISION - REPRESENTATIONS FOR A GRANT FOR REPAIR.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association dated 7th July, 1939, acknowledging receipt of the Council's Minute regarding Road No. 7, Ardmalin Electoral Division, and stating that they would take an early opportunity of making special representations to the Local Government Department on the lines suggested by the Council.

788/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from Councillor Brian O'Donnell thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy in his recent bereavement.

789/39. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture asking to be furnished with Forms T. 2/3. in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Messrs. Mick Doherty, Gortnamullin, Ballygorman; and Dan McGlinchey, Corradoocoy, Killygordon.

790/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPLICATION FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANT.

An acknowledgment was submitted of an application for a Minor Relief Grant for work at the road leading off the Main Cashel and Fahan Road, Carndonagh District.

791/39. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUNTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leightheadh litir ó Roinn Rialghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíche faoi dhata an 14adú Iúil, 1939, G.904/7/39, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire Rialghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíche airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 i gcoir costaisí roatha sealadacha. Bhí an t-udaras seo dleagthach suas go dtí 31adú la de'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Lughnasa, 1939.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrafadh coad an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dtí an 31adú Lughnasa, 1939.

792/39. CLOSING OF ROAD AT LETTERCRAN, PETTIGO, AND ESTIMATE OF COST OF IMPROVING ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

Councillor Brady referred to a crux which, he stated, had arisen in the Pettigo District during the past three or four weeks.

The British Customs Authorities had stopped the transport of cattle on a road at Lettercran, Pettigo, which meant that cattle could not be taken from one part of Eire to another part. The Customs Authorities maintained that this road was being used for smuggling purposes.

He proposed that the Acting County Surveyor be instructed to make an inspection of the alternative route, and submit an estimate of the cost of putting this alternative route into repair. Father McCormick, Pettigo, or Mr. Cunningham, N.T., Lettercran, could explain the local circumstances to the Acting County Surveyor.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

793/39.

VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - MILFORD AREA.

A letter dated 13th July, 1939, was read from the Local Appointments Commission in connection with the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for Milford Area, and stating that the salary for the permanent appointment had not yet been sanctioned, and the Commissioners were unable to advertise the position.

A letter dated 20th July, 1939, was read from Mr. Hugh Quigley, who had been acting temporarily as Veterinary Inspector in the Milford Area, tendering his resignation as Veterinary Inspector as from the 24th July, as he was taking up a full-time appointment under the Department of Agriculture on the 25th July.

Mr. Edward O'Hagan, M.R.O.V.S., late of Badenheath Park, Molensburn, Glasgow, had taken over the private practice in Milford, and would be available for the carrying out of the Council's work in the District.

Councillor Baxter stated that Mr. T. A. McClintock, V.S., Dungloe, the Council's Veterinary Inspector in the Glenties District, was anxious to be transferred to the Milford Area, and he proposed that Mr. McClintock be appointed as Veterinary Inspector for the Milford District, and that the Local Appointments Commissioners be requested to recommend a person for appointment to the Glenties District.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal of Councillor Baxter.

After some discussion, Councillor Baxter withdrew his proposal, and it was unanimously decided to fill the vacancy in the Milford District by transfer under the Local Authorities (Officers' and Employees) Act, 1926; the advertisement to be issued for the next Meeting of the Council.

It was also unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Edward O'Hagan to carry out the duties in the District, pending the making of a permanent appointment.

794/39.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th July, 1939, RGE/201/39, stating that a provisional allocation had been made on the basis of 40 per cent. of the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads for 1939/40, and on this basis the amount to be allocated to the Council for the current financial year had been fixed at £13,332.

795/39.

ALTERATIONS TO TELEGRAPH POLES ON THE DUNGLOE-BURTONPORT ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, referring to the removal of telegraph poles on the Dungloe-Burtonport Road owing to the carrying out of road improvements, and stating that as the road improvements in question were being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant the cost incurred by the Department in the matter would be charged to the Council in due course.

796/39.

SANCTIONS TO EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th July, 1939, 19134/1939, extending until the 31st August, 1939, the time within which the Council might pay a sum of £63 : 10 : 1 to Messrs. McGreath, Taylor & Co., Ltd.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th July, 1939, 20474/39, stating that the Minister had extended until the 30th September, 1939, the time within which the Council might pay a sum of £1 : 12 : 0 to Messrs. Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd., Dublin.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th July, 1939, 20474/39, stating that the Minister had extended until the 30th September, 1939, the time within which the Council might pay a sum of £5 : 5 : 2 to Mr. Denis Boyle (Con), Loughanure, Annagry.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th June, 1939, G.19135/39, stating that the Minister raised no objection to the issue of a fresh Paying Order in lieu of Order No. 12111 for 4/- to Mr. Peter Greene, and of Order No. 22560 for £2 : 6 : 7 to Mr. Michael Forker.

797/39. TERMINATION OF THE WARBLE FLY TREATMENT PERIOD.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 29th June, 1939, L.2423-39, stating that arrangements should be made by the Council for terminating the employment of the Warble Fly Inspectors on the 7th July, 1939, on which date the prescribed treatment period ended.

798/39. BORROWING OF LOAN NOT EXCEEDING £215 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE RE-LAYING OF THE WATER MAINS AT THE MULLANS END OF DONEGAL TOWN.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £215 for the completion of the re-laying of the water mains at the Mullans end of Donegal Town."

799/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £630 FOR THE COMPLETION OF ROSSNAKILL WATER SUPPLY.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of an additional sum of £630 for the provision of a water supply at Rosanakill."

800/39. APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

Applications for extensions of time for payment of out-of-date accounts were received from the following:-

<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Date of original Paying Order.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
The Northern Bank, Ltd., Raphoe.	29th November, 1938.	£2 : 13 : 4.
Thomas Dugan, Brockagh, St. Johnston.	29th November, 1938.	£2 : 12 : 0.
The Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Raphoe.	29th November, 1938.	£6 : 0 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for permission to issue fresh Paying Orders in these cases.

801/39. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was received from Mr. Teague Breslin, Merchant, Ardara.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licence to Mr. Breslin.

802/39. STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AT DUNGLOE BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 14th July, 1939, 65/57/5, stating that the Irish Land Commission had informed the Minister for Justice that they applied to the County Council for a licence in respect of an Explosives Store at Dungloe, but that the Council were not prepared to issue such a licence until they had evidence that the Store complied with the Explosives Act. The Store had been inspected by the Inspector of Explosives who reported that it complied with the requirements of the Explosives Act, 1875, and the regulations made thereunder, and that it was suitable for the storage of 150 lbs. of explosives.

The Council unanimously decided to issue a certificate in respect of the Irish Land Commission's premises at Dungloe for the keeping of explosives.

803/39. APPLICATION BY THE GLENTOWN SLATE QUARRIES, LTD., ST. JOHNSTON, TO HAVE THEIR PREMISES REGISTERED FOR THE KEEPING OF EXPLOSIVES.

An application was submitted from the Glentown Slate Quarries, Ltd., St. Johnston, to have their premises registered for the keeping of explosives.

The Council unanimously decided to refer this matter to the Department of Justice for their approval.

804/39. CONTINUANCE OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF MR. SEAN MULREANY AS ASSISTANT SURVEYOR IN THE MILFORD AREA.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to continue the temporary employment of Mr. Sean Mulreany as Assistant Surveyor in the Milford Area pending the making of a permanent appointment.

805/39. APPLICATION FROM MR. J. G. McIVOR, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, DUNFANAGHY, FOR TRANSFER TO THE MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, Dunfanaghy, asking to be transferred to the District lately held by Mr. Patrick Dawson.

Councillor Baxter proposed that Mr. McIvor be transferred to the Milford Area when the Local Appointments Commissioners recommend a person for appointment to the vacant Assistant Surveyorship, on condition that Mr. McIvor reside in the town of Milford.

Councillor McIvor seconded the motion.

Councillor McClafferty supported the motion, and stated that he would be very sorry to lose the services of Mr. McIvor in the Dunfanaghy Area.

Councillor Brady opposed the proposal of Councillor Baxter. He stated that there were Surveyors longer in their service than Mr. McIvor, who might wish to apply for a transfer to the Milford Area.

He then proposed, as an amendment, and Councillor Scott seconded that all the Assistant Surveyors in the County be circularised, and asked if they wished to be transferred to the Milford Area.

The amendment was put to the Meeting, and, on a show of hands, 15 voted for the amendment, and 9 against it.

Having been carried, the amendment was put to the Meeting as the substantive motion, and carried by the same voting.

Councillor Mahony proposed, and it was unanimously decided to make it clear to the Assistant Surveyors when writing to them that the person transferred would have to reside in the town of Milford.

806/39. APPLICATION FROM MR. J. A. LAMBERTON, FAHAN, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A COTTAGE AT FAHAN DISPENSARY.

A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Lamberton, Castletown, Fahan, applying for permission to build a cottage at Fahan Dispensary; a continuation of two houses already there.

The matter was again adjourned until next Meeting. (695/39 G.C.)

807/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE AT LOUGH VEAGH HOUSE, CHURCHILL, AND CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR TREES CUT DOWN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Johnstone, Lough Veagh House, Churchill, drawing attention to a matter concerning the entrance to her residence. During last winter the surfaceman removed a wall at the gate, and had made it straight, which, she considered, was very unsafe for traffic coming from her house. Several trees had also been cut away. She wanted the Council to have the wall left back in its former position, and the widening taken off the opposite side, and she claimed a sum of £6 for the loss of the trees.

The Acting County Surveyor reported that he had called to see Mrs. Johnstone regarding the matter but did not find her at home. He would make an appointment to meet her and report to next Meeting.

The matter was again adjourned until next Meeting. (725/39 G.C.)

808/39. MR. WILLIAM O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry Boggs, Bree, Malin, enclosing petition from ratepayers demanding the attention of the Council to the state of the roads in the area under the supervision of Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and requesting that a Surveyor be appointed who would understand his work and do it honestly. Refusal of this request would end in rebellion and non-payment of rates.

A letter was also read from Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, dated 5th July, 1939, stating that he received no instructions to attend the last Meeting of the Council. He answered the items on the Agenda pertaining to his District, and had he known that his presence was required at Lifford he certainly would have been present.

A letter was read from Mr. John Platt, Keenagh, Malin Head, stating that he found no fault with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor. He only signed "against the gravel", and he did not think he was doing any harm in doing so.

A letter was also read from Messrs. Robert D. Colhoun, Knockglass, Ballygorman P.O., and Andrew Devaney, Culloort, Ballygorman, stating that in the list of names sent in to the Council their names were included, but they only signed "against shore gravel", and now they were informed that the letter was about Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

A letter was also read from Mr. William J. McLaughlin, Ballyhelion, Malin Head, stating that some time he signed his name "against shore gravel", but it had now come to his notice that it was an attack on Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor. He had nothing to say against Mr. O'Neill except that he was quite a capable Surveyor and an honest man.

A letter was read from Mr. David Henderson, Jr., Dunargus, Ballygorman P.O., stating that he did not sign against Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor. He signed "against shore gravel."

A letter was also submitted which had been handed in to the Secretary that morning, purported to be signed by a number of workmen, stating that they were not getting their proper share of work.

The Secretary also read a letter from Mr. Hugh C. O'Doherty, Solicitor, Castle Street, Derry, stating that he was given to understand that certain allegations which had been made against Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor of North Inishowen, appeared on the Agenda for the Council's Meeting. He would be obliged if the Secretary would report to the Meeting that the allegations made therein were at the present time under legal consideration.

Councillor Scott stated that he wished to remind Mr. O'Neill, who was present at the Meeting, that the Minutes of the Council were open for inspection. He was taking an ill-advised action in consulting a Solicitor, as he was being given an opportunity of making an explanation in regard to the charges made against him.

He proposed that the Council extend to Mr. O'Neill an opportunity there and then of explaining in regard to the charges.

The Chairman called on Mr. O'Neill, who stated that he had always carried out his duties to the best of his ability, and he would leave it to his superiors to speak for him. He had nothing else to say.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Council place on record the fact that an opportunity was given to Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, of answering the charges made against him, but that he did not avail of it.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter, pending the result of the legal action being taken by Mr. O'Neill.

809/39. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT BY MR. PATRICK CRUMLISH, CASHEL, CARNDONAGH, IN RESPECT OF WORK DONE ON A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. Patrick Crumlish, Cashel, Carndonagh, with reference to a sum of £1 : 7 : 0 due to him in respect of work on a Minor Relief Scheme on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, and 14th June.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that payment had since been made.

810/39. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF WORK DONE ON A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME BY WORKMEN IN THE CARNDONAGH DISTRICT.

Ten letters were read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, claiming payment of wages in respect of work done on a Minor Relief Scheme by the following workmen:-

Daniel Morrison, Carrowreagh, Carndonagh.
John Doherty, Carrowreagh, Carndonagh.
William McLaughlin, Gragan, Carndonagh.
John Monagle, Carrowreagh, Carndonagh.
Edward J. Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.
William McAllister, Falduff, Carndonagh.
Michael Doherty, Carrowreagh, Carndonagh.
Patrick Doherty, Cashelcraw, Carndonagh.
Charles Doherty, Cashelcraw, Carndonagh.
John McGuinness, Gortinney, Carndonagh.

According to his instructions the Paysheet was duly certified by the Assistant Surveyor, and submitted to the County Council Offices on the 3rd June, 1939.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that payment had since been made.

811/39. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR CROCKERY PIPES LAID DOWN AT ROSSNAKILL TO PREVENT FLOODING.

A letter was read from Mrs. Giley Friel, Rossnakill, stating that her house and yard were much lower than the Rossnakill Street, and she had been unable to keep the yard free from water from the street in rainy weather. Mr. Dawson always promised to have the matter attended to, but nothing was done. In the end she bought crockery pipes, costing £5, and had them laid from the street to the drain at the bottom of the yard, beginning in a manhole where the street joined the yard. This should have been done by the Council, and she wished to know if the Council would allow her the cost of the pipes. She did not mind the cost of the labour or of the cement.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Owing to the shape of the road and the low level of Mrs. Friel's yard, the surface water which falls on a length of about 15 or 20 yards of the County Road drains into her yard. It is admitted that the water always took this course. In fact, it could not possibly take any other course. Mrs. Friel objected to the water flowing over the surface of her yard, and she laid crockery pipes to overcome this objection. The disposal of the water after it leaves the County Road is not one which concerns the County Council. Once it is admitted that this is the natural course for the water to take, and that it is the course which it always took, it is then a matter for the land-owners as to whether it should flow over the ground or be piped under it."

On the motion of Councillor Blaney it was decided to refer this matter to the Law Committee.

812/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT GARAGE AT FAHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Christopher Farrell, Fahan, enclosing drawings of a garage which he intended erecting at his residence at Fahan, and applying for the necessary permission.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Farrell intends to build this Garage within the statutory 30 feet from the centre of the road. There are other Garages on the same frontage line. Permission could be given in this case, subject to the usual undertaking being given to take down the building when called upon."

The Council unanimously decided to allow Mr. Farrell to erect the Garage, on condition that he signs an Agreement to remove the building at any time he may be called upon to do so.

813/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO KILLYDONNELL GRAVEYARD, RAMELTON.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Hannigan, Kiln Lane, Ramelton, complaining of the condition of the road leading to Killydonnell Graveyard. The surface was overgrown with grass, and owing to the briars on both sides of the road it was impossible for a person to pass without getting his clothes torn. As this was a mixed burying-ground, and if it was not attended to immediately, he would get the Clergymen of the different Churches to report the matter to the Minister for Local Government.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"From inquiries which Mr. Mulreany has made, this road does not appear to have ever been repaired by the County Council, and is not a County Road. If the graveyard is under the care of the Board of Health, the matter might be referred to them."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey for personal inspection, and report for next Meeting.

814/39. GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROSSES ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd June, 1939, R/IR/81/2, regarding the completion of the re-construction of certain roads in the Rosses Area, and stating that the Scheme submitted by the Acting County Surveyor providing for a further expenditure of £6,000 had been approved. Every effort should be made to complete the works on or before the 30th September next.

The Council noted the letter.

815/39. AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRIBUTION TO THE IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1939/40.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association in connection with contribution for the year 1939/40.

816/39. DEED OF CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN OF £10,000 TOWARDS DEFRAYING THE COST OF THE INSTALLATION OF NEW ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, CENTRAL HEATING, AND LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT, ETC., AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Solicitor's Department, Dublin, enclosing, for execution by the Council, Engrossment in connection with loan of £10,000 to defray the cost of the installation of new electrical equipment, central heating, and laundry equipment, etc., at the Mental Hospital, Letterkenny.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously decided to execute the Engrossment under Seal.

817/39. PREMIUM ON COUNCIL'S PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY NO. 280390.

A letter was read from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., Ltd., 48 & 49, Dame Street, Dublin, in connection with the Council's Public Liability Policy No. 280390, and stating that during the past few years the risk had steadily grown worse, and while a number of accidents reported had not resulted in claims, they had, during the past three years, paid approximately £200 in respect of two claims alone, and at the moment, there were four outstanding claims which might well cost the best part of £300. Having regard to their long and pleasant association with the Council, they did not wish to penalise them severely nor did they wish to seek a premium which the Council would regard as prohibitive, but they did think that the risk called for double the premium, more particularly as Donegal was a large County, and, even at a figure of £150, it would be found on inquiry that it was cheap when compared with other Counties. If the Insurance was continued they would be prepared to consult the Council before they decided their attitude in dealing with serious claims in future.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to pay the increased Premium of £150 on this Policy, and it was also decided to ask the Local Government Department to refund portion of this Premium, in view of the large amount of grant work, and the accidents arising therefrom.

818/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF A GATE BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION ON THE ESTATE OF THE ROSSAPENNA HOTEL CO.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 4th July, 1939, A. & R. 26156/39, regarding the proposed erection of a gate by the Irish Land Commission on the Estate of the Rossapenna Hotel Co., and inquiring of the Council if they had any objection to the Land Commission proceeding with the erection of the gate in question.

Mrs. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"This matter was before the Council at a previous Meeting and concerns the putting of a gate across what once was the County Road, and still is a short cut when the tide is out across the Strand from Rossapenna to Carrigart."

The Council unanimously decided to refuse to allow the Land Commission to erect this gate.

819/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

The Secretary reported that the following arrears were still owing by borrowers under the Housing Acts:-

William McGrossan, Milford.....	£5	:19	: 3.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.....	£17	:16	: 0.
Reps. Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Turo.....	£32	: 8	: 3.
John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.....	£50	: 6	: 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.....	£22	: 1	: 6.
Mrs. Bridget Doherty, Ardascanlon, Clonmany.....	£22	: 0	: 8.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.....	£71	:10	: 0.
Daniel McEleney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.....	£5	: 6	: 6.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.....	£13	:14	: 3.
Edward Shiels, Jr., Rooskey, Clonmany.....	£32	:13	: 9.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh, Gortahork.....	£9	:14	: 0.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.....	£28	:18	: 2.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.....	£28	: 8	: 0.

The Secretary read a letter from the Local Government Department dated 19th July, 1939, H.5892/13/39, Dun na nGall., regarding arrears due by borrowers under the Housing Acts, 1924/1929, and requesting to be furnished with a report from the Council's Solicitor showing the present stage of any action taken by him for the recovery of outstanding arrears.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Council's Solicitor, and to instruct him to institute proceedings in all cases where the promises of payment had not been fulfilled.

820/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary reported that the following arrears were still owing by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....	£54	:13	: 4.
Michael Gallagher, Legnahorey, Kilmacrenan.....	£1	:19	: 5.

The Secretary stated that Michael Gallagher had paid a sum of £5 since last Meeting, and it was decided to take no action in his case.

The Sub-Finance Committee had recommended that action in the case of McGready be deferred until after the 20th August, by which date Mrs. McGready had promised to make a payment.

The Council decided to refer the matter again to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to take action in the case of Neal McGready after the 20th August, if the promise of payment has not been fulfilled.

821/39. DATES OF SUB-FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Council decided not to have any Sub-Finance or Law Committee Meetings during the month of August, and it was also decided to authorise the Secretary to pay Workmen's Compensation in the cases of the Court Awards, and in other cases where he was satisfied that compensation was due.

822/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A BYRE ALONGSIDE THE COUNTY ROAD IN GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Rogers, Glenties, applying for permission to build a byre in his own back yard. He believed that some person had complained that he was building too near the public road.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Under Section 2 of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1851, Mr. Rogers is entitled to erect the proposed building as Glenties is a Market town."

The Council unanimously decided to give Mr. Rogers permission to erect the proposed building.

823/39. APPLICATION FROM ROAD CONTRACTOR TO BE RELEASED FROM CONTRACT, OWING TO SHORTAGE IN TONNAGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Meenadinna, Glenties, stating that he took a contract in February, 1938, for 400 perches of a road leading from the Main Road, Straboy, to the C.D.B. Road, Drimconose. The tonnage required was 80 tons. The material was measured on the 12th October, 1938, and he heard no more about it until he was notified by Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, in December that he was 28 tons short, and instructing him to supply gravel for blinding. He did supply 10 tons which was not mentioned in the contract. Had he been notified in time that he was short in the required tonnage of metal he would have made good the difference. The quantity required in former years for this contract was 110 tons. He could not afford to work for nothing, and, in the circumstances, he respectfully asked the Council to relieve him of the contract.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I discussed the position in this case with Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor. Mr. Kearney sent the return of the contract measurement in December. We decided to recommend that Mr. O'Donnell's application to have the contract broken be granted.

The 10 ton of gravel supplied by the Contractor is allowed for under Article 16 of the Tender Form. The Contractor has been paid for all metal supplied, and the money struck off was for shortage."

The Council noted the report and decided to break the contract in this case.

824/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING, DEEPENING, AND STRAIGHTENING OF THE GLENTOGHER RIVER.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 13th July, 1939, P.38493-39, referring to the Council's Minute No. 689/39 applying for a grant for the cleaning, deepening, and straightening of the Glentogher River, and stating that the matter had been referred to the Office of Public Works for consideration by that Department.

The Council noted that the matter had been referred to the Board of Works.

825/39. DEPOSITS LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard McMenamin, Glenties, stating that owing to ill-health he had decided not to proceed with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and he wished to have a refund of his deposit.

A letter was also read from Mr. William Barr, Ards, Cashelmore, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by him in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council decided to refund the deposits in both cases, less any legal costs incurred.

826/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF EMBANKMENT ALONG THE RIVER DALE, BALLINDRAIT DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Murlog, Ballindrait, applying for a grant for the repair of the embankment along the River Dale. Owing to the breakage of this embankment there were about 30 acres of this land flooded, and would be useless for cropping.

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

827/39. DISMISSAL OF JOHN MCGEE, COOLVOY, DOOCHARY, FROM POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, enclosing copy of a letter sent by him to the Acting County Surveyor regarding the dismissal of John McGee, Coolvoy, Doochary, because of allegations against him in a letter over the signature "C. Doherty." The only "C. Doherty" in his client's neighbourhood denied the authorship of the letter written over that name. He stated that action in this case was taken rather hurriedly, and that his client should, as soon as an opportunity offered, be reinstated in a similar position to that which he had been deprived of by allegations for which there was not the shadow of foundation.

A letter was also read from Mr. John McGee, Coolvoy, Doochary, asking if "C. Doherty" got an acknowledgment of the letter sent in complaining about McGee. He considered it very unfair that he should have lost his job on account of a letter of that kind, and all the men working with him were prepared to swear that the letter and its contents were all a bunch of lies.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted correspondence which he had with Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, and Dr. P. Carr, Doochary.

The Council considered the correspondence, and they unanimously decided that the Acting County Surveyor had acted properly in dispensing with McGee's services. The Council also noted that McGee's brother had been appointed to the same job as that held by the man who had been dismissed.

828/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE AT DANGEROUS CORNER AT MAGHERACAR, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th July, 1939, H.46664/39, Dun na nGall. HBF., stating that an application for a grant under the Housing Acts in respect of the reconstruction of a house had been received from Mr. James V. Tunney, Magheracar, Bundoran. In view of the fact that the house in question was situated on the edge of the road at a dangerous bend, the Minister desired to be furnished with the report of the County Surveyor in the matter.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The house in question is along the Bundoran-Sligo Main Road at a dangerous turn. This turn will have to be eased in the near future, and it is not desirable that the existing house should be re-built on its present site, as the County Council would have to ask the Minister for Local Government for an order under Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925, for its removal.

A further objection to the existing site is the very bad drainage therefrom.

By Mr. Tunney building his new house the legal distance - viz. 30 yards - from the County Road, both objections would be overcome. He would have a beautiful site and the drainage therefrom would go into the River Drowes to the back of the house."

The Council noted and approved of Mr. Cunningham's report.

829/39. OFFER OF THE OLD DISPENSARY BUILDING AT DUNGLOE FOR USE AS A COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 19th June at which it was decided that the old Dispensary Building at Dungloe be offered to the County Council for use as a Courthouse.

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

830/39.

NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 28th June, 1939, E.5853/37, enclosing, for the information of the Council, copies of a notice issued to the Press in regard to the requirements of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1936. The Minister trusted that the Council would be so good as to co-operate in this matter by having special instructions issued with a view to the destruction in good time of any noxious weeds on lands, including roadsides, for which the Council is responsible.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyors had been circularised in regard to this matter.

Councillor Myles stated that Government lands were worse in this respect than any other lands.

831/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOG ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF KNOCKASTOLAR, BUNBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. James McFadden, Knockastolar, Bunbeg, applying, on behalf of ratepayers in the townlands of Knockastolar, Meenaduff, Magheralosh, and Ballindrait, for a grant of £450 for a bog road in the townland of Knockastolar. The Land Commission had refused to give a grant for the repair of the road, which was in a terrible state. The people of the district found it very difficult to get home their yearly supplies of turf.

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

832/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED FOR SIDE-FILLING.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McLaughlin (Peter), Culcoort, Ballygorman, stating that he supplied 132 tons of rough stones for sidefilling on the Ungall Road at Ballygorman P.O. He requested payment for these at 6d. per ton.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. O'Neill reports that Patrick McLaughlin (Peter) came to the Ganger and asked him to take these stones as he wanted them removed, and that he would be satisfied if he got the carting of them out to the road."

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, who was present stated that this man had got nine days' carting at 8/- per day, and that he had been returned for payment for this amount.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

833/39. BRIDGE ON ROAD LEADING FROM GLENCOVITT TO CARN, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. William Crawford, Glencovitt, Ballybofey, drawing attention to the bad state of a Bridge on the road leading from Glencovitt to Carn. The bridge was dangerous for traffic of any kind.

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

"This refers to a Bridge at Carn. James McCormick, Kinletter, took the contract to remove arch and substitute a concrete top. The contractor is a small farmer and owing to the abnormal wet summer and worse winter, and not being able to get the necessary rails, he failed to carry out the contract and the money had to be struck off at the end of the year."

Mr. Crawford appeared before the Council in support of his letter.

Councillor Hannigan stated that the former County Surveyor had reported that this Bridge was very dangerous.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Acting County Surveyor be instructed to carry out any urgent repairs from the Contingency Fund.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

834/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM BEAGHMORE TO CROCANN, FINTOWN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGill, P.C., Glenleigh, Fintown, applying for a grant for the repair of the road from Beaghmore to Crocann, Fintown. The road was in a very bad state and a grant for its repair was very necessary.

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

835/39. COMPLAINT RE MANNER IN WHICH THE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES WERE KEPT.

Councillor McIvor proposed the suspension of the Standing Orders to enable him to draw attention to the filthy and untidy manner in which the County Council Offices were kept. He stated that the Offices were probably the finest of their kind in the country and that they should be properly looked after. He held that the Secretary was responsible for the matter.

The Secretary stated that he had complained on several occasions to the Caretaker, but without any result.

Councillors Mahony and Brady also joined in the complaint.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Sub-Finance Committee at their next Meeting, and to request the Caretaker to attend and give an explanation.

836/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO MOTOR-CAR AT BARNES GAP, THROUGH THE ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF A SERVANT OF THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis P. Howley, Solicitor, Sligo, stating that he had been consulted by Messrs. Torney Bros., Fruit Importers, Sligo, with reference to the loss they sustained through the negligence of the Council's servants in the management and control of a horse and cart at Barnesmore Gap on the 19th June, on which date a servant in the Council's employment carting stones for road repairs caused his cart to damage a motor-car, the property of Messrs. Torney Bros. If the Council admitted liability he would furnish particulars of his clients' claim, and if liability was denied he wished to be furnished with the name and address of a Solicitor who would accept service of the documents originating the proceedings which he had been instructed to institute on behalf of his clients.

A report was submitted from the Ganger in the matter.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee for consideration at their next Meeting.

837/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF SCALP ROAD, BURNFOOT DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Donnell, Crislaughmore, Burnfoot, asking the Council to have some repairs done to the Scalp Road, which was at present in a terrible state. It was impossible at present even to cart on it.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Doherty reports that the road is in reasonably good order for the money allowed. This road is the subject of complaints about once each year. A large number of people cart turf on the road, and heavy lorries are used on it. To put the road in a state to take this heavy lorry traffic a grant would be needed. Owing to the small number of unemployed in the Electoral Division, according to the census, it is not possible to get an Employment Scheme Grant for it."

Councillor McIvor also complained of the condition of the road.

The Council regretted that there were no funds, apart from the ordinary maintenance money, out of which this road could be repaired.

838/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF THE GREESLOUGHBEG AND ROOSKEY ROAD, GREESLOUGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Moore, Rooskey, Greeslough, complaining of the condition of the Greesloughbeg and Rooskey Road. The Council recently spent a sum of £25 on this road, but this amount was only sufficient to repair about three-fourths of the road, and nothing had been done to the remaining portion of it. A pipe on it was stopped and broken and no water-tables had been cleaned.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that this road has been badly cut up, and owing to lorry traffic drawing turf, the money available is not sufficient. Although the money was increased last year, no one tendered for the road. He spent £25 by Direct Labour on it. He intends again increasing the amount of money to be spent on it in next year's estimates."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

839/39. INQUIRY RE USE OF SHINGLES ON ROAD AT ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter O'Donnell, Ballintra, Arranmore, inquiring whether he was to put shingles or gravel on the road for which he was the contractor. He believed that some opposition had been raised to the lifting of shingles. He contracted for shingles and would have to cart gravel for over a distance of one mile.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney reports that this road for years past has been maintained with gravel. There are hundreds of tons of fine shingle on the beach, and last year Mr. Kearney noticed this, and, knowing it would improve the road, specified same in the contract. The Department of Industry and Commerce subsequently asked for an undertaking that no more shingle would be removed from the foreshore. This undertaking was given.

Mr. Kearney is of opinion that the gravel can be quite easily obtained. If the Contractor is not prepared to carry on, the contract may be broken."

The Council noted and approved of Mr. O'Reilly's report.

840/39. ALLEGED COMPLAINT RE MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO ROAD BETWEEN FINTOWN AND SHALLOGANS.

A letter was read from Mr. Con Herron, The Gate Lodge, Fintown, stating that about the end of January or early in February last some damage was done to the road between Fintown and Shallogans. The coping was thrown off a bridge, and some side-fillings damaged or pulled out of place and tar barrels thrown off the road. He believed that he had been blamed for doing this damage, and he stated that he could swear he knew nothing about the matter. He wished to know who informed the Council that it was he who destroyed the road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had no knowledge that any verbal or written report had been received by the Council regarding this man.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

841/39. COMPLAINT RE TARRING OF ROAD FROM CRUCKNAMURLOG TO THE PIER AT DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the Downings District stating that they had learned that the County Road from Mr. William McFadden's house in Crucknamurlog to the Pier at Downings was about to be tarred, and they respectfully requested the Council to refrain from tarring over the entire width of the road as it would constitute a grave danger to carters. During the herring fishing season many carts were employed in conveying the herrings from the Pier to the Curing Yards, and if the incline in the vicinity was tarred it would mean that no carts could be engaged.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that the road referred to is a hill on the road near Downings Pier. He says he will try to meet the carters' request by leaving the sides of the road untarred."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

842/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE IN THE TOWNLAND OF LOUGHBARRA, DOOCHARY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McMonagle, Derrynaspol, Doochary, Secretary, Conneen Fianna Fail Cumann, applying for a grant for the repair of a road and the construction of a bridge in the townland of Loughbarra. The matter was already before the Board of Works, but they turned down the request, and the ratepayers of the district wished to know if the County Council was prepared to do anything in the matter.

The Council noted that the road was not a County Road, and they decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Grants.

843/39. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR THE IONA HALL, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Louis Walsh, Solicitor, Glenties, stating that Mr. Patrick Gildea, Ardara, had requested him to apply to the Council for a licence for the showing of pictures in the Iona Hall, Ardara.

The Council unanimously decided to issue the licence when the Hall has been inspected by the Acting County Surveyor and found to comply with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act, 1909.

844/39. COMPLAINT RE ACCUMULATION OF WATER ON THE STREET AT CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, again referring to the accumulation of water on the street at Creeslough, and suggesting that the Acting County Surveyor be advised that they were quite satisfied with the putting in of a grating, and that such a grating would remove the entire nuisance.

The Acting County Surveyor reported that the Assistant Surveyor was attending to this matter.

845/39. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR REPAIR OF BOG ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, applying for a grant for the repair of an old Bog Road from Frank Gallagher's, Laconnell, to John Boyle's, Meentiagh's; and also for a grant for the repair of a road from John Bonar's, Meenagrillew, to the lane at the residence of Charles Walsh, Tullymore.

As the roads were not County Roads, the Council decided to refer Mr. McHugh to the Board of Works.

846/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, dated 7th July, 1939, stating that nothing had yet been done regarding restoring the fence at Glashbeggan, removed by Mr. James Boyle, to its original condition.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon in the matter:-

"I received your letter of the 30th June enclosing further notice to be handed to Mr. James Boyle. I handed the notice to Mr. Boyle on the 5th July. He adopted a threatening attitude, and used insulting language, and among other things requested me to "clear to h___ out of the place". I again inspected the fence on the 17th inst., after ten days had elapsed, and no effort had been made to restore the fence to its original position as required in your notice. Mr. Boyle has, therefore, ignored your notices and I daresay it will be necessary for the Council's Solicitor to deal with the matter."

The Council unanimously decided to instruct Mr. O'Reilly to refer this matter to the Council's Solicitor.

847/39. BRIDGE ON ROAD LEADING TO INCH LEVEL, BURT.

A letter was read from Mr. Matthew McCay, Inch Level, Burt, stating that there was a wooden bridge on the road leading to his residence, which had been in bad repair for the past three years.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that his Assistant had reported that a sum of £12 would be required to put this Bridge in order.

The Council instructed Mr. Caffrey to apply for this amount from the Contingency Fund at next Meeting.

848/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AT BRAIDE, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Curran, Braide, Glencolumbkille, applying for a grant for the repair of a right-of-way in the townland of Braide.

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

849/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL AND STONES TAKEN FROM LANDS AT DERRYREEL, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. James P. Sweeney, Solicitor, Falcarragh, enclosing copy of a letter written by him on the 9th March last to Mr. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, regarding Thomas Mick McFadden, Derryreel, Falcarragh. Mr. McIvor did not acknowledge his letter, and he now wished the Council to deal with the matter. Mr. McFadden's claim was in connection with the removal of gravel and stones from his lands at Derryreel by men employed on a road scheme in operation there. His client allowed the Council's workmen to take stones on condition that he was given steady work but this he was not given. 140 tons of gravel and 10 tons of stones were taken, and his client's claim was at the rate of 4d. per ton for the gravel, and 6d. per ton for the stones.

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

"Mr. McIvor reports that he called three times on Mr. Sweeney regarding this matter, but each time could get no definite information as to when he would be available. The position is that Thomas Mick McFadden signed a Consent Form giving permission to take material off his lands free. This was a road under a Minor Employment Scheme, and McFadden was one of the men who benefitted most by it. The Supervising Ganger asserts that no promise of steady work was given. Under the rules of the Board of Works no compensation can be allowed to anyone benefitting by the work."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

850/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE OVER THE STRANACORKRA RIVER, AND OFFER OF CONTRIBUTION OF £10.

A letter was read from Lt.-Col. A. F. S. Hill, Himbleton Manor, Droitwich, England, stating that his former tenants in the townlands of Corveen, Lunnagh, Stranacorkra, and Stramartin, had made earnest and repeated requests for the construction of a bridge over the Stranacorkra River, as the new bog road some 4½ miles long from Teague McGeady's house in Corveen to Gweedore Railway Station was now almost valueless owing to the unsafe condition of the existing bridge there. The urgency of the matter was such that he would be glad to contribute a sum of £10 to the work if it was put in hands without delay.

The Council noted Colonel Hill's generous offer with appreciation, and they decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

851/39. CARRICK PIER, NEAR MAGHERAGALLON.

A letter was read from Lt.-Col. A. F. S. Hill, Himbleton Manor, Droitwich, England, stating that his ex-tenants had asked him if steps could be taken to blast the rocks on the north side of Carrick Pier, as these rocks prevented boats from landing on that side when seas were running from the south and south-west side, owing to the prevailing wind. The Pier in question lay about three-quarters of a mile to the north of the Pier at Magheragallon, where Mr. Dunlop, the pilot, lived.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for a grant from the Minor Employment Schemes Vote.

852/39. INISHOWEN NO. 2 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Farren, Clerk, Inishowen No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that the Committee had unanimously recommended Mr. Charles McLaughlin for membership of the Committee in place of the late Mr. McGoldrick.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Charles McLaughlin a member of the Committee.

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

853/39.

DUNFANAGHY O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

Councillor McClafferty proposed that Rev. C. McGinley, C.C., Falcarragh, be appointed a member of the Dunfanaghy O.A.P. Sub-Committee in place of Rev. A. O'Friel, now P.P., Kilcar.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

It was also unanimously resolved that Councillor McClafferty be appointed to fill the next vacancy arising on this Committee.

854/39.

COMPLAINT FROM DOWNINGS DISTRICT RE BEING REFUSED WORK ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Shiels, Downings, inquiring what action the Council intended taking regarding the false statement made to the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding his refusal of work, also false return as to being employed on dates on which he was not actually employed by the Council. He was refused employment on the 23rd November, 1938, by Mr. Patrick McGinley, Ganger, when his name was on the sheet from the Employment Exchange, Dunfanaghy. A great deal of injury had been done to him and if the matter was not rectified he intended taking legal action.

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

"Andrew Shiels' name was submitted for work on E.60. on 4th November, 1938. Work started on 7th November, 1938, and Shiels did not report until 23rd November, 1938, when the Ganger refused to employ him. He apparently claimed he was fishing on his own between the 7th November and the 23rd November, and I understand the matter was referred for a Garda report. That report must have been against him as he was disallowed from 25th November. Shiels apparently thought he could report at any time it suited him for work, and that the Council victimised him in refusing him work after two weeks' delay in reporting. Actually, we are bound to report to the Exchange within three days any man who does not turn out to work on the day fixed for him."

The Council unanimously decided to take no action in the matter.

855/39.

APPLICATION FOR WORK AT ROLLER ON THE KINDRUM ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Carr, Tullyconnell, Kindrum, applying for a card to start work at the Roller on the Kindrum Road. He was getting no Unemployment Assistance, and there was no person earning in the house, and he was in very bad need of money.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that all workers must be taken through the Employment Exchanges who supply cards to men entitled to work.

856/39.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONTINUATION OF NEW ROAD MADE UNDER SCHEME NO. 233 FROM THE MAIN GWEEBARRA-DUNGLOE ROAD TO THE END OF THE MAIN ROAD, CLEENGORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Con O'Donnell, Kilerin, Doochary, applying for a grant for the continuation of the new road made under Scheme No. 233 from the Main Gweebarra-Dungloe Road to the end of the Main Road, Cleengort.

The Council unanimously decided to refer this matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Grants.

857/39.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD BETWEEN SLEEGHAN AND SHESKINBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Gallagher, Sleeghan, Dorrybeg, applying for a grant for the improvement of a stretch of road between Sleeghan and Sheskinbeg. It was badly needed for the taking home of turf.

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

858/39.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING ROAD OUTSIDE CULDAFF VILLAGE LEADING TO CARNDONAGH AND MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus Harkin, P.C., Culdaff, drawing the attention of the Council to the condition of the road known as the Bog Road leading from Culdaff to Carndonagh and Malin. The road was at the moment a regular death-trap. There were no fences or protection of any kind on it. The road stands from 8 to 10 feet above the land on either side and was cracked and the sides were giving way. Some of the money being spent on by-roads should be spent on this road, on which there was a lot of traffic.

A letter was read from Rev. J. Houghton, M.A., Culdaff, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Carndonagh and Malin to Culdaff known locally as "the Moss Road." At one time bog land on both sides of this road made it safe, but since the bog has been cut for fuel purposes the road now stands 11 to 14 feet above the surrounding district. Five or six accidents have occurred on this road, and unless something was done it was highly probable that there would be others, more serious.

A letter was read from Mr. James McDaid, Culdaff, complaining of the condition of a road outside Culdaff village, which led to Carndonagh and Malin Head. The road stands 11 or 12 feet above the ground on either side. There were no fences whatsoever on it, and it was entirely unsuited for present-day traffic. Two vehicles had the utmost difficulty in passing each other.

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

"The road in question which is a Trunk Road, Map No. T.73-100, is carried on a turf bank on each side of which is cut-away bog. The carriageway averages about 12 feet, with a sloping grass margin of about 3 or 4 feet on each side, and a sheer drop of about 10 to 12 feet. The length is close on a mile, and in order to widen the road it would be necessary to cut away the turf bank and re-make the road at a lower level. This would be very expensive and might cost from £4,000 to £5,000."

The Acting County Surveyor also stated that there were not a sufficient number of unemployed in the district to qualify for a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote.

Councillor Cole proposed, Councillor Lynch seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to ask the Local Government Department to allocate a grant of £5,000 for the re-construction of this road.

859/39.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Councillor Cole proposed the suspension of the Standing Orders in order that he might bring to the notice of the Council the lack of facilities for the storage of explosives.

At present, explosives for use in the Inishowen Area were stored in the Workhouse buildings at Carndonagh.

The Acting County Surveyors stated that they experienced considerable difficulty in finding sites which would be suitable for erecting thereon Explosives Stores.

The Council unanimously decided to request the Acting County Surveyors to bring in a report on this matter at the next Meeting of the Council.

860/39.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mrs. Margaret Curran, Derrybeg, stating that she was going to take action against the Council for damages in respect of the flooding of her shed through water running into it on a rainy day, because the water-table outside was not kept clean.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

861/39.

DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT CARRIGART.

A letter was read from Miss B. Maguire, Carrigart, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by her in June, 1937, in connection with the opening of the public road. She had applied several times for a refund, but had had no reply.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that this deposit would be refunded.

862/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM LETTERSHAMBO, CLOGHAN, TO DOONAN, CLOGHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. George Kee, Welchtown, asking the Council to have the road leading from Doherty's Crossroads, Lettershanbo, Cloghan, to the spot of entrance to Daniel McGlinchey's property at Doonan, Cloghan, repaired. Over one hundred farmers were using this road, and the surface was in an extremely bad condition owing to pot-holes, tracks, and scattered stones, and all they demanded was that some repairs, within reason, be carried out to this road as early as possible.

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

"This road is not in contract. I am advertising it again, and if it is not taken I will get the money spent on it by Direct Labour."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

863/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF FIELD AT LURGANBOY, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, complaining, on behalf of Miss Gladys Sweeney, Donegal, of the flooding of her field at Lurganboy, Donegal. During wet weather the water ran down and lay in a hollow in a corner of the field. Formerly, this water used to flow on the side road through an opening in the fence, and part of it flowed down the Main Road, and part across the side road into a drain in the opposite field. Lately, this opening in the fence had been practically closed up by sweepings from the road, and the water now lay in the hollow in the field. They wished to know if the Council would put a pipe drain across the side road, and apart from taking the water off Miss Sweeney's field, this pipe would benefit the side road and the main road.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is a case in which the opinion of the Acting Co. Surveyor, after inspection of the place, would be useful."

The facts are as stated by Messrs. Reid & Sweeney. The opening in the fence to which they refer as being closed up with sweepings, etc., is supposed to be blocked up regularly by the owner of the lands further downstream to the lands of Mr. Hugh Diver, but nobody will come forward to prove it.

The construction of a pipe as suggested would help both the road and the field, but I am of opinion that if it were done Civil Bill proceedings might be taken; the party putting up the plea that the water would get faster away and cause flooding to his lands. Whether that would actually happen is doubtful. The man is a crank and might go as far as to block up the drain in his land to bolster up a case."

The Council unanimously decided to refer this matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for personal inspection and report for next Meeting of the Council.

864/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Gill, Carrowhill Labourer's Cottage, Drumfries P.O., applying for the position of surfaceman on the road between Cockhill and Clonmany.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

Councillor Lynch complained of the allocation of road work, and stated that men with no land and living in Labourers' Cottages should get a chance to earn some money, instead of having so many small farmers employed.

865/39. ATTENDANCE OF WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS AT FAIRS AND MARKETS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 28th June, 1939, L.329/39, regarding the question of attendance of Warble Fly Inspectors at Fairs and Markets, and stating that this matter would be further considered in connection with any arrangements which might be made next year.

The Council noted the letter.

866/39.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

Notifications of intentions to apply for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, were submitted in respect of the following premises:-

Davis's Hall, Letter, Clonmany. (Michael Doherty).
 Public Hall, Derrybeg. (John Joe Breslin).
 Iona Hall, Ardara. (Patrick Gildea).
 Public Hall, Ramelton. (Forrest Mitchell).
 Kilclooney A.O.H. Hall. (Peter Shovelin).
 Glencolumbkille A.O.H. Hall. (John McGuire).
 Butt Hall, Ballybofey. (Anthony Timoney).
 Ardaghey Hall, Inver. (Patrick Rose).
 Lettermore A.O.H. Hall, Frosses.
 Drimarone A.O.H. Hall, Inver.
 Market Hall, Donegal Town.
 Tullyloskin Hall, Donegal.
 Meenatuggart Hall, Donegal.
 The Council noted the matter.

867/39. APPLICATION FROM MR. GEORGE McDERMOTT, ENGINE-DRIVER, TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE SOUTHERN DIVISION TO THE NORTHERN DIVISION.

A letter was read from Mr. George McDermott, Engine-Driver, applying for a transfer from the Southern Division of the County to the Northern Division. Before the County was placed under one County Surveyor he was always in the North. Stranorlar was the only portion of the South which would suit him as his home was in Lifford. During the greater portion of the past four years he had been in Killybegs and Carrick.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that Mr. McDermott was one of the best engine-drivers in the Council's employment, and he would be very sorry to lose his services in the Southern Division.

The Council unanimously decided to adjourn the matter until the new County Surveyor takes up duty, and to give the matter favourable consideration then.

868/39. TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th July, 1939, Circ. S.82/39, forwarding a copy of the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act, 1939, which became law on the 31st May, 1939, and drawing attention to the provisions of the Act, a summary of which was enclosed.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Law Committee.

869/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

Letterkenny Area.
 To repair Letterleague Bridge on Map No. 1182.....£10.
Stranorlar Area.
 To repair pipe on Road, Map No. 1306, Glassagh.....£2.
 To build pipe at Lettermakenny on Map No. 1391.....£4.
 To repair culvert at Drumkeen on Map No. 1317.....£5.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

870/39. ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES. (ROADS RURAL SCHEMES).

Councillor Blaney called attention to the provisional allocation of the Employment Schemes. He stated that a Grant of £2,200, Section No. 32, was proposed to be expended on the road between Kindrum and Tamney, and he stated that this grant could be much more usefully expended between Tamney and the Three Roads at Ballymagowan. He proposed that the Acting County Surveyor be instructed to have this Grant transferred to the road between Tamney and the Three Roads at Ballymagowan.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

871/39.

GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

Councillor Houston called attention to the hardship which would be imposed on traders in the district by the restrictions which the Council proposed to place on traffic passing over Gweebarra Bridge. Weight would be confined to not more than three tons, and if traders were to use the alternative route, via Doochary, this road would not last any time as it was constructed through bog.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that he was in agreement with Councillor Houston, and inquired if the Council's decision to restrict the traffic automatically applied, and, if so, if anything could be done in the matter.

Councillor Scott, Chairman of the Law Committee, pointed out that the Law Committee's recommendations in regard to Gweebarra Bridge had been unanimously adopted by the County Council earlier that day, and that nothing could now be done in the matter.

872/39.

COMPLAINT RE ABSENCE OF ROAD SIGNS ON ROADS IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

Councillor O'Boyle complained of the absence of Road Signs at many important Road junctions in the County. Some of the Signs already erected were broken down, and others of them had disappeared completely. He urged that something be done in the matter immediately.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that Road Signs were supplied by the Automobile Association, and it took them a very long time to supply all that were required.

The Council unanimously decided to take the matter up with the Automobile Association.

873/39.

COMPLAINT RE ABSENCE OF ROAD SIGN AT THE JUNCTION OF TWO ROADS NEAR BIRDSTOWN.

Councillor McIvor referred to the absence of a direction sign at the junction of two roads near Birdstown. One of the roads led back to the Customs post and it very often happened that motorists not acquainted with the district found themselves travelling on an unapproved road.

Councillor Scott supported the complaint.

The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, with instructions to have the signs erected near the border changed back nearer to Birdstown.

874/39.

APPLICATION BY MR. O'REILLY, ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR, SOUTHERN DIVISION, FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE A BREAKER AND A TRACTOR.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, Southern Division, applied for permission to purchase a Breaker and a Tractor.

He stated that at present he could not submit an estimate of the cost, as tenders would have to be invited.

The Council unanimously decided, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department, to authorise the purchase of the machinery required; the cost to be met by way of loan spread over a period of five years.

Monroe Fadden

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Chairman of Co. Council

29th August 1939.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1939.

875/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

876/39.

ILLNESS OF COUNCILLOR CANNON.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council extend their congratulations to Councillor Cannon on his recovery from his recent illness.

The motion was passed unanimously.

877/39.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 25th July, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

878/39.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25th July, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

879/39.

REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25th July, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 14th August, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

880/39.

REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 25th July, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

881/39.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 28th July, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

882/39.

BENWEE BOATSLIP, AND REMOVAL OF SAND FROM THE FORESHORE ADJOINING THE BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 25th August, 1939, C.87.45/1/36, stating that on the 29th May their Engineer inspected the improvements at Benwee Boatslip accompanied by Mr. Caffrey, Co. Surveyor for North Donegal, and a certificate of completion was signed by Mr. Caffrey "subject to repairs to beach head being carried out by Office of Public Works." The repair work was now being put in hands and was expected to be completed in about 10 days' time when a further inspection by their Engineer and the County Surveyor would be arranged. Meanwhile, they wished to notify the Council that complaints had been received from Gola Island fishermen that several people on the mainland were removing sand from the foreshore adjoining the Boatslip, and that, as a result, damage had been caused to boats landing on the exposed foreshore. They had reported the matter to the Department of Industry and Commerce for the necessary action under the Foreshore Act.

The Acting County Surveyor that the question of the removal of the sand was a matter for the Department of Industry and Commerce.

883/39.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BOATSLIP AT EIGHTER ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd August, 1939, S.W.1/3/12, referring to the proposed construction of a boatslip at Eighter Island at an estimated cost of £250, and stating that the Parliamentary Secretary was disposed to the making of a Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote on the following conditions:-

- (a) the preparation of a detailed plan and estimate by the County Surveyor;
- (b) The execution of the work under the supervision of the County Surveyor;
- (c) the making of a contribution by the Council of 25% of the cost;
- (d) The agreement of the Council to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the work on completion.

From inquiries they learned that there were not likely to be sufficient unemployment assistance men resident on the Island to warrant a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote and they inquired if the Council could say whether it would be possible for mainland men to travel to and from the Island or to obtain lodgings there for the duration of the work, which would not be carried out on a rotational basis.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and to refer it in the meantime to the Acting County Surveyor.

884/39.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PROTECTION WALL AT INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 25th August, 1939, C.87.132/1/37, in connection with the proposed extension by 150 feet of the seawall at Inishkeeragh at an estimated cost of £195, and stating that a contribution of £146 from the Employment Schemes Vote had since been sanctioned towards the cost of the works on condition that the Council would contribute £49 and undertake responsibility for maintenance of the entire wall when the proposed extension had been carried out. Owing to shortage of Engineering staff they had not been able to put the work in hands to date and they saw no prospect of putting it in hands this year. It occurred to them that the Council might be agreeable in the circumstances to have the work carried out under the supervision of the County Surveyor in which event they would be pleased to supply copy of their Engineer's plan and estimate together with any further particulars that the County Surveyor might require.

Consideration of the matter was adjourned until next Meeting in order to give any Councillor who might be interested an opportunity of lodging a Notice of Motion regarding the Council's contribution.

885/39.

FOOTPATHS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, stating that the Urban Council was desirous of having the work of repairing the footpaths put in hands at once.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

886/39.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

A letter dated 26th August, 1939, was submitted from the Department of Defence, 2/52675, requesting the Council to prepare and submit to the Minister for Defence a scheme of air raid precautions, which shall contain provisions in respect of such matters as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister. A copy of the regulations made by the Minister was enclosed.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to a special Committee to be known as the "Air Raid Precautions Committee"; this Committee to consist of the members of the Sub-Finance Committee, and Councillors Myles, McShea, and Wagentreiber.

It was decided to have preliminary Meeting of the Committee on the 5th September, 1939, and to invite the attendance of the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána; the Secretary and Councillor Scott to have an interview in the meantime with the Derry Air Raid Precautions Officer.

It was also decided to apply to have the "Air Raid Precautions Committee" made an "Authorised Committee."

887/39. COMHGHAIKDEACHAS LE h-EASBOG TOGHHA DOIRE CHOMHAILLE.

Do mhol an Cathaoirleach an run seo leanas:
 "Gní Comhairle Conndae Dhun na nGall comhghairdeas o chroidhe leis an Dr. Ro-Oirmhídeach Ua Fearainn fa'n ghradain cheimeamhail ata faighte aige ar na thogadh mar Easboc ar fhairche staireamhail Dhoire Cholmáille. Guidhimid rath agus sean air agus go saoghalaídh Dia e le n-a dhaoine a threoru go tuigseach crionna. Guidhimid Dia gaois agus eagna na sean-eolaidhe diadha, na bhfeallsamhnach, agus na dtaoiseach a bhronnadh air le dualgaisi uaisle a ard-oifige a choimhlíonadh. Ní h-e an cuid is lugha d'ar mbrod agus ar ngairdeachas gur de iar-threibh na conndae staireamhla seo e oir s i m Bun Crannaigh ar bhruach na Suiligh a rugadh e. Ta cuis mhor eile ag Chomhairle na Conndae seo le brod agus nuinighin a bheith aca as na badh cheillidhe, crionna tuigsionach an comhairleoir e ar an Choisde Scoilalreachta le blianta fada."

Do chuidigh Comhairleoir O'Bhradaigh leis an run, agus mhol se obair Dr. Ua Fearainn mar bhall de Choisde Scoilalreachta fosta.

Do chuidigh Comhairleoir O'Chomhánáigh, Blaine agus Scot leis an run, agus fosta Runaidhe an Chomhairle.

888/39. AREA OF CHARGE FOR THE PUBLIC LIGHTING OF KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th July, 1939, P.H.11413/39, Dun na nGall (Pg), transmitting, for the information of the Council, copy of an Order made by the Minister on the 21st June fixing, among others, the Area of Charge for the special expenses of providing for the public lighting of Killybegs.

889/39. SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME, 1939 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 24th July, 1939, L.2148/39, stating that, provided the Council adopt a similar Dipping Scheme to that in force in previous years, including Regulations for the compulsory dipping of sheep as approved by the Department, the Minister would offer no objection to the re-appointment for the dipping period of the current year of the twenty Sheep Dipping Inspectors who acted in that capacity last year and at the same rate of remuneration, i.e. £2 per week. It was presumed that any conditions which might have been imposed by the Local Authority in connection with such appointments had been complied with.

890/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at River Dale, Ballindrait; Knockastolar; and Stranacorka River; were submitted.

891/39. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNO DO CHISTE AN-CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leightheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 9adh Lughnasa, 1939, G.904/8/39, ag radh go gceaduiheann an t-Aire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblidhe airliughadh le fiacha Bainno na rachaidh thar £80,000 i gcoir costaisi reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleaghtach suas go dti 31adh la de'n mhi seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí Meadhon Fhoghmhair, 1939.

Socrulghtheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainno na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dti 30adh Meadhon Fhoghmhair, 1939.

892/39. RECOUPMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1938.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th August, 1939, L.2974/38, stating that a Paying Order for £328 : 0 : 7 had that day been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer in respect of recoupment of Sheep Dipping Expenses for the year ended 31st March, 1938.

893/39. APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER FOR BUNCRANA URBAN DISTRICT.

A Notice was submitted from the Local Government Department stating that in pursuance of his powers under Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Minister by Order, under Seal, dated 12th August, 1939, dissolved the Buncrana Urban District Council, and transferred the property and the several powers and duties of the Council to his Inspector, Mr. S. MacLysaght. The Order took effect on and from 14th August, 1939.

894/39. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Ballybofey on the 2nd August, 1939, of lands in Golland now or formerly in the occupation of Peter Holland.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Ballybofey on the 6th September, 1939, of lands in Starritstown, now or formerly in the occupation of William Lynch.

895/39. ROAD SIGNS ON ROADS IN THE COUNTY OF DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Automobile Association, 23, Suffolk Street, Dublin, C.3., acknowledging the Secretary's letter of the 31st July regarding road signs in County Donegal, from which it was noted that certain roads in the County were badly sign-posted, and that existing signs had been broken, or some had completely disappeared. The Automobile Association was prepared, and always had been prepared, to supply signs to the Donegal County Council, and they supplied a considerable number to the late County Surveyors, Messrs. Caffrey and Steadman. If a schedule showing what signs were required was sent to them, they would have the matter attended to immediately.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"There were forty-six Direction Signs ordered for the South of Donegal on the 22nd July, 1938. These were received in February, 1939. The Assistant Surveyors are now being asked to submit a further general list of any signs that are required, and these will be ordered as soon as this list is received."

Councillor O'Boyle stated that something should be done regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the signs already erected.

Councillor McIvor also complained of the condition of the signs, which were, he stated, often used for throwing stones at by boys.

The Acting County Surveyor explained that the signposts were re-painted periodically, but that when the enamel on the signs themselves was chipped, new signs were required.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct road contractors and surfacemen to keep the signs in proper repair, as far as possible.

896/39. ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED AND CORPORATE ACCOUNTANTS, LONDON.

A letter was read from the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants, London, stating that the Council of the Association wished to inform the public that the London Association of Certified Accountants, Ltd., and the Corporation of Accountants, Ltd., both of whom were mentioned in the Local Government Act, 1933, the Housing Act, 1935, and other Acts, had amalgamated.

897/39. CARRICK PIER, NEAR MAGHERAGALLON.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 8th August, 1939, S.W.1/3/58, acknowledging receipt of Minute No. 851/39 relative to Carrick Pier, near Magheragallon, and stating that the Parliamentary Secretary was advised that the public utility of the Pier would not justify the making of a Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote towards the cost of removing rocks on the north side of the Pier.

898/39. EMPLOYMENT OF MR. SEAN MULREANY AS TEMPORARY ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th August, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention up to the 30th September of Mr. Sean Mulreany as temporary Assistant County Surveyor upon the terms previously sanctioned.

899/39. MEENGLASS ROAD, BALLYBOFEY - APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE.

Councillor Hannigan proposed:- "That this Council apply for a grant for the repair of the Meenglass Road, Ballybofey. This road runs from the Ballybofey-Donegal Road at Ballinamona to the Custom Hut at Meenglass Border. It is in a very bad state as nothing has been done to it for a few years."

Councillor McMenamin seconded the motion.

The Secretary submitted a memorial which had been submitted from ratepayers of the district and users of the road complaining of the condition of this road.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"The Meenglass Road is partly in contract and partly in Direct Labour. I included this particular road on the 1937/38 Employment Scheme Vote proposals, but it was subsequently turned down by the Department's Engineers."

Councillor Hannigan's motion was passed unanimously.

900/39. CLOSING OF ROAD AT LETTERCRAN, PETTIGO, AND ESTIMATE OF COST OF IMPROVING ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

Arising out of Minute No. 792/39 of the County Council at their last Meeting, Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"As requested at the last Meeting of the Council I inspected the Lettercran Road on the 16th August. The total distance of road involved is approximately two miles. As far as I can gather portion of this road was repaired by the Irish Land Commission about 1930, and a sum of about £350 spent on its repair. The average width of the road is 7½' and 11' between fences. There is approximately ¼ mile of new road to be made including a small bridge. The old road would require to be widened, strengthened, and surfaced. There is an alternative route, via Crawford's Lane, which would be about half-a-mile shorter, but this only serves eleven holdings, against a total of eighteen holdings which would be served by the longer route. The whole road would be used by seven townlands for taking their cattle to market. The inspection which I made was not of a detailed nature and hence my estimate of £1,200 for the repair of the old road and the building of the new road is approximate. As far as I can gather, Consents will need to be obtained for the new portion of the road."

On the motion of Councillor Brady it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for a grant from the Minor Employment Schemes Vote.

901/39. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF A VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR THE COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF MILFORD.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th August, 1939, L.130-39, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 793/39 C.C., and stating that the Minister offered no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. Edward O'Hagan, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Milford District, with remuneration at the rate of £105 per annum, pending the making of a regular appointment in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers' and Employees') Act, 1926. The person to be so appointed should be required to reside at some centre within the District approved by the Minister.

The Secretary stated that two applications for the appointment had been received, but one of the applicants was not qualified under Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers' and Employees') Act, 1926.

Councillor MacGreadie proposed that the matter be adjourned until next Meeting in the absence of Councillor Baxter, who was interested in the appointment.

Councillor Loughrey seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

902/39. APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 20 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

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

Maelisa Gerard Doherty, Gaddyduff, Clonmany.

Charles James Theodore McLaughlin, Diamond, Garndonagh.

James O'Connor, New Road, Garndonagh.

The Sub-Finance Committee had, at their Meeting that morning, considered the Bankers' references of the persons proposed by the candidates to act as Sureties, and those were considered satisfactory.

An Examination of the candidates in Irish had also been held that morning. The Examination was conducted by Rev. Father McGlynn, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, and the result was as follows:-

<u>Name of Candidate.</u>	<u>Oral Irish.</u> <u>(100).</u>	<u>Written Irish.</u> <u>(100).</u>
Maelisa Gerard Doherty.	40.	40.
Charles James T. McLaughlin.	60.	55.
James O'Connor.	80.	84.

The Council noted that each of the candidates had qualified in the Irish Examination.

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

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

Councillor McIvor proposed the appointment of Mr. Maelisa Gerard Doherty, and Councillor Scott seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and the Secretary informed the Council that on the first vote each Councillor could vote for two of the candidates if he so desired.

The vote resulted as follows:-

For Mr. James O'Connor.

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Gallagher, Gallen, Houston, Kelly, Lynch, McClafferty, McDaid, McShane, McShea, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), McRory and Walsh. Total 15.

For Mr. Charles J. T. McLaughlin.

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cole, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lynch, Mahony, McCrea, MacCreadie, McDaid, McIvor, McMenamin, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Michael), Scott, and Walsh. Total 19.

For Mr. Maelisa Gerard Doherty.

Councillors Byrne, Gallagher, Gallen, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Mahony, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, McRory, and Scott. Total 18.

As a result of this vote Mr. James O'Connor was eliminated, and a vote, resulting as follows, was then taken between Messrs. McLaughlin and Doherty:-

For Mr. McLaughlin.

Councillors Blaney, Brady, Cole, Hannigan, Lynch, McDaid, O'Donnell (Michael), and Walsh. Total 8.

For Mr. Doherty.

Councillors Byrne, Gallagher, Gallen, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Mahony, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, McRory, and Scott. Total 19.

The Chairman declared Mr. Maelisa Gerard Doherty appointed to the position, and the Council decided to accept as his sureties Senator John McLaughlin, Fahan, and Mr. William Wilson, Cleagh, Clonmany, in a bond for £223.

903/39. ADVANCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 1940/41 REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

An application was submitted from Mr. P. J. Ward, Co. Registrar, for an advance of £450 for the preparation of the 1940/41 Register of Electors.

The Council unanimously decided to make the advance required.

904/39.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF AN ASSISTANT SURVEYOR TO THE MILFORD DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor O'Neill stating, in reply to the Secretary's letter, that he did not desire any change from the District in which he was at present.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan thanking the Council for giving him the opportunity of applying for a transfer to the Milford District, but stating that he was not in a position to accept the offer.

The Council had before them the application of Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, Dunfanaghy, for transfer to the Milford Area, which had been before them at last Meeting.

Councillor MacGreadie proposed that Mr. McIvor be transferred to Milford.

Councillor Loughrey seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed that the matter be adjourned until the new County Surveyor takes up duty.

Councillor MacGreadie withdrew his proposal, and Councillor Scott's proposal was passed unanimously. (805/39 C.C.)

905/39.

APPLICATION FROM MR. J. A. LAMBERTON, FAHAN, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A COTTAGE AT FAHAN DISPENSARY.

A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Lamberton, Castletown, Fahan, applying for permission to build a cottage at Fahan Dispensary; a continuation of two houses already there.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lamberton has now decided to keep the house he intends to build over the 30 feet from the centre of the road."

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

906/39.

COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE AT LOUGH VEAGH HOUSE, CHURCHILL, AND CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR TREES CUT DOWN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Johnstone, Lough Veagh House, Churchill, drawing attention to a matter concerning the entrance to her residence. During last winter the surfacemen removed a wall at the gate, and had made it straight, which, she considered, was very unsafe for traffic coming from her house. Several trees had also been cut away. She wanted the Council to have the wall left back in its former position, and the widening taken off the opposite side, and she claimed a sum of £5 for the loss of the trees.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I called with Mrs. Johnstone at St. Columb's Hotel regarding the widening of the road at the entrance to Lough Veagh House on the 25th August. She repeated all she had said in her letter and denied having given permission. Regarding the corner itself, it has been greatly improved by the widening. I cannot agree that it has made the entrance to Lough Veagh House more dangerous. It has, in fact, done the reverse. It would not be possible to ease the corner by widening on the other side of the road. I would suggest that this matter be referred to the Law Committee."

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

907/39.

LOUGH SALT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - PROPOSED RAISING OF LOAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th July, 1939, S.5329/8/39, Dun na nGall, Pd., enclosing copy of a letter which had been addressed to the Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance in regard to the proposed water supply scheme from Lough Salt. The question of raising a loan to defray the Mental Hospital Committee's portion of the cost of the scheme could not be fully considered until the outstanding matters referred to in the letter to the Board of Health received the attention of the Board.

The Council noted the letter.

908/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO KILLYDONNELL GRAVEYARD, RANELTON.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Hannigan, Kiln Lane, Ranelton, complaining of the condition of the road leading to Killydonnell Graveyard. The surface was overgrown with grass, and owing to the briars on both sides of the road it was impossible for a person to pass without getting his clothes torn. As this was a mixed burying-ground, and if it was not attended to immediately, he would get the Clergymen of the different Churches to report the matter to the Minister for Local Government.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dawson tells me that he has been in the habit of doing some repairs to this road in former years. I have, therefore, instructed Mr. Mulreany to put a surfaceman to do this work in the near future."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

909/39. STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Messrs. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, and T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following joint report:-

"It is very difficult to get suitable sites for magazines owing to the regulations governing the distance they must be kept from a house, road, etc. We have found two sites which appear suitable; one outside Donegal Town and one outside Letterkenny. The land required will first have to be acquired, and we suggest that this matter be put into the hands of the Council's Solicitor forthwith. The two magazines will cost approximately £150 each. In the meantime, we would ask that permission be given to store the explosives required in the magazine at Letterkenny where they have been stored for the past ten years, and in other magazines where they have been stored up to the present. If this permission is refused it will mean that the road work will be paralysed for want of explosives."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the report, and to instruct the Acting County Surveyors to get into touch with the Council's Solicitor regarding the acquisition of the necessary land.

It was also unanimously decided to request the Department of Justice to allow the explosives to be stored in the existing magazines until such time as the new magazines are erected.

910/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF FIELD AT LURGANBOY, DONEGAL.

Arising out of a complaint which was before the Council at their last Meeting from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, on behalf of Miss Gladys Sweeney, Donegal, regarding the flooding of her field at Lurganboy, Donegal, Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"This matter was reported on by Mr. Cunningham at the last Meeting of the Council, when I was asked to make a personal inspection. I agree with Mr. Cunningham's report (Minute No. 863/39), and would now suggest that the County Council agree to build the pipe, provided Miss Sweeney obtains the written consent of the landowners downstream. At present there is no appreciable damage done to roads."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the report.

911/39. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FOR SHOCK AND PERSONAL INJURIES ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED AS A RESULT OF BLASTING OPERATIONS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, claiming damages on behalf of Mrs. Peter O'Donnell, Saltpans, Dungloe, for personal injuries as a result of shock caused by blasting operations on the 27th July, 1939. Immediately after one of the Council employees came to warn the woman, the explosion went off and she and her children had to run in a state of extreme agitation and nervousness into the nearest out-house. There was gross negligence on the part of the Council's employees in not giving this woman timely notice that a blast was going off.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

912/39. COMPLAINT RE DARKENING OF HOUSE OWING TO RAISING OF ROADWAY
AT CRUCKAMORE, BURTONPORT, AND COMPLAINT RE BLASTING
OPERATIONS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. John McCole, Railway Guard, Cruckamore, Burtonport, with reference to the very serious nuisance and inconvenience caused to him and his sister by the repairs which have been carried out to the public road at Cruckamore. The ground floor of their house was originally 3 feet below the road level. Repairs to the road from time to time raised the surface of the road to a height of 4 feet 6 inches over the floor level, and the latest repairs had raised it to 6 feet or over. The house was a one-storied one and there were two windows facing the roadway. The height to which the roadway had now been raised had diminished appreciably the amount of light passing through the windows. The wall built in front of the house had the effect of making the chimney of the house smoke while the wind was from the west and north-west. His client's sister was a seamstress, and a smoky house and partially blinded windows was not the most suitable atmosphere for the carrying on of this business. His client had a further grievance in connection with these road repairs. On the 25th July his client told the Ganger that he objected to blasting operations so near his premises, but was assured by the Ganger that steps would be taken to cover the blasts, but notwithstanding this assurance a stone weighing about 4 cwt. was projected into and buried in his client's garden, where it destroyed a good many of the growing crop, and to make matters worse the road workers rolled this stone from the potato garden into his client's meadow where it still lay, and the meadow itself was full of stone and other debris rained down upon it as a result of the blasting operations. Unless the matters complained of were remedied, and suitable compensation made to him for the damage he had suffered, his client would institute proceedings against the County Council to assert his rights and to put a stop to such a serious invasion of them.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

913/39. ARREARS DUE IN CONNECTION WITH LOANS ADVANCED UNDER THE
HOUSING ACTS.

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

Wm. McCrossan, Milford.	£9 : 1 : 8.
Patrick Doherty, Carndonagh.	£22 : 5 : 0.
Reps. Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.	£32 : 8 : 3.
John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.	£54 : 15 : 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.	£3 : 12 : 7.
Mrs. Bridget Grant, Ardaseanlon, Clonmany.	£4 : 1 : 4.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.	£75 : 19 : 0.
Daniel McEloney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.	£6 : 17 : 7.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.	£16 : 14 : 0.
Edward Shiels, Jr., Rooskey, Clonmany.	£35 : 4 : 0.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Moenlaragh.	£14 : 3 : 0.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.	£31 : 17 : 11.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.	£31 : 7 : 3.

The Secretary also read a lengthy letter from the Council's Solicitor dated 28th July, 1939, setting out the steps taken by him in connection with defaulters under the Housing Acts. He did not think that anything further would be recovered in the cases substantially in arrear without recourse to Ejectment Proceedings.

The Secretary explained to the Council that Mrs. Annie Bradley had died, and that Rev. W. Meehan, C.C., Iskeheen, had informed him that he (Father Meehan) believed that the amount owing to the Council would be met out of the Estate.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Council's Solicitor to proceed for Ejectment Orders in the cases substantially in arrear, and where there seemed to be no further hope of payment.

914/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

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

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....£54 :13 : 4.
Michael Gallagher, Legnahoorcy.....£1 :19 : 5.

The Secretary stated that McGready had been given until the 20th August to make a payment, but that nothing had been done in the matter.

It was decided to inform Mr. McGready that unless a substantial payment was made immediately the Council's Solicitor would be instructed to proceed for an Ejectment Order.

915/39. OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line along the Dreen-Moneyhaughley-Balleighan Roads from the junction with the Letterkenny-Newtowncunningham Road to Balleighan, Manor-cunningham.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line along the Errity, Upper Grawky, and Sallybrook Roads from Manor-cunningham to Lagan Co-operative Society, Sallybrook.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line along Monfad Road from junction with the Derry Road to Mason Lodge, Newtowncunningham.

The Council unanimously decided to give permission in the foregoing cases on condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal, except in so far as State-aided Schemes and Schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas are concerned, to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs; and that the poles be kept free of the carriageway.

916/39. ERECTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK IN COURTHOUSE SQUARE, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs dated 21st July, 1939, Tpc. 9326/39, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 6th June conveying the consent of the Council for the erection of a Telephone Kiosk in Courthouse Square, Letterkenny, at a nominal wayleave rental of 1d. per year. In other similar cases, the Local Authority concerned had not insisted on an Agreement, but had regarded as sufficient an undertaking from the Department to pay the nominal rental demanded and to remove the structure when called upon to do so. The Department thereby gave such undertaking, and, in the circumstances, the Council might be disposed to agree that a formal document was not called for.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the undertaking of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

917/39. ERECTION OF LOW TENSION EXTENSIONS AT LETTERKENNY BY THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD, AND BREAKING UP OF ROAD AND FOOTPATH SURFACES.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board, 60-62, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, stating that under the powers conferred on the Board under the Electricity Supply Act, 1927, it was proposed to erect two low tension extensions at Letterkenny. The carrying out of the work would necessitate the breaking up of the road and footpath surface, but every care would be taken to avoid damage to persons using the roads and footpaths and to the property of the County Council and/or the Letterkenny Urban Council.

The Council noted the letter.

918/39. RATHMULLAN PIER - REQUIREMENTS OF FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, 51, Dawson Street, Dublin, dated 29th July, 1939, T.I.F.4088, stating that it had been observed that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1901 - 1920, were not being observed at Rathmullan Pier:-

Dock Regulations, Form F.I.938, not affixed.

No means of support at or near the surface of the water to enable a person to escape from drowning.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

919/39. BURTONPORT PIER - REQUIREMENTS OF FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, 51, Dawson Street, Dublin, dated 2nd August, 1939, T.I.F.3788, stating that it had been observed that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1901 - 1920, were not being observed at Burtonport Pier:-

Docks Regulations, Form F.I.938, not affixed.

No life-saving appliances provided.

Means of support for person immersed not provided at water's edge.

Notice stating name of person in charge of First Aid Box not provided.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have ordered a supply of Forms F.I.938 (Docks regulations). If the Council direct me to have life-saving appliances provided at Burtonport Pier, I will do so."

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

920/39. DOWNINGS BAY - REQUIREMENTS OF FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce stating that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1901 - 1920, were not being observed at Downings Bay:-

Docks Regulations, Form F.I.938, not affixed.

Notice not exhibited in prominent position at Dock stating the position of First-aid Box and the place where the person in charge thereof can be found.

Means at or near the surface of the water not provided at reasonable intervals to enable person immersed to support himself or escape from the water.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting Co. Surveyor.

921/39. OBSTRUCTIONS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th August, 1939, R/RM/7, inquiring what progress had been made in connection with the removal of obstructions in Bundoran Urban Area.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"A Schedule has been prepared showing the names of the owners, the tenants, and the amount of compensation as set out by Mr. C. P. Curran, Valuer, and this has been forwarded to the Council's Solicitor, together with other particulars of the alterations involved."

The Council noted the report.

922/39. SHALLOGANS BOG ROAD, FINTOWN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Brennan, Shallogans, Fintown, asking the Council to make a strong recommendation to the Board of Works for a grant for the repair of the Shallogans Bog Road. This road was very much used for carting turf. The unemployed of the district would prefer work on the road to Unemployment Assistance.

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

923/39. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th July, 1939, R/RM/7, referring to the construction of an approach road to Poolawaddy Boatslip, and stating that it was understood that agreement had now been reached with the owner of the land, and requesting to be informed as to what steps were being taken by the County Council to construct the road. The Minister would be prepared to consent to a departure from the rules and regulations of the Public Bodies Orders, 1925-1931, to enable the work to be carried out in the current financial year.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Consents, I understand, have been obtained for the making of road to Poolawaddy Boatslip. Mr. Kearney, however, reports that a Gap has been washed away again on the land end where the proposed new road will join the Pier. This end of the Pier has been washed away two or three times, and, consequently, I would not recommend the Council to take over the Pier. A Breakwater would be needed at the head of the Pier. The estimate for making the new road is £40, which includes compensation. The estimate for filling gap and building is £60. Total estimate, £100. I note that the Minister is prepared to consent to a departure from the rules and regulations of the Public Bodies Orders, 1925-1931, to enable the work to be carried out in the current financial year."

The Council unanimously decided to inquire from the Department if a grant would be made available for the construction of the road, and the necessary repairs to the Pier.

924/39. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES AT BALLINACARRICK, BALLINTRA.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Spence, Ballintra, referring to the Council's Minute No. 716/39 regarding his claim for £10 for extra land taken for road widening purposes at Ballinacarrick, Ballintra. There was no doubt about it but that the Council's workmen cut off more of his land than was originally agreed upon, and more would have been taken only that Mr. Molloy changed back the line. He considered that he was entitled to compensation for the extra land taken at the Ballintra side.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This matter came before the County Council at their June Meeting when Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"As you are aware, P. Molloy and you set out the line of new roadway in the presence of Mr. Spence telling him that in addition due allowance would have to be made for the slope. As far as I can see, and Mr. Molloy agrees, no land was taken other than that set out by you. At the Ballyshannon end of the widening, Molloy was in the act of taking additional land, but I made him go back to the line originally agreed upon."

I have now received the following signed statement from the Ganger, P. Molloy, dated 10th August, 1939:-

"In reply to your query regarding dangerous corner at Ballintra (owner, Mr. Spence), I was present with Co. Surveyor and Mr. Spence and followed the marks indicated. 25' at widest point to ease out at south end at track of burned can and at corner of lane north end. I followed these instructions at request of Mr. Cunningham, Surveyor."

From these reports it is evident that no further encroachment was made on Mr. Spence's lands."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

925/39. DATE OF EXPIRY OF FIRST MOIETY CREDIT NOTES.

A letter was read from Mr. W. G. Gallagher, Castlefin, Chairman, Co. Donegal Farmers' Association, asking to have the following resolution brought before the Council:-

"We, the Committee of the Co. Donegal Farmers' Association, protest against Credit Note for payment of First Moiety Rates 1939/40 ending on 30th September, and ask the Council to extend same and have it to apply until end of November, 1939."

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

926/39.

ROAD LEADING TO VILLAGE OF SLIEVEBAWN, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mr. James F. Doherty, Slievebawn, Malin Head, referring to his recent application for repairs to the road connecting Slievebawn Village with the Main Road. He wished to know why a notice was inserted in the Press that this road was to be admitted a County Road. There were 14 houses in the village of Slievebawn, and the people wished to know why they were not served by a County Road. When they had been enlightened on the subject they would take steps to have the matter brought up at Geneva.

The Acting County Surveyor explained that some years ago it was proposed to have this road declared a County Road, and notice to that effect was given in the Press. The road did not connect two County Roads, and under the terms of Section 25 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, it could not be declared a County Road.

The Secretary stated that in December, 1935, the Local Government Department informed the Longford County Council that a road not already a public road and which did not comply with Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925, could be declared a County Road if a member could satisfy the Council that the road was one of general public utility. The Council would, of course, have to justify their action if questioned by an Auditor.

Councillors Gole and Lynch proposed that the Secretary be instructed to have public notice again given of the Council's intention to declare this road a County Road.

The proposal was passed unanimously, and it was decided to give public notice for the Meeting of the Council on the 31st October, 1939.

927/39.

COMPLAINT OF MR. WILLIAM FLANAGAN RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED AS A FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. William Flanagan, Barnes Road, Ballybofey, stating that in March last he was granted a job as a Flagman in any part of the County. Since then three Flagmen had been appointed. One of the men was named Craig and he was on the engine with Hugh McGlinchey. Another man named Mick Bonner of Garndonagh had been put on by Mr. W. J. Doherty, and a third man had been put on Tom Mulhern's engine in place of the flagman, Patrick Mulhern, who had been injured. He wished to have this matter brought to the notice of the Council.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that Craig was working previous to the March Meeting of the Council. The man named Bonner was not employed by the County Council.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that Flanagan had since been employed as a Flagman.

The Council noted that the matter had now been disposed of.

928/39.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF PIPES ON ROAD AT ACRES, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Bryan Sweeney, Acres, Burtonport, stating that some months ago the Irish Land Commission made a large drain three-fourths of a mile long to drain the fields just below the Acres Catholic Church. Across underneath the road there was a pipe, the bottom of which was now two feet above the level of the drain, with the result that the water could not pass through. As a result his crops were being flooded, and if the matter was not remedied his farm would become useless.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows: "This pipe was built last week on the Rosses Road Improvement Scheme."

Councillor Walsh stated that there were two other pipes on the same road which should be attended to.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor; Councillor Walsh to furnish Mr. O'Reilly with particulars of these pipes.

Consideration of the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

929/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF ROAD AND LANDS AT GLASKEERAGH, PETTIGO, AND APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ERECTION OF BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGee, Glaskooragh, Pettigo, applying for a grant for the erection of a Bridge, and for the widening and deepening of a river. Owing to the condition of this river the County Road, in winter, was covered with water for a considerable distance, and the land surrounding the river was also flooded.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have made an inspection of the place and Mr. McGee tells me that his laneway from the County Road has lately become impassable in wet weather.

It appears that about two years ago the Irish Land Commission did extensive drainage to a large area of mountain lands in Meenachiffin and that since then, in wet weather, this flooding has been very marked. The level of the Lough rises rapidly covering part of McGee's laneway, and a small section of the County Road. The overflow from the Lough is narrow and rocky, and it takes time to get the increased rush of water away, whereas formerly the water came gradually into the Lough and had time to get away before any appreciable flooding took place. The Irish Land Commission should be asked to remedy matters."

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Irish Land Commission.

930/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AND WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

A further letter was read from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, inquiring if there was no law to compel James Boyle and his son, Neil Boyle, to repair the depredation which they had committed, in connection with the fence and water-table at Glashbeggan.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this matter was now in the hands of the Council's Solicitor. (717/39 C.C.)

931/39. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROADS IN GLENTIES DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Gallagher (Reps. Oliver Griffin), Glenmacanniffe, Glenties, stating that he was unable to pay his rates. He had a wife and six children and his only income was 13/- per week. If he could obtain work on roads he would make an effort to pay.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"Mr. Hugh Gallagher is employed every year quarrying stones under "U" Grants. As he lives only a short distance from the town of Glenties he can get any amount of work. Several farmers have asked me could I get them a man, but as far as I can learn Mr. Gallagher is not caring very much."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

932/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES AT KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Ward (Hugh), Keadue, Burtonport, stating that during recent road repairs he gave his land and stone along the road at Keadue. He had a sod and stone fence on his land, but the Council's workmen took it and filled in the side of the road with the fence he had there. He had been left without a fence, and fences had been put up where there never were ones before. He had had to put up wire to keep cattle from his crops.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer:-

"In connection with the complaint of Mr. Patrick Ward (Hugh), Keadue, Burtonport, I regret that I cannot recall receiving any complaint before from him re this matter, and I will, therefore, have to investigate. I will investigate this immediately I return to Dungloe, and if Mr. Ward has a genuine complaint I will take the necessary steps to have the matter put right, and I will report again to the next Meeting of the County Council. I trust this arrangement will meet with your approval."

Consideration of the matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

933/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES TAKEN FROM QUARRY AT THE LAGG, MILFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Tease, The Lagg, Milford, stating that he had already written to the Assistant Surveyor about the yearly payment for stones taken out of his Quarry. There was a huge quantity taken and he had received no payment since May, 1938. He was to be allowed payment at 2d. per ton.

A further letter was read from Mr. Tease stating that he supplied 2,000 tons of stones since 1st May, 1938.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulreany reports that he has gone into the matter with Mr. Dawson and hopes to have payment certified in the near future."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

934/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT WALL AT DUNROSS, CULDAFF.

A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Jones, Dunross, Culdaff, applying for permission to build a wall in front of his house at Dunross. The wall would be in line with another wall which ran parallel to the public road.

The Council unanimously decided to give permission on condition that Mr. Jones signs an undertaking to remove the wall at any time he might be called upon to do so.

935/39. COMPLAINT RE PILING OF METAL ON THE ARDARA-PORTNOO ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Clements, Ulster Bank, Ltd., Ardara, drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the Ardara-Portnoo Road caused by large quantities of stones ready to be rolled in. Some of these stones were occupying almost one-half of the road and were placed at some of the worst bends. He used this road daily, and it was only his knowledge of it that had saved him from accident.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported that the metal referred to would be rolled in when the Roller was repaired.

936/39. FLOODING OF LANDS AND ROADWAY AT NEENFORMAL, GLEN, KILMACRENAN, AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ARISING THEREFROM.

A joint letter was submitted from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, and Mr. A. J. O'Leary, Solicitor, Milford, who were acting for Hugh Shiels and William Rodden, Jun., of Neenformal, Glen, Kilmacrenan. Legal proceedings for assault and battery had been brought by Shiels against Rodden. The dispute between the parties had arisen out of the flooding of lands and of the roadway where it passed between the respective lands of the parties at Neenformal. The District Justice recommended that the parties should settle the dispute and endeavour by the cleaning of their drains on the lands to prevent any further flooding. This was done but it was found that no amount of cleaning of drains would be effective to prevent flooding, unless the bed of the pipe which carried the waters from Shiels' lands to Rodden's lands across the roadway was lowered at least 12 inches. The District Justice had recommended them to write to the Council with a view to having the bed of the pipe lowered or sunk and so remove the cause of the trouble.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulreany reports that the pipe in question was lowered some years ago, the work being done by Shiels. The pipe appears to be too small to carry the water and would require to be sunk and enlarged. There is no money available for the work, however, until next year's estimates are considered."

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Acting County Surveyor to have this work carried out, and to apply for an amount from the Contingency Fund to cover the cost.

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937/39. ROAD FROM FRANK KELLY'S TO JOHN McBRIDE'S, CASTLEDOE, CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from Mr. John McBride, Castledoe, Creeslough, enclosing cutting from an old List of Proposals for Payment to Road Contractors showing that it was the County Council who made the road from Frank Kelly's to John McBride's as the Acting County Surveyor stated it was made by the Board of Works.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road would be included in next year's list of contracts. There was no money at present available for its repair.

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

938/39. COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the County Librarian stating that at present there were three vacancies on his Committee owing to resignations.

A further letter was read from the County Librarian stating that the Committee had suggested that the following be appointed to the vacancies:-

Rev. J. Sproule, B.A., LL.B., The Manse, Castlefin.

Rev. J. A. O'Doherty, C.C., Castlefin.

Mr. Raffan, M.A., Headmaster, Prior School, Lifford.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint the persons recommended by the Library Committee.

939/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR 7 TONS OF STONES SUPPLIED AT LACKBEG, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Sharkey, Lackbeg, Burtonport, stating that he entered into a contract with Mr. Dillon for the supply of stones last October. There were still seven tons to be paid for, and he wished to have the matter cleared up.

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

"In connection with the complaint of non-payment for materials supplied of Mr. John J. Sharkey, Lackbeg, Burtonport, I was under the impression that Mr. Sharkey was paid to date and was satisfied. You may remember that he wrote some time ago and he has since received another payment. Added to this, Mr. Sharkey is actually in Scotland and it is a friend of his who is writing and looking after his interests. Mr. Sharkey may be back when I return. In any case the matter is really a very small one, and I do not believe I will experience much difficulty in settling the matter to the satisfaction of both parties, as soon as I can see Mr. Sharkey."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

940/39. COMPLAINT RE DARKENING OF HOUSE AT CRUCKAMORE, BURTONPORT, OWING TO RAISING OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. John McCole, Cruckamore, Burtonport, objecting to the raising of the road in front of his house. The road was now 6 feet higher than his doorstep, and the approaches to his house were a veritable death-trap. The house was practically dark inside in daylight.

The Council noted that Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, had also written about this matter, and that Mr. O'Donnell's letter had been referred to the Law Committee. (Minute No. 912/39 C.C.)

941/39. OFFER TO SUPPLY FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS.

A letter was read from Messrs. Henry Ford & Son, Ltd., Cork, enclosing particulars of fire-fighting apparatus which they were in a position to supply, if the Council were considering the purchase of fire-fighting equipment.

The matter was referred to the Committee appointed to deal with the question of Air Raid Precautions.

942/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON ROADS IN MARCH AND MAY, 1939.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Kerr (P.), Corry, Ballylar P.O., stating that he worked for the Council on the 31st March, 25th May, 30th March, and 24th May, and he only got 7s/7d. The Ganger said he sent in the correct time to the Office.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulreany states that he has made two attempts to get this matter settled without success. There is a difference of opinion between this man and the surfaceman to whom he worked. He intends getting the two men together to settle the question."

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

943/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF FOOTBRIDGE AT BALLINTRA, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Paddy Conaghan, Ballintra, Arranmore, applying for a grant for the repair of a footbridge over a stream flowing parallel to the County Road in Ballintra, Arranmore. Her house was situated five yards from the stream. The footbridge leading to the house had not been repaired for 15 years. It had sunk down and got choked with stones, so that it was now unable to carry the flow of water.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney reports that he will find out particulars of this when next in Arranmore. He is of the opinion that it cannot be County property as he never repaired a footbridge in Aran. All the County Bridges are of concrete. If this is correct the matter should be referred to the Board of Works."

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

944/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM MUFF TO LENAMORE, VIA KNOWHEAD CHURCH.

A letter was read from Rev. W. A. Barker, Muff, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Muff to Lenamore, via Knowhead Church. Men were working on it at present and the repairs were utterly ridiculous. The road was in a deplorable condition previously, but to fill potholes with a mixture of clay and stones seemed to be a very effective way of making the road impossible for any kind of traffic.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Doherty reports that the material used in this case was the best possible for darning potholes or blinding a raw road surface. The road is in good order."

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

945/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT BUNGALOW ON WASTE GROUND IN STRANORLAR ON THE STRANORLAR-DREENAN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles O'Donnell, The Glebe, Stranorlar, applying for permission to erect a bungalow on the waste piece of ground in the town of Stranorlar situated on the left-hand side of the road leading from Stranorlar to Dreenan.

Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Where Mr. O'Donnell wants permission to erect a shop is a piece of ground at Millbrae, Stranorlar, which formerly formed part of a Fair Green. This piece of ground is now very useful to the Council for parking engines, etc., and is still used as a Fair Green."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for a special report for next Meeting.

946/39. COMPLAINT REGARDING ROAD OUTSIDE CULDAFF VILLAGE LEADING TO CARNDONAGH AND MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus Harkin, P.C., Culdaff, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 858/39 regarding the road outside Culdaff Village leading to Carndonagh and Malin. He intended to appear on a deputation to the next Meeting of the Council to have the matter further considered. If the grant for the re-construction of the road which the Council asked for was not forthcoming, he suggested that the County Council should have danger signs erected at both ends of this road stating that it was dangerous and not fit for traffic.

Mr. Harkin appeared before the Council and emphasised the extremely dangerous condition in which this road was at present.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, read the following report which he had already submitted to the Council:-

"The road in question which is a Trunk Road, Map No. T.73-100, is carried on a turf bank on each side of which is cut-away bog. The carriageway averages about 12 feet, with a sloping grass margin of about 3 or 4 feet on each side, and a sheer drop of about 10 to 12 feet. The length is close on a mile, and in order to widen the road it would be necessary to cut away the turf bank and re-make the road at a lower level. This would be very expensive and might cost from £4,000 to £5,000."

Mr. Caffrey further stated that owing to the amount of money required to repair this road a Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote would not cover the cost.

Councillor Cole proposed that the money required be raised by way of loan.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the new Tourist Board be asked to use their influence in having a special Grant allocated for the re-making of this road.

Councillor Cole seconded the motion which was passed unanimously, and it was also decided to ask the Deputies for the County who were members of the Council to support the proposal.

947/39. NEOPOST FRANKING MACHINE.

A letter was read from Messrs. Charles Chambers, Ltd., 15 & 16, Dame Court, Dublin, stating that five County Councils and four Boards of Health were now using the Neopost Franking Machine, and offering to furnish the Council with full particulars of this machine.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

948/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT KNOCKNABOLLAN, TERMON.

A letter was read from Messrs. William Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, stating that Mr. William McCafferty, Knocknabollan, Termon, had asked them to write with regard to the road leading to his premises in Termon. The road in question was sub-branched from the main Kilmacrenan-Creeslough Road and had not been repaired for a number of years. Mr. McCafferty informed them a corresponding branch of the road leading to another portion of the townland was very carefully and properly looked after, but that no attention whatever was paid to his branch.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Mulreany reports that the road in question is an occasionally-repaired road. He will send a surfaceman to repair it."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

949/39. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, High Road, Letterkenny, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 : 2 : 0 which she lodged in connection with her application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council unanimously decided to refund the amount of the deposit less any legal costs incurred.

950/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LARGE TRACT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND
IN THE LIFFORD DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Lifford and District stating that there was a large area of agricultural land lying between Lifford and Mulrine's Bridge in the townlands of Lifford, Lifford Bog, Roughan, and Drumboy, in which a considerable area of crop was destroyed by flooding last year. There were two main drains known as the Gadough and the Roughan Drain which required to be cleaned and new floodgates erected. The other openings into the river from the drain also required attention and new doors or flood-gates on them. In all there were seven of these which were in urgent need of attention. This work would be of considerable benefit to the community, and was the type of work on which grants could be usefully spent.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"A grant was made by the Office of Public Works for cleaning the drain but it was subsequently withdrawn. If the Council make representations to them the grant may be reinstated. It is difficult to carry out work of this nature in the winter time."

The Council unanimously decided to request the Office of Public Works to re-allocate the grant allowed for this necessary work.

951/39. ASSAULTS BY COUNCIL'S WORKMEN ON EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, stating that he had been directed by the Board to draw attention to the fact that two Officers of the Board had been assaulted recently by Council's workmen, and the Board requested the Council to take the necessary steps to have the workmen suspended if this had not already been done. The most recent assault took place on the 12th August at Burnfoot, when a Rent Collector in the employment of the Board, while engaged on his duties as such, was assaulted by one, James Gallagher of Moness. The assault took place at about 11 a.m. when the workman should have been engaged in his duties. In this case the Board ask that both father and son be suspended. The other assault took place near Castlefin Station when Mr. M. Parris, a Clerk of Works in the employment of the Board, was assaulted by Patrick Kelly of Stranamuck. This occurred on a Saturday.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Kelly, Stranamuck, stating that he had received no communication from the Board of Health regarding the alleged assault by him on Mr. M. Parris, a Clerk of Works in the employment of the Council.

Councillor Michael O'Donnell stated that in connection with the Burnfoot assault the father, Mr. John Gallagher, had nothing at all to do in connection with the affair. In fact, the father went to the rescue of the Rent Collector when he was assaulted.

Councillor Friel also stated that John Gallagher had nothing to do with the matter.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the son of John Gallagher had been suspended.

Councillor Scott stated that he had been informed that another brother had been employed in his place.

As regards Patrick Kelly, Mr. Caffrey stated that Kelly's services could not be dispensed with as it would disorganise a large job on which several machines were working.

The Council decided to warn Patrick Kelly that if a similar occurrence took place in future his services would be dispensed with immediately, and they noted that Gallagher, Jun. had been suspended.

952/39. APPLICATION TO BE RELIEVED OF CONTRACT ON ROAD BETWEEN
CULKENNY MAIN ROAD AND GLENGAD MOUNTAIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Neil McLaughlin, Culkenny, Malin, asking the Council to relieve him from his contract for the road between Culkenny Main Road and Glengad Mountain as he was not able to attend to it.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that McLaughlin should be relieved of his contract.

The Council decided to break the contract.

953/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR MATERIALS SUPPLIED TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Ward, Merchant, Lunnagh, Derrybeg, stating that he sold 5 pick handles at 1s/6d each to the Council's workmen. He sent a bill to Dunfanaghy with the Ganger three times, and he had not yet received payment.

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

954/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON THE CLEANING OF THE KILLOURT RIVER.

A letter was read from Mr. Cahin Doherty, Carnmalin, Malin Head, stating that in July, 1938, he was promised work by Ganger Bernard Doherty if he would agree to get the Killourt River cleaned. He only got work for seven days, for two of which he was never paid. He spoke to Mr. O'Neill about the matter but he left it to the Ganger. On the opposite side of the river John Gallagher was building fences on his brother's land and the Ganger (Bernard Doherty) sent two of the Council's workmen to help this man to do his own private work. During this time the river was flooded and a bank of gravel was left which blocked the bed of the river and left it to flow over his land. He spoke to Mr. O'Neill about the matter but the gravel remained untouched.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"With reference to complaint from Mr. Cahin Doherty, Carnmalin, Malin Head, I wish to inform you that the bank of gravel was left there by a flood which occurred after the river was cleaned, and this is Doherty's own fault as he would not allow the river at his land to be properly cleaned.

There was no private work done on any part of the river as Gallagher was employed on the scheme.

I attach copy of Z.33. for fortnight ended 30th July, 1938, showing that Doherty was returned for seven days' work."

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

955/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED FOR SIDE-FILLING.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McLaughlin (Peter), Culoort, Ballygorman, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 832/39 regarding his complaint for non-payment for stones supplied for side-filling. He stated that the Surveyor's statements as recorded in the Minute were incorrect. The Ganger was sent word that McLaughlin should supply stones, but he expected payment at 6d. per ton which was the usual rate. He was employed carting for 6½ days, and not 9 days as stated by Mr. O'Neill. He was paid 9/- per day and not 8/- per day. He wished the Council to forward him the balance due immediately.

A letter was read from Mr. John Friel, Co.C., T.D., regarding the claim of Mr. Patrick McLaughlin (Peter), Culoort, Ballygorman, and enclosing correspondence which he had had from Mr. McLaughlin in the matter. He wished to have this claim fully investigated.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With further reference to complaint from Patrick McLaughlin (Peter), Culoort, Malin Head, I wish to inform you that foreman Bernard Doherty states that the agreement between him and Patrick McLaughlin (Peter) was that McLaughlin was continually asking for employment and was then employed on the conditions that he cart the pile of rubble stone and be paid a day's pay for each day he worked. This method of agreement was made with all others who supplied rubble stone for this particular grant. McLaughlin was employed as a carter, but he was only 6½ days carting his own pile of rubble. He (McLaughlin) never made any reference or application for payment to me or to the foreman (Bernard Doherty)."

Councillor Friel stated that the complaint was for non-payment for the stones. McLaughlin had been paid for the carting.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

956/39.

COMPLAINT REGARDING MR. O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from Mr. John Friel, Co.C., T.D., enclosing correspondence from Mr. Eugene Shiels, Killourt, Malin Head, alleging that Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, was showing favour in his area. He had men with two farms of land and slate houses employed as Foremen Gangers. Poor labouring men were victimised. On a Minor Relief Scheme started in Killourt not a single unemployed man in Killourt got a job.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"The Ganger employed in this area employed all the men who gave satisfaction. There has been no victimisation of any person, and all the men employed on the Minor Employment Scheme referred to were listed from the Labour Exchange, Buncrana, and employed accordingly."

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, who was present, stated that he sent for Eugene Shiels on two occasions but he did not turn up.

Councillor Friel stated that Shiels was willing to work as an ordinary labourer, and not necessarily as a Ganger.

It was decided to inquire from the Labour Exchange, Buncrana, if Eugene Shiels got a card to report for work, and, in the meantime, to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

957/39.

COMPLAINTS RE ENCROACHMENTS BY THE COUNCIL'S WORKMEN ON PROPERTY AT GORTNAMULLIN, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Miss Mary J. Doherty, Gortnamullin, Ballygorman P.O., making, at length, complaints against Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, Ganger Bernard Doherty, and the Council's workmen. Mr. O'Neill or his Agents took possession of her lands adjoining the river at Culcort and turned it into a dumping-ground for sand and gravel. On the 14th February, 1938, she pointed out the boundary line of her farm to Mr. O'Neill, and warned him to keep a lawful distance off it if he intended building a bridge. She was justified in doing so as she had offered a more suitable site for the erection of a bridge. She employed men to put up wiring to protect her property, but three of the Council's workmen would not the wiring be put up. Those three men stood idle for over half-an-hour quarrelling with the men she had employed, and she inquired if they were paid a full day's wages.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"It is untrue that any part of Miss Doherty's land was made a dump. The Bridge referred to is built on the lands of Mr. Edward Doherty, Gortnamullin, Malin Head, and sand, etc., were dumped on his land also. I understand that Miss Doherty and Edward Doherty are disputing this particular piece of land, and it is simply a matter for decision among themselves as to who is the legal owner. None of the Council's workmen interfered with Miss Doherty or her workmen, but I found it necessary to call on the Gardai to prevent Miss Doherty from causing undue annoyance, and this caused a delay of about 15 minutes."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

958/39.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING MR. WM. O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Doherty, Ballygorman, Malin Head, stating that "he did not sign against Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor. He only signed against shore gravel."

A letter was also read from Mr. John McColgan, Camatha, Malin, regarding Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and stating that he never saw the roads in better repair. The majority of the people who signed the petition thought it was against shore gravel and lorries. The statements made about Mr. O'Neill are absolutely untrue and without foundation.

The Council noted the letters.

959/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN THE RECTORY AND KNOCKBRACK VILLAGE, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick C. McLaughlin, Carrowmore, Malin, inquiring how much road metal was put on Road, Map No. 41, 700 perches, between The Rectory and Knockbrack Village for the past year. What had been done with the money that was for this road for the year ending March, 1939? Had Richard Doherty, Gortnabraide, been paid for any stones within the last six months?

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"This road was put into a proper state of repair, viz., widening, cleaning, and deepening side drains, and outlets, and scouring tail drains from pipes, etc., levelling banks and road surface, putting material from adjacent banks and quarries which far exceeded the yearly tonnage. Richard Doherty was paid for some material that was due to him from the previous year."

The Council noted the report.

960/39. UNLOADING OF TAR AT BURTONPORT QUAY.

A letter was read from Mr. James J. Campbell, The Quay, Burtonport, referring to the unloading of tar at Burtonport. Last year when he offered to tender for the unloading of tar he was informed that it was a matter for Messrs. Colfix, Dublin, but now he found that the unloading of tar was a matter for the Council, and, if this was correct, he wished to tender for same.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"When I wrote Mr. Campbell last year informing him that the unloading of tar was a matter for Messrs. Colfix (Dublin), Ltd., it was so at the time. When tar is ordered F.O.Q. at any Port it is a matter for the suppliers to make the necessary arrangements with any Agent they like to appoint for the unloading of the tar. It is only when the Bitumen is ordered F.O.R. that we arrange for unloading."

The Council noted the report.

961/39. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING.

A letter was read from Messrs. J. W. Cunningham & Co., Building Contractors, Carrick, applying for a refund of £4 lodged by them in July, 1938, in connection with road openings.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the deposit had since been refunded.

962/39. REGISTRATION OF PREMISES UNDER THE EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

Applications were received from the following to have their premises registered under the Explosives Act, 1875:-

McDonough & Co., Carndonagh. (Miss Mary Reid, Proprietress).

Donal McGilligan, General Merchant, Malin.

Patrick Gallen, General Merchant, Clonmany.

James Durnin & Sons, Inch Island.

Neil Faulkner, Merchant, Culdaff.

The Council unanimously decided to register the premises.

963/39. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from the following:-who already held licences:-

Thomas H. Comiskey, Clonmany.

Brian McGinley, Manager, Doc Co-operative Society, Creesalough.

Thomas Holmes, Ltd., Convoys.

Charles Ward, Main Street, Glenties.

The Council unanimously decided to issue renewals of licences in these cases.

964/39. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Greene, Falcarragh, asking to have a number of Paying Orders which had been issued in the name of the Falcarragh Co-operative Society re-issued in his own name, as the Bank refused to cash them.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to have the following Paying Orders re-issued:-

No.	Date.	Amount.
9720.	3rd June, 1938.	£1 : 11 : 4.
18475.	12th August, 1938.	16 : 3.
20077.	26th August, 1938.	1 : 6.
21641.	9th September, 1938.	3 : 0.
22984.	23rd September, 1938.	1 : 6.
23683.	23rd September, 1938.	2 : 0.

965/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-

Ailleach Area.

To repair Bridge on Road No. 852.....£12.

Lifford Area.

To repair breach on side of Road No. 1353.....£10.

The application was granted unanimously.

966/39. LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY COMPANY'S WATER SUPPLY AT BRIDGEND STATION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"Some time ago the Lough Swilly Railway Co. put in a timber flume in the bed of a stream in Bridgend to work a ram for a water supply to their Station premises. This caused silting at our Bridge at the old Customs Hut, and the river was dammed at the lower side of the Bridge. It is very essential that the eyes of this Bridge be kept clean as the river is very liable to floods, and when this happens the County Road is liable to get torn and some houses may also get flooded. In order to overcome our objections the Railway Co. have now put a pipe up through one arch of the Bridge and dammed the water above the Bridge. In order to keep the Council right in case an action might lie against them for damages if flooding occurred, I think it might be advisable to put the matter in the hands of the Council's Solicitor to get an undertaking from the Railway Co. to remove the pipe when called upon."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. Caffrey's report.

967/39. VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AT MOUNTCHARLES AND DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, dated 14th August, 1939, referring to the Council's Minute No. 623/39 regarding the verification of Weights and Measures at Mountcharles and Dunkineely. The Tanatallon Hall, Mountcharles, was suitable in every way for this purpose, but it would be necessary to provide a Press for storing the equipment during the time the verification was in progress. If the Council were agreeable to provide a Press and pay the rent of the Hall, it was not anticipated that there would be any difficulty in obtaining the permission of the Department of Industry and Commerce for the verification of **Weights and Measures** in Mountcharles. As regards Dunkineely, Sergeant Sweeney, Weights and Measures Inspector, and the local Gardai had made an effort to secure a suitable place in which the verification could be carried on, but they had failed.

Councillor McShane stated that the Market House, Dunkineely, was available for the verification of Weights and Measures, and it was decided to inform the Chief Superintendent of the fact.

968/39. BRIDGE ON ROAD LEADING FROM GLENCOVITT TO CARN, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Messrs. Michael Slevin, Glencovitt, and John Doherty, Conrefferin, Ballybofev, stating that they were surprised to learn that Mr. William Crawford was again insisting on getting Carn Bridge tossed and re-built according to his plan. This Bridge was built about 40 years ago, and had Mr. Crawford then minded his own business it would not have been so high, but it/well known that he fooled the Surveyor by making him believe that it had to carry big floods. The money intended for the lowering of the Bridge would be better spent on taking off the three bad turns about 200 yards from the Bridge.

The Secretary stated that since the issue of the Agenda letters had also been received from Mr. D. Merritt, Carn, Ballybofev, and Mr. James McCormick, Kinletter, Ballybofev, objecting to the lowering of the Bridge.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This matter was before the County Council at the last Meeting when it was decided to grant £20 out of the Contingency Fund for the lowering of this Bridge. In order to regularise the matter it is necessary for me to make a formal application at this Meeting. I have since inspected the Bridge and am definitely of the opinion that it requires to be lowered. I estimate the amount required for this work to be at least £30."

The Council unanimously decided to allow a sum of £30 out of the Contingency Fund for the lowering of this Bridge.

969/39. ERECTION OF PETROL PUMP IN KERRYKEEL.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. O'Leary, Solicitor, Milford, stating that Mr. John J. Crossan, Kerrykeel, wished to erect a Petrol Pump on the inside of the wall dividing the Cow Market in Kerrykeel from the road leading from Kerrykeel to Rathmullan; the site of the pump to be opposite the dwelling-house of Mr. John Kelly. A rough sketch of the place was enclosed.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"Mr. Mulreany, Assistant Surveyor, reports as follows:- 'The pump in question will cause no obstruction. The site on which the pump will be erected is, as far as I know, County Council property. It is for the Council to decide whether permission will be granted or not.'"

On the motion of Councillor Loughrey, the Council unanimously decided to grant permission to Mr. Crossan on condition that he pays the required Petrol Pump Fee of £1 : 1 : 0 per year, and insures the Pump.

970/39. OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, dated 22nd August, 1939, applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line from Inver to Frosses.

The Council unanimously decided to grant permission on condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal (except in so far as State-aided Schemes and Schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas are concerned) to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs; and that the poles be kept free of the carriageway.

971/39. TEMPORARY WARBLE FLY INSPECTOR JOHN CALLAGHAN.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 22nd August, 1939, L.329/39, relative to the explanation furnished by Temporary Warble Fly Inspector John Callaghan regarding his alleged failure to visit the farm of Denis Gillespie on the 15th June last and the farms of John and Edward Hagan on the 16th idem, and inquiring if Mr. Callaghan reported to the Council that he had visited any of the farms in question earlier than June this year.

The Secretary stated that he had replied to the Department's letter.

972/39.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

The Secretary submitted notifications of intentions to apply for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of the following premises:-

Courthouse, Dunfanaghy. (William T. Arnold).
 A. O. H. Hall, St. Johnston. (Philip Doherty).
 Sarsfield Bandroom, Kinnycally, St. Johnston. (Patrick McGill).
 Marathon Hall, Raphoe. (Charles Lagan).
 Thiepval Memorial Orange Hall, Convoy. (E. Thompson).
 Lyric Hall, Lifford. (Rebecca Darragh).
 Parochial Hall, Drumoghill. (Patrick O'Brien).
 Edeninfagh Hall, Glenties. (Very Rev. M. Canon Forker, P.P.).
 Glenties Market Hall, Glenties. (Thady Campbell).
 Mullly Hall, Glenties. (Joseph Molloy).
 St. Johnston Orange Hall. (Thomas Logan).
 Kilbride Hall, Shrove, Greencastle. (Michael McLaughlin).
 Hall at Tromaty, Quigley's Point. (Rev. M. Smyth, P.P.).
 Central Hall, Diamond, Carndonagh. (Peter Clarke).
 Raphoe Orange Hall, Raphoe. (Joseph McClay).
 Concert Hall, Convoy. (J. G. Boyton, etc.).
 Cregnagor Hall, Rashenny, Clonmany. (Anthony Doherty).
 Orange Hall, Lifford. (William Throne).
 Hall at Umracam, Buncrana. (George Porter).
 Hall at Druminor, Buncrana. (John McDaid).
 Columban Hall, Newtowncunningham. (Committee of Hall).
 Hall at Kinnego, Ballymagan. (Andrew McCarron).
 Laghey Parochial Hall, Laghey. (Charles S. Johnston).
 Townawilly Parochial Hall, Donegal. (James McLaughlin).
 Laghey Barr National School. (John Travers).
 Cully Orange Hall, Donegal. (Hugh J. Wray).
 Leghowney Hall, Donegal. (Bernard Travers).
 Tanatallon Hall, Mountcharles. (Anthony Brogan).
 Meehan's Hall, Port, Inver. (Denis Toland).
 Diamond's Hall, Milford. (John McCafferty).
 Carrigart Hotel. (Mary Anne Maguire).
 Parochial Hall, Umlagh, Carrigart. (Rev. J. Cunningham, P.P.).
 Town Hall, Milford. (Charles McKemey).
 G.A.A. Hall, Corlea, Ballyshannon. (William J. Moore).
 Parochial Hall, Mullans, Donegal. (Rev. C. D. Morgan).
 Central Hotel, Bundoran. (F.M. and A.J. Cassidy).
 Hall at Ballymenagh, Glengad, Malin. (James Faulkner).
 St. Mary's Hall, Carnmalin, Malin Head. (John Quigley).
 St. Patrick's Hall, Malin Town. (John O'Doherty).
 Hall at Glentoskert, Glengad, Malin. (Patrick McDevitt).
 St. Patrick's Hall, Backmountain, Malin. (Hugh P. Deery).
 St. Comgall's Hall, Bocan, Culdaff. (Dominick Deeney).
 Hall at Main Street, Rathmullan. (Michael Deeney).
 Roshin Hall, Killybegs. (Charles A. Murrin).
 Dunkineely Hall, Dunkineely. (John Maguire).
 Parochial Hall, Kilcar. (Rev. A. O'Friel, P.P.).
 Parochial Hall, Frosses. (Neil McHugh).
 Ture Hall. (John J. McSheffrey).
 Public Hall, Killygordon. (John Noonan).
 An Halla Mhuire, Convoy. (John O'Donnell).
 Parochial Hall, Kiltyferrigal, Cloghan. (Michael Hannigan).
 Parochial Hall, Drumkeen. (John A. Harvey).
 John Colgan Hall, Carndonagh. (Rev. D. Reid, P.P.).
 Glentogher Hall, Carndonagh. (Neil Devlin).
 Parochial Hall, Castlefin. (William G. Gallagher).
 Burt Parochial Hall, Burt. (Thomas McLaughlin).
 Fowler Hall, Fahan. (John Quigley).
 St. Mary's Hall, Buncrana. (Charles P. O'Loughlin).
 St. Joseph's Hall, Illies, Buncrana. (Charles P. O'Loughlin).
 St. Patrick's Hall, Drumfries, Buncrana. (Charles P. O'Loughlin).
 St. Egney's Hall, Desertegney. (Charles P. O'Loughlin).
 Clar Hall, Donegal. (Rev. R. J. Ryan).
 Drumnaraw Hall, Creeslough. (Hugh McClafferty).

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935. (CONTINUED).

A. O. H. Hall, Annagry. (Michael Gillespie).
 Doochary Hall, Doochary. (Peter Devenney).
 Boyle's Hall, Lettercaugh. (Elizabeth Boyle).
 O'Donnell's Hall, Marameelan, Dungloe. (Daniel O'Donnell).
 A. O. H. Hall, Gweedore. (Neil Boyle).
 Keeldrum Hall, Gortahork. (John Ferry).
 Hall at Greencastle. (Bernard Gormley).
 St. Patrick's Hall, Altaghaderry. (Patrick Harrigan).
 Forrester's Hall, Killybegs. (W. B. Walker).
 Ballymore Men's Club, Dunfanaghy. (R. Westropp George).
 Con Bottle Memorial Hall, Glendowan. (John Mullan).
 Trentagh Recreation Hall. (Thomas Harley).
 O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny. (Patrick J. McGinley).
 St. Patrick's Hall, Bundoran. (Joseph Moohan).
 Cashelard Hall, Ballyshannon. (Patrick McGarrigle).
 Burt Parochial Hall, Burt. (Thomas McLaughlin).
 St. Eugene's Hall, Moville. (Rev. J. Lagan, C.C.).
 St. Patrick's Hall, Rosnaskill. (W. B. Lecky).
 Lavelle's Hall, Ballyliffin. (P. J. Lavelle).
 Cloughaneely Parochial Hall, Gortahork. (Very Rev. H. Canon McDwyer, P.P.).
 St. Columba's Hall, Termon. (Edward Friel).
 Newtowncunningham Orange Hall. (James Latta).
 Ballinakillew Orange Hall, Laghey. (John Farrell).
 St. Maeliosa's Hall, Clonmany. (Domhnall O'Dochartaigh).
 Greaslough Hall, Greaslough. (James McGaffrey).
 Joseph Devlin A.O.H. Hall, Letterkenny. (William Coyle).
 Kilmacrenan Recreation Hall, Kilmacrenan. (John Gorman).
 Hall at Cullinean, Redcastle. (Raymond Bonner).
 Keeldrum G.A.A. Hall, Gortahork.

Confirmed

Mr. MacFadden

Chairman of Co. Council

26th September, 1939.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1939.

973/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

974/39.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 29th August, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

975/39.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 29th August, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

976/39.

REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 29th August, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

977/39.

REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 29th August, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Blaney, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 13th September, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

978/39.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 8th September, 1939, and he informed the Council that in the third line of Page 3 (Minute No. 48/39) the words "in order of merit" had been inadvertently inserted after "No. 4."

Councillor Scott proposed that the Report be adopted, with the words referred to by the Secretary deleted.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

979/39.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 13th September, 1939.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor referring to Minute No. 67/39 of the Law Committee's Report, and stating that he had had a further letter from Mr. Barry, Solicitor, regarding this matter. Mr. Barry stated that he was not yet in a position finally to complete the Agreement, and the Council's Solicitor suggested that the matter be referred back to the Law Committee.

In connection with Minute No. 70/39 of the Law Committee's Report, a letter was read from Councillor Friel enclosing a further letter from Mr. Patrick McLaughlin (Peter), Killcourt, Malin Head, in reference to his complaint re non-payment for "rubble" stones. McLaughlin stated that other men who supplied this class of stone got nine and ten weeks' work, and he only got 6½ days' work, and a man called Shields got 6d. per ton for "rubble" stones.

The Council unanimously decided to refer Minutes numbered 67/39 and 70/39 back to the Law Committee, and to adopt the remainder of the Report.

980/39. REPORTS OF AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Reports of the Air Raid Precautions Committee Meetings held on the 5th and 13th September, 1939.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously decided to refer the Reports back to the Committee for re-consideration.

981/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Roughan, Lifford; Lettercran, Pettigo; and Shallohans, Fintown.

982/39. SANCTION TO EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 24th August, 1939, R/RL/7, stating that if the Acting County Surveyor was satisfied that payments might now be made, Paying Orders Nos. 1120 (£6), 1149 (£2 : 13 : 4), and 1151 (£2 : 12 : 0) might be re-dated with a current date.

983/39. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BISHOP-ELECT OF DERRY.

A letter was read from the Bishop-Elect of Derry returning heartiest thanks for kind congratulations and good wishes.

984/39. PREMIUM ON COUNCIL'S PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd August, 1939, R/RL/7, referring to the Council's Minute No. 817/39, and stating that portion of the premium on the Council's Public Liability Insurance Policy could not be refunded by the Department.

985/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD OUTSIDE CULDAFF VILLAGE LEADING TO CARNDONAGH AND MALIN.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Board, 14, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.8., acknowledging receipt of extract from the Council's Minutes regarding the necessity for the improvement of the road outside Culdaff Village leading to Carndonagh and Malin, and stating that they would interest themselves in the matter at the earliest opportunity.

986/39. PROPOSED CONVERSION OF THE OLD DISPENSARY AT DUNGLOE INTO A COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, dated 14th September, 1939, 37/5, referring to the Secretary's letter on the subject of the proposed conversion of the old Dispensary at Dungloe into a Courthouse, and stating that no regulations had been made or were found necessary under the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, which dealt fully with the subject.

987/39. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Carndonagh on the 4th October, 1939, of lands in Carthage, now or formerly in the occupation of Cicely McGonigle (Spinster).

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Carndonagh on the 4th October, 1939, of lands in Letter, now or formerly in the occupation of Susan Doherty.

988/39. PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A STONEBREAKER AND TRACTOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th September, 1939, R/IR/20, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 874/39 and stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the purchase of a stonebreaker and tractor.

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989/39. PROPOSAL TO APPOINT AN ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th September, 1939, R/RS/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 4th July last and stating that the Minister had sanctioned the Council's proposal to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment as Assistant County Surveyor on the salary scale - £250 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £400 per annum.

990/39. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Rialachtais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíche faoi dhata an 13ad Míadhon Fómhair, 1939, G.904/6/39, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire um Rialachtais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíche do Chomhairle Chonndao Dun na nGall airliúghadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 i gcoir costaisí reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dleagthach suas go dtí 30adh la do'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidh go mbeadh £75,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí Deireadh Fómhair, 1939.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarraidh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £75,000 suas go dtí an 31ad Mí Deireadh Fómhair, 1939.

991/39. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Síochána, Ballintra, stating that an application would be made at Ballintra District Court on the 19th September, 1939, for the committal of a child named Margaret Maguire, aged 13 years, to St. Laurence's Industrial School, Sligo.

992/39. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - DELAY IN SUBMITTING FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture asking to be furnished with Forms T. 2/3. in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of:-

Michael O'Donnell, Rampart, Meenmore.

James Gallagher, Ardagh, St. Johnston.

James Douglas, Lognathraw, St. Johnston.

993/39. SANCTION TO EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th September, 1939, G.25979/39, sanctioning an extension of time until the 31st October for payment of the sum of £2 : 15 : 7, being the aggregate amount of a number of Paying Orders issued to the Falcarragh Co-operative Society. The Paying Orders could be issued in the name of Mr. C. Greene.

994/39. BORROWING OF AN ADDITIONAL LOAN OF £5,100 FOR THE PROVISION OF A WATER SUPPLY FROM BUNBEG TO DERRYBEG; AND FROM ANNAGRY TO KINCASSLAGH.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallon, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Brady, and unanimously resolved:- "That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of an additional loan not exceeding £5,100 for the provision of a water supply from Bunbeg to Derrybeg; and from Annagry to Kincasslagh."

995/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £60 for the repair of Banybeg Bridge on Road L.74.1780, which had been damaged by floods.

The application was granted unanimously.

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996/39.

GREENCASTLE PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 20th September, 1939, S.W.1/3/63, stating that representations had been received as to the necessity for carrying out dredging at Greencastle Harbour. The Harbour had been inspected by their Engineer who reported that a scheme for the manual dredging of portion of the Harbour would, if carried out, effect a useful improvement as it would permit of the Pier being used to a very much greater extent than was at present possible. Their Engineer considered that the facilities which would be provided by carrying out the proposed work would, when taken in conjunction with those already existing at Queen's Port Pier (adjacent), be adequate for the requirements at Greencastle. The area of sea bed which it was proposed should be deepened by hand was shown on an enclosed plan, and the cost of the work was estimated at approximately £400. The Parliamentary Secretary was disposed to recommend the making of a grant of £300 towards the cost of the proposal conditional on the Council:-

- (a) making a contribution of £100 towards the cost, estimated at £400, and
- (b) arranging for the execution of the work under the supervision of the County Surveyor.

In the event of the Council being prepared to accept the proposed grant on the conditions specified, it would be necessary for them to arrange to have the deepened portion of the Harbour dredged in the future.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"The proposal is to deepen an area at the point of Greencastle Pier. The area to be deepened would be about one-tenth of the total harbour area. This area is to be deepened from 7 to 8 feet deep down to low water level of spring tides. It would, in my opinion, be difficult to get the amount of work set out done for the money. Apart from the question of working the tides, the cost seems to be based on a unit price of 1/- per cubic yard excavated out of the solid. The question of future silting is one on which it is difficult to form an opinion. The fact, however, that so small an area of the Harbour is to be dredged and that the material in the remainder of the Harbour is of a soft nature, would seem to indicate that it would ultimately be washed into the hole made by the work now suggested."

Councillor Myles stated that the Board of Works had a dredger of their own which would do the work now proposed at about half the cost. He thought that if an opening were made at the shoulder of the Pier the tides would do the dredging themselves.

Councillor Scott proposed that the matter be referred back to the Board, and that they be requested to arrange for their Engineer to meet the Acting County Surveyor and Councillors McIvor and McDaid at Greencastle for the purpose of making a joint inspection.

Councillor Myles seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

997/39. AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH LOUGH SALT WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing, for execution by the Council, Agreement in connection with Lough Salt Water Supply. The Agreement, the Solicitor stated, had been executed by the County Board of Health, but not by the Lettorkenny Urban Council.

Councillor Mahony stated that twenty-eight days' notice had to be given before the Agreement could be executed by the Urban Council, and that two representatives of the Urban Council had called with him that morning and showed him a notice signed by five members of the Council summoning a special Meeting for the purpose of executing the Agreement. He then proposed that the Agreement be executed by the County Council.

Councillor Blaney seconded the motion.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor McIvor seconded the amendment.

The Chairman ruled that the matter was not in order as it had not been entered on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council that day, and he ruled that it be entered on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

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998/39. APPLICATION FROM LETTERKENNY URBAN COUNCIL FOR HIRE OF ROAD PLANT.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, inquiring whether the Urban Council might hire road plant from the Council for a few weeks. The Urban Roads were in very bad condition due to the difficulty in obtaining plant for some years past.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Acting County Surveyor be asked to facilitate the Urban Council in this matter as far as possible.

Councillor MacCreadie seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

999/39. APPLICATION BY COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR FOURTEEN DAYS' LEAVE.

A letter was read from Dr. M. J. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, applying for fourteen days' annual leave, which were due to him.

The application was granted unanimously.

1000/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLANDS OF KNOCK AND KINLETTER, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the townlands of Knock and Kinletter, Ballybofeigh, applying for a grant to have about one mile of County Road improved, starting at Mr. Patrick McGowan's, Knock, and terminating at Daly's Crossroads, Kinletter. For about half a mile the road was only 8 feet wide, and two carts could not pass each other. There was a lot of traffic on this road, and two accidents occurred on it recently.

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

1001/39. OFFER TO SELL LAND AT LETTERKENNY FOR FORESTRY PURPOSES.

A letter was read from Mr. James Wilson, 2811, North 13th Street, Philadelphia, offering to sell to the Council for forestry purposes land in Crieve, Letterkenny. He would sell it at a low price as it was difficult to labour.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Department of Lands.

1002/39. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING AT BUNBEG.

A letter was read from Dr. C. Carr, Ardeen, Bunbeg, applying for a refund of a deposit of £5 lodged by him in connection with the opening of the public roadway.

The Council unanimously decided to refund the deposit, subject to a report from the Acting Co. Surveyor that the roadway has been satisfactorily restored.

1003/39. UNITED IRISH LEASEHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the United Irish Leaseholders' Association, 73, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, asking to have the following resolution placed before the Council:-

"This Council calls upon the Government to support the principles of fair rent and purchase rights for the leaseholders and town tenants of Ireland as outlined in the Leaseholders' and Town Tenants' Bill introduced recently in the Dail by Dr. J. Hannigan, T.D., and we call for the unanimous support of Dail Eireann and the Seanad for this useful measure."

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

1004/39. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

A Notice was submitted of intention to apply for licence under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of St. Mary's Hall, Pettigo.

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1005/39. QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT NOTES,
AND TIME FOR PAYMENT OF SMALL DWELLING RATES.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, stating that at a Meeting of the Farmers' Union held in the Town Hall, Ardara, a resolution was passed asking the Council to press on the Government the necessity for extending the time for acceptance of Credit Notes to the end of November for this year and future years. It was also decided to request that the time for payment of Small Dwelling Rates be extended.

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

1006/39. RESOLUTIONS REGARDING HOMESPUN INDUSTRY, COMPULSORY TILLAGE,
ETC.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, enclosing the following resolutions passed at a Meeting of the Ardara Farmers' Union:-
(1) "That the County Council press on the Government the need of a Grant to foster the Donegal Homespun Cottage Industry and Kelp Industry."
(2) "That the County Council call on the Government of Eire to increase the Agricultural Grant on land to encourage extra tillage in rural areas and more cultivation. A back-to-the-land campaign is necessary. If the Rural Gaeltacht is to survive agricultural work must increase to ensure prosperity in the rural areas, especially in war-time."
(3) "That this Farmers' Union assembled requests the County Council to press on the Government of Eire that an urgent need of a system of compulsory tillage is needed to be put into operation in the Gaeltacht Districts of South-West Donegal. More production of cereal crops is needed."
(4) "That more forestry be promoted in the rural hillside slopes of Eire to serve as shelter belts, also to provide extra timber supplies."
The Council decided to refer the resolutions to the Committee of Agriculture.

1007/39. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER FOR LIGHTS TO BE ERECTED
AT ROSBEG PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, asking the Council to appoint Mr. J. J. Kearney, Rosbeg, as Caretaker of the lights being erected at Rosbeg.

The Council noted the letter.

1008/39. RESIGNATION OF MR. L. McILHARGEY AS VETERINARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE MILFORD DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th September, 1939, P.H.12598/6/39, Dun na nGall. Sd., referring to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Donegal County Council on the 25th April last relative to the resignation of Mr. L. McIlhargey as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Milford County Electoral Area, and asking to be furnished by return post with a copy of Mr. McIlhargey's letter dated 21st April, 1939, which was considered by the Council on that occasion.

The Secretary stated that a copy of Mr. McIlhargey's letter had been forwarded to the Department.

1009/39. CONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT OF MR. J. F. QUIGLEY AS A CLERK
IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The Secretary reported that the temporary employment of Mr. John F. Quigley as a Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office expired on the 30th September, 1939.

The Acting County Surveyors stated that they required Mr. Quigley's services continued.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for the continuance of Mr. Quigley's services for a further period of six months.
(Ref. G.10992/39, 13th April, 1939.)

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1010/39. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF A VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR THE
COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF MILFORD.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th August, 1939, L.130-39, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 793/39 C.C., and stating that the Minister offered no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. Edward O'Hagan, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Milford District, with remuneration at the rate of £105 per annum, pending the making of a regular appointment in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers' and Employees') Act, 1926. The person to be so appointed should be required to reside at some centre within the District approved by the Minister.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th August, 1939, P.H.12598/4/39, Dun na nGall. Sd., referring to the proposal of the Council to appoint a Veterinary Inspector for the Milford District in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers' and Employees') Act, 1926, and drawing attention to the terms of the Department's Circular Letter of the 13th March, 1934, and the annexe thereto, in which the Office of Veterinary Inspector was listed as one which should normally be filled on a recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners. No representations had been made by the Council to the Minister as to the desirability of having this ruling varied in the case under review, nor did any application appear to have been submitted for the Minister's sanction for the salary proposed for the post, prior to the issue of the advertisement. The Minister would be glad to be furnished with the Council's views in the matter.

A further letter dated 20th September, 1939, was read from the Local Government Department, P.H.12598/6/39, Dun na nGall (Sd.), referring to the Secretary's letters of the 2nd and 6th September relative to the proposal of the Council to appoint a Veterinary Inspector for the Milford District in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers' and Employees') Act, 1926, and pointing out that as the statutory period of three months after the Office became vacant had now elapsed, it was not competent for the Council to fill the vacancy in this manner.

They, accordingly, requested that the Council would assign a suitable remuneration to the vacant position of Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Milford District, and that application be made without delay for the sanction of the Minister thereto, prior to making a statutory request to the Local Appointments Commissioners for the filling of the vacancy.

The Council unanimously decided to have the position filled by the Local Appointments Commissioners, and to request the Local Government Department to sanction a salary of £105 per annum for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the District.

1011/39. COMPLAINTS REGARDING UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK, AND
ALLEGATIONS OF VICTIMISATION.

A letter was read from Mr. John Friel, Co.C., T.D., enclosing correspondence from Mr. Eugene Shiels, Killourt, Malin Head, alleging that Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, was showing favour in his area. He had men with two farms of land and slate houses employed as Foreman Gangers. Poor labouring men were victimised. On a Minor Relief Scheme started in Killourt not a single unemployed man in Killourt got a job.

A letter was read from the Manager, Employment Exchange, Buncrana, stating that on the 30th August, 1939, the names of eight men, including Shiels, were sent to Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor. These men were started as from and including 6th September, 1939. They were the only persons registered as unemployed from the townlands of Keonagh and Killourt, and at present there was not a single man registered from either of these townlands.

On the motion of Councillor Lynch seconded by Councillor Michael O'Donnell it was decided to mark the letter from Shiels "read."

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1012/39. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MR. MAEOLISA GERARD DOHERTY AS RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 20 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th September, 1939, G.25264/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 30th August regarding the appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 20 District, and stating that it had been noted that the candidate who obtained the highest marks in Irish had not been appointed by the Council. The attention of the Council was directed to the terms of the advertisement issued which stated that "the best qualified candidate from amongst those possessing a competent knowledge of Irish based on the oral standard in the district will, if otherwise suitable, be appointed." The Minister was not satisfied that the proposed appointee who obtained only the minimum qualifying marks complied with the terms of the advertisement, and he would, accordingly, be glad to be furnished with the further views of the Council.

Councillor Baxter stated that if the Minister wished to have the best qualified candidate in Irish appointed he should have stated so when drafting the advertisement, and no vote on the appointment would have been necessary at the Council Meeting.

Councillor Lynch submitted that this was stated in the advertisement, and he proposed that the appointment be given to the best qualified candidate in Irish.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell seconded the motion, and stated that the best qualified candidate in Irish should have been appointed at the last Meeting.

Councillor McIvor proposed, as an amendment, that the Council adhere to their decision to appoint Mr. Maeolisa Gerard Doherty, and that it be pointed out to the Department that the Council had appointed the best qualified candidate from amongst those possessing a competent knowledge of Irish.

Councillor Scott seconded the amendment, which was then put to the Meeting, and, on a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 15 votes to 12.

Councillor Scott suggested that the Department's attention be drawn to the fact that the first half of the current financial year had almost expired, and that any further delay in the sanctioning of the appointment would seriously impede the collection of the rates in this district, and that they be requested to sanction the appointment of Mr. Doherty without further delay so that the Collecting Books might be issued to him.

1013/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th September, 1939, H.5893/13/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th July regarding arrears of re-payments under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and inquiring the present position in the matter.

The Secretary reported that the following amounts were still outstanding:-

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....	£54 : 13 : 4.
Michael Gallagher, Lognafoorey, Kilmacrenan.....	£1 : 19 : 5.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 11th September, 1939, enclosing letter which he had received from Mrs. McGready, wife of Mr. Neal McGready, stating that she would definitely be in a position to make a payment before the end of September. Her husband had got a good job in England.

The Solicitor inquired what he would do in the matter.

The Council unanimously decided, as a final concession, to give Mrs. and Mrs. McGready one month to make a payment.

1014/39. LOAN ADVANCED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS TO DOMINICK ROARTY, DECEASED.

The Secretary stated that the amount advanced under the Housing Acts to Dominick Roarty had been re-paid by his Executors, and he submitted Re-Conveyance of Mortgage and Memorial thereof for execution.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Re-Conveyance of Mortgage and memorial thereof.

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1015/39.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of amounts owing by borrowers under the Housing Acts:-

Joseph R. Cairns, Corcullion, Castlefin.	£8 : 18 : 0.
William McCrossan, Milford.	£6 : 1 : 8.
Wm. McCool, Millsessingh, Ballindrait.	£6 : 19 : 10.
Mary Doherty, Glennahoe, Collin, Carndonagh.	£6 : 16 : 3.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.	£22 : 5 : 0.
William Boyle, Gortnasillagh, Glenties.	£4 : 1 : 4.
Rops. Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskellan, Tur.	£32 : 8 : 3.
John Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.	£54 : 15 : 0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Molinbeg, Glencolumbkille.	£3 : 12 : 7.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.	£75 : 19 : 0.
Daniel McEleney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.	£5 : 6 : 6.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.	£16 : 14 : 0.
Edward Shiels, Jr., Rooskey, Glenties.	£35 : 4 : 0.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh.	£9 : 14 : 0.
James Barrett, Glenalla, Ray.	£5 : 10 : 2.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramolton.	£31 : 17 : 11.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.	£31 : 7 : 3.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 4th September, 1939, referring to the case of Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramolton, and stating that the Sheriff had that day returned the Execution Order with a Certificate that the Defendant had no goods in which he could take in execution to satisfy the judgment.

The Secretary stated that Councillor Loughrey had informed him that morning that Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh, was getting into touch with some relations in America, whom, he hoped, would assist him.

The Council unanimously decided to adhere to their previous decision instructing the Council's Solicitor to proceed for Ejectment Orders in the cases substantially in arrear, and where there seemed to be no further hope of payment.

In other cases, the Secretary was instructed to call upon the parties to pay the amounts owing without further delay.

1016/39.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

An application for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act was received from Mr. John Bradley, Buncrana.

An application for a renewal of a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act was received from Mr. Manus McDevitt, Glenties.

The Council unanimously decided to issue the licences required.

1017/39.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

An application was submitted from Mr. William Kelly, Moville, to have his premises registered under the Explosives Act, 1875.

The application was granted unanimously.

1018/39.

APPLICATION TO HAVE THE SERVICES OF MR. A. N. DILLON, RESIDENT ENGINEER, ROSSES ROAD SCHEME, RETAINED FOR A FURTHER PERIOD.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the retention of the services of Mr. A. N. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme, for a further period not exceeding two months.

The application was granted unanimously, on the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Brian O'Donnell.

1019/39.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF RIVER BETWEEN THE TOWNLANDS OF CREEVEOUGHTER AND ELLY, RATHMULLAN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Creeveoughter, Rathmullan, applying for a grant to have the river between Creeveoughter and Elly drained, as it was causing a lot of damage in wet weather.

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

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1020/39.

APPLICATION TO HAVE THE ROAD FROM CARRIGART TO THE
CHAPEL WIDENED, TARRED, AND ROLLED.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Gallagher, Secretary, Carrigart Fianna Fail Cumann, Creevy, Glon, Kilmaerenan, stating that the Cumann again wished to bring to the Council's notice the necessity for having the road from Carrigart to The Chapel widened, tarred, and rolled, and a footpath provided for same.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

1021/39.

SHIFTING OF TELEGRAPH POLES ON THE CREESLOUGH-CASHELMORE
ROAD.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, dated 29th August, 1939, regarding the shifting of telegraph poles on the Creeslough-Cashelmore Road owing to road improvements. As the road improvements were being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant the cost incurred by the Department would be charged to the Council in due course.

The Council noted the letter.

1022/39.

COMPLAINTS RE ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK IN THE NOVILLE
DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Quigley, Bredagh Glon, Noville, stating that when road work became available in his neighbourhood he called on Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, who told him that as long as he was Assistant Surveyor he would not give him any work.

A letter was read from Mr. O'Neill stating that he never told Quigley that he would not give him work. He told him that as soon as work was available in his district, he would employ him.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1023/39.

PETROL RATIONING AS AFFECTING MEMBERS OF LOCAL
AUTHORITIES.

Councillor Mahony referred to the difficulties which would beset Public representatives attending Meetings unless they were allowed some concession in the Petrol Allowance. He said that these difficulties affected members without cars as much as, if not more than, members with cars. The number of cars available for hire would depend entirely on the amount of petrol that was allowed them, and he thought that the Minister should be asked to give every member of the Council a chit allowing him one gallon of Petrol for every twenty miles he travelled to Meetings, irrespective of whether he owned a car or not.

Councillor O'Boyle, in supporting the proposal of Councillor Mahony, referred to the difficulties in the cases of the Councillors from West Donegal. To travel by rail to the Meetings they would have to leave the day before, and this would be absolutely impracticable.

Councillor Myles said that in his case to travel by rail would mean getting up at five a.m., and not getting home until nine p.m. at night.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell stated that the amount of Petrol allowed to him would barely suffice for two Meetings in the month.

After further discussion, it was unanimously decided to make representations to the Minister for Supplies in the matter.

1024/39.

COMPLAINT RE STONE WALL ALONG THE MAIN ROAD AT
MAGHERACLOGHER, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Sweeney, Magheraclogher, Derrybeg, stating that the recently-constructed stone wall which served to buttress part of the Main Road at Magheraclogher, and at a point convenient to the residence of the Rev. P. Deeney, C.C. was in grave danger of caving in, thus obstructing the existing water sewer or drain which ran parallel with the result that adjoining property was likely to be water-logged, especially following heavy rains. The matter should be attended to immediately.

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

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1025/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON ROAD AT
MAGHERAROARTY, GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter Gallagher, Magheraroarty, Gortahork, stating that he worked three days on the Magheraroarty Road, and only got paid 8s/7d.

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

1026/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £5 for lowering of pipe at Meenformal, Glen, Kilmacrenan, on Map No. 586.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the application.

1027/39. TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 31st August, 1939, Circ. No. 85/39 A., enclosing copy of regulations made by the Minister under the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act, 1939.

The matter was referred to the Law Committee for consideration when the new County Surveyor takes up duty.

1028/39. POSITION OF AGRICULTURE IN IRELAND.

A letter was read from Mr. P. L. McEvoy, Hon. Director, Federation of Irish Manufacturers, enclosing report on the position of agriculture in Ireland.

The letter was noted.

1029/39. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CENSORSHIP OF FILMS.

A letter was read from the Director, Ministry of Information, Censorship Division, London, setting out arrangements which had been made for the "Security" Censorship of Films.

The letter was noted.

1030/39. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR THE FOUR MASTERS' HALL, DONEGAL TOWN.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Gallagher, LL.B., Solicitor, Donegal, applying, on behalf of Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P., Donegal, for a Cinematograph Licence for the new Four Masters' Hall at Donegal.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported that the Hall complied with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act.

The Council unanimously decided to issue licence.

1031/39. COMPLAINTS REGARDING MR. WILLIAM O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McLaughlin, Glengad Mountain, Culkeeney P.O., Malin, stating that in the memorial submitted regarding Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, his father's name, his brother's name, and his own name had been signed, but they never signed the memorial nor gave permission to anyone to sign for them.

The letter was noted.

1032/39. PROVISION OF LIGHT ON BURTONPORT PIER.

Councillor Walsh asked the Council to have a light provided on Burtonport Pier. There was a standard there which would require to be changed and placed in a more convenient spot.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for his attention.

1033/39. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING FACILITIES AT MUCKROSS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 19th September, 1939, C.87.39/1/36, stating that their Engineer had certified that the approach road to the landing facilities at Muckross had been completed satisfactorily, and they would arrange for payment of the amount provided for the work if a statement, signed by the County Surveyor and countersigned by the Secretary, was submitted showing the final expenditure under the headings:- Labour; Materials; Insurance; etc. They also wished to know what arrangements had been made or were proposed to be made to compensate Mr. McHugh for the portion of his lands required for the approach road.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from Mr. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I understand that the question of compensation to Mr. McHugh was one for the Office of Public Works. It has not been mentioned in previous correspondence and the amount allowed to construct the road (£45), being barely able to complete it, could not have included any intended compensation."

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

1034/39. ERECTION OF HOUSE ON THE LETTERKENNY-KILMACRENAN MAIN ROAD BY MR. GEORGE O'BRIEN WITHIN THE STATUTORY LIMITS FROM THE CENTRE OF THE ROAD.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. George O'Brien has started to build a house within the statutory limits of 30 feet from the centre of the road on the Main Road from Letterkenny to Kilmacrenan. The road at this place takes a twist to get round a rock which juts out into the road, and if at some future date the road is straightened by removing the rock, the house at present being erected would also require to be removed."

Councillor Baxter proposed that permission be given on condition that Mr. O'Brien signs an undertaking to remove the house at any time he might be called upon to do so.

Councillor Loughrey seconded the proposal.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this was an important Main Road. It was very narrow at this particular place, and he objected to permission being given to Mr. O'Brien on the conditions mentioned by Councillor Baxter.

Councillor Blaney proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be adjourned until the new County Surveyor takes up duty.

Councillor Scott seconded the amendment.

After some discussion, Councillor Baxter withdrew his proposal, and the Chairman ruled that the matter stand adjourned until the new County Surveyor takes up duty.

1035/39. DATES OF HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS FOR PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The Council unanimously decided to fix the following dates for the half-yearly Meetings in connection with payments to Road Contractors:-

<u>District.</u>	<u>Place of Meeting.</u>	<u>Date of Meeting.</u>
Aileach.	Burnfoot.	Thursday, 2nd November, 1939.
Ballyshannon.	Ballyshannon.	Saturday, 28th October, 1939.
Donegal.	Donegal.	Wednesday, 1st November, 1939.
Dunfanaghy.	Falcarragh.	Saturday, 4th November, 1939.
Dungloe.	Dungloe.	Friday, 27th October, 1939.
Glenties.	Glenties.	Saturday, 28th October, 1939.
Kilcar.	Kilcar.	Thursday, 2nd November, 1939.
Inishowen.	Carndonagh.	Monday, 6th November, 1939.
Letterkenny.	Letterkenny.	Thursday, 2nd November, 1939.
Lifford.	Lifford.	Wednesday, 1st November, 1939.
Milford.	Milford.	Saturday, 28th October, 1939.
Stranorlar.	Stranorlar.	Saturday, 28th October, 1939.

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1036/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW BY MR. EDWARD VAUGHAN, PORTNASON, BALLYSHANNON, AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"I beg to report that on the 17th July last a notice was served on Mr. E. Vaughan of Portnason to the effect that a bungalow which he was erecting at the junction of the Ballyshannon and Dunmuckrum Roads was in violation of Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and that if he persisted in building the bungalow, the County Council should be asked to take such steps as they might think necessary to have the building taken down.

Mr. Vaughan subsequently furnished us with a map (block plan) showing the location of the bungalow, which plan indicated that the foundation is thirty feet from the edge of the Dunmuckrum Road, and forty feet from the Ballyshannon Road. I subsequently checked this Map and found it to be substantially correct. On the 10th August, Mr. Vaughan, through his Solicitor, Mr. Ramage of Ballyshannon, informed us that he would be willing to give a small portion of his land to enable the corner of the side road to be widened. I have since returned the Map to Mr. Vaughan and asked him to have marked on it the exact amount of land which he proposes giving to the County Council. In view of the attitude of the Department in regard to the widening of turns it would be well that the County Council insisted on the removal of the bungalow founds, or at least not permit the building of the Bungalow."

As the map showing the amount of land which Mr. Vaughan proposed to give to the County Council had not been returned to Mr. O'Reilly, the Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

1037/39. MEMORIAL LAMP ERECTED AT MARKET SQUARE, RAMELTON.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. E. T. Buchanan and S. B. Corry, Market Square, Ramelton, asking, on behalf of the ratepayers of the Market Square, to find if something could be done with the Memorial Lamp standing on the Square. It was knocked down by a lorry about six months ago and was at present lying at an angle of 45°. It was an eyesore to any stranger coming to the town, and about £1 or £1 :10 :0 would put it in proper repair.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this lamp had been knocked down by a lorry the property of the Lough Swilly Railway Co. He had written to the Railway Co. in the matter but had no reply.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct Mr. Caffrey again to write to the Railway Co. in the matter.

1038/39. COMPLAINT RE BREAKWATERS ON THE KILTOORISH ROAD, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, stating that the batteries and slips facing the sea on the Kiltloorish Road got loose through pressure of high tides. An Inspector of the Board of Works who visited the place recently stated that the carrying out of the necessary repairs was a matter for the County Council.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Mr. James McHugh's letter refers to batteries or breakwaters filling two gaps between large rocks and the sea. These breakwaters were built by the Congested Districts Board or Irish Land Commission. They are in need of repair. The matter should be referred to the Irish Land Commission. These breakwaters or batteries are about 100 yards out from the shore."

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Irish Land Commission as successors to the late Congested Districts Board.

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1039/39. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BOATSLIP AT EIGHTER ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd August, 1939, S.W.1/3/12, referring to the proposed construction of a Boatslip at Eighter Island at an estimated cost of £250, and stating that the Parliamentary Secretary was disposed to the making of a Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote on the following conditions:-

- (a) the preparation of a detailed plan and estimate by the County Surveyor;
- (b) the execution of the work under the supervision of the County Surveyor.
- (c) the making of a contribution by the Council of 25% of the cost;
- (d) the agreement of the Council to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the work on completion.

From inquiries they learned that there were not likely to be sufficient unemployment assistance men resident on the Island to warrant a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote, and they inquired if the Council could say whether it would be possible for mainland men to travel to and from the Island or to obtain lodgings there for the duration of the work, which would not be carried out on a rotational basis.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"At the March Meeting of the County Council I submitted a report, sketch plan and elevation and relative portion of O.S.48, showing the location of the proposed works, together with estimate. I presume it will not be necessary to submit a detailed plan and estimate for the proposed works on Eighter Island until the County Council have considered the other aspects of the matter.

With regard to the last part of the letter from the Office of Public Works, Eighter Island is not very far from Burtonport and Mr. Dillon informs me that possibly some mainland men would be willing to travel to and from by boat at the expense of the job. Mr. Dillon doubts very strongly if men could be induced to pay lodgings on the Island at the current rate of pay.

The Scheme itself appears to be a desirable and useful one. The governing facts, as far as the County Council is concerned, seems to be Item (c) of the letter from the Office of Public Works which refers to the making of a contribution by the Council of 25% of the cost, and item (d) which refers to the possibility of the Council agreeing to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the work on completion."

Councillors O'Boyle and Walsh stated that there were sufficient men resident on the Island to carry out the work, and that there would be no necessity to bring men from the mainland at the expense of the job.

It was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting to give any Councillor who might be interested an opportunity to lodge a Notice of Motion regarding the making of a contribution of 25% by the Council.

1040/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES AT KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Ward (Hugh), Keadue, Burtonport, stating that during recent road repairs he gave his land and stone along the road at Keadue. He had a sod and stone fence on his land, but the Council's workmen took it and filled in the side of the road with the fence he had there. He had been left without a fence, and fences had been put up where there never were ones before. He had had to put up wire to keep cattle from his crops.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I interviewed Mr. Ward in connection with this matter. It is incorrect to say that Mr. Ward was left without a fence. He told me that his complaint is that the fence provided is not high enough and as his holding is small, any damage done by trespassing cattle would mean a lot to him. His requested improvement of the fence is a small matter and he was most reasonable in his attitude, stating that he did not want anything elaborate, and that he had been promised an extension of the fence in the past. In the circumstances, I arranged to have the work carried out."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

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1041/39. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF SEA WALL AT INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 25th August, 1939, C.87.132/1/37, in connection with the proposed extension by 150 feet of the seawall at Inishkeeragh at an estimated cost of £195, and stating that a contribution of £146 from the Employment Schemes Vote had since been sanctioned towards the cost of the works on condition that the Council would contribute £49 and undertake responsibility for the maintenance of the entire wall when the proposed extension had been carried out. Owing to shortage of Engineering Staff they had not been able to put the work in hands to date and they saw no prospect of putting it in hands this year. It occurred to them that the Council might be agreeable in the circumstances to have the work carried out under the supervision of the County Surveyor in which event they would be pleased to supply copy of their Engineer's plan and estimate together with any further particulars that the County Surveyor might require.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"This matter came before the Council at their last Meeting when it was decided to refer it back in order to allow any interested Councillor to bring in a motion that the Council would contribute the required £49 and undertake responsibility for the maintenance of the entire wall when the proposed extension has been carried out. As will be seen from Items 40 and 42, the Board of Works suggest that these works be carried out by the Council's Survey Staff. As the Council's Survey Staff is at present fully employed on Grant Work and Direct Labour Work, these additional marine works should, if possible, be carried out by the Office of Public Works. If the Council decide on their Staff carrying out these works a precedent will be established for all future Marine Works in the County."

Councillor Houston stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion for the next Meeting regarding the Council's contribution of £49, towards the carrying out of the extension of the sea wall.

1042/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CREESLOUGHBEG AND ROOSKEY ROAD, CREESLOUGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Moore, Rooskey, Creeslough, complaining of the condition of the Creesloughbeg and Rooskey Road. At the July Meeting the Surveyor reported that the road was badly torn up with lorries taking home turf. This was a ridiculous excuse and there was only one lorry on the road for three-quarters of a day. The man who employed the lorry spent a day with a horse and cart and a second man to leave the road capable of being used by the lorry. The yearly sum allocated for this road was totally inadequate. The people of the district did not intend to let the matter drop.

The Acting County Surveyor referred to the Assistant Surveyor's report at the July Meeting (Minute No. 838/39), in which it was stated that a sum of £25 had been spent by Direct Labour on this road. The position at the moment was that there was no further money available for the road until next year.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1043/39. PROPOSAL TO RE-CONSTRUCT A HOUSE ON A DANGEROUS CORNER ON THE BUNDORAN-SLIGO MAIN ROAD AT MAGHERACAR, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mr. James V. Tunney, Magheracar, Bundoran, stating that when he applied for a grant to re-construct a house he was informed by the Department that the Assistant Surveyor reported that the house was to be re-constructed on a dangerous corner on the Bundoran-Sligo Main Road, and that it was desirable it should not be re-constructed. He admitted that the house was situated on a dangerous turn, but the house must be enlarged as he must find accommodation for himself, his wife, and 8 children. To meet the Council's wishes, he suggested that the Council compensate him for the building and remove same, and take as much off the corner as they desire, or he would be agreeable to the Council removing the old building and widening the turn, provided the Council erect a house for him on another portion of his land.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

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1044/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT BUNGALOW ON WASTE PIECE OF GROUND IN THE TOWN OF STRANORLAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles O'Donnell, The Glebe, Stranorlar, applying for permission to erect a bungalow on the waste piece of ground in the town of Stranorlar situated on the left-hand side of the road leading from Stranorlar to Dreenan.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"As instructed at the last Meeting of the Council, I inspected the piece of ground in the townland of Stranorlar at the junction of the Stranorlar and Dreenan Roads. The piece of ground in question is roughly triangular in shape, measuring 158' x 153' x 49', with an area of less than half a rood. At the Stranorlar Road end there is a small temporary wooden structure which, I understand, was erected by Hugh McMenamin of Stranorlar about twenty-five years ago, and is now owned by Lady Hayes. This is used as a Coffee Stall on Fair Days. This temporary structure is 10'.3" by 13'.3" and so does not block the view of either of these two roads. The piece of ground in question is used by the Council for storing machinery, and is, I understand, part of the old Fair Green. I also understand that the Town Planning Act has been adopted for the Stranorlar District. I must, therefore, strongly object to permission being granted to Mr. Charles O'Donnell to erect the bungalow at the junction of these two roads."

Councillor McMenamin proposed that the waste piece of ground be given to Mr. O'Donnell at a nominal rent on terms to be agreed.

Councillor Hannigan seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be referred to the Law Committee, and that the Council's Solicitor's advice in the matter be obtained in the meantime.

Councillor Mahony seconded the amendment.

The amendment was then put to the Meeting and eight members voted for it and ten members against it.

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

Councillor McMenamin proposed that the rent of the piece of ground be 2/- per foot frontage.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Myles, that before fixing the terms of the Agreement in connection with the piece of ground that Mr. O'Donnell be requested to submit, for the information of the Law Committee, a sketch plan showing the exact position on which he proposed building the bungalow so that the Committee could determine whether Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925, applied or not.

In the course of the discussion on this matter, Councillor Hannigan made a personal remark about Councillor Scott, which he afterwards withdrew at the request of the Chairman (Councillor Blaney) and Councillor Lynch.

1045/39. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS TURN IN A HILL ON THE ROAD TO THE POST OFFICE IN LETTERMACAWARD.

A letter was read from Mr. Connell McHugh, Rooskey, Lettermacaward, writing in reference to a dangerous turn in a hill on the road to the Post Office in Lettermacaward. His house was at the foot of this hill, and owing to the sharp turn in the middle of the hill the house was left in a very dangerous position. The house had already been hit by a car and several cyclists had lost control and were thrown against it. If something was not done to the hill the house would have to get protection.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"The hill with sharp turn in the middle is on County Road No. 98, April 1938, Map No. 1285. There is not much use in cutting this hill unless the road is straightened, and the landowner refuses to give the land. The estimate for cutting the hill and straightening the road is £20."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

26/9/1939.

1046/39. REQUEST FROM IRISH LAND COMMISSION TO TAKE OVER PIER AT LACKENAGH, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Alex. Agnew, Inspector, Irish Land Commission, Donegal, stating that the Land Commission had instructed him to inquire if the Council would be disposed to take over the small Pier at Lackenagh, near Burtonport. The Pier was shown edged red on an accompanying map.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme:-

"I inspected the Pier referred to. It is in a very bad state of repair. It is not a question at the moment of just maintenance. It actually requires a thorough overhaul. In my opinion, it would be unwise to take it over in its present condition."

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

1047/39. IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT ROSBEG PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 7th September, 1939, stating that a certificate of completion in respect of the improvement works being carried out at Rosbeg Pier was signed on the 31st August by their Engineer and Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor. As from that date the custody of the Pier and responsibility for its future maintenance had been accepted by the Council in pursuance of Clause 9 of the Agreement governing the execution of the works. In addition to the works covered by the Agreement, some maintenance work was carried out at a cost of approximately £74 - the total expenditure being £333.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Accompanied by an Engineer of the Office of Public Works, I inspected the improvements carried out at Rosbeg Pier on the 31st ultimo. These were according to specification, and I, accordingly, signed the Certificate (completion) in respect of these works."

The Council noted the letter and report.

1048/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AND WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, stating that the depredation at Glashbeggan was still unremoved. Since the 18th March James Boyle and his son had been defying the Council's law to have it removed.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this matter was now in the hands of the Council's Solicitor.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that he believed there was a possibility of an amicable settlement being arrived at in this case, and he proposed that the Council's Solicitor be instructed to stay proceedings pending a report from the Acting County Surveyor and himself.

The Council unanimously decided to agree to Councillor O'Boyle's proposal.

1049/39. ERECTION OF PORCH AT GLENAHILT, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Forker, Glenahilt, Burtonport, applying for permission to erect a porch at his house and enclosing sketch.

The Acting Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Dungloe:-

"I inspected the site of the proposed porch. The house is at the moment only 27' from the centre of the road. As Mr. Forker intends to build the porch about 8' out from his house, it means that the combined structures would be only 19' from the middle of the road. The road at this point is 22' wide, and, therefore, Mr. Forker's porch would only be 8' from the roadside. There is also a slight possibility that if at some future date efforts are made to rectify the dangerous corner near Mr. Forker's house the porch may give some difficulty. Even the Council give Mr. Forker permission to build the porch he may later find himself in trouble with the Garda Authorities, who are interesting themselves in the operation of the Statute governing the erection of buildings within 30 feet from the centre of the road."

The Council unanimously decided to give Mr. Forker permission to erect the porch on condition that he signs an Agreement undertaking to remove it at any time he may be called upon to do so.

1050/39.

COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS CORNER ON ROAD LEADING TO MANOR-HAMILTON AT A BRANCH ROAD NEAR THE RECTORY, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Brady, Town Clerk, Bundoran, stating that the Urban Council had directed him to draw the Council's attention to a dangerous corner that existed on Trunk Road T.54, leading to Manorhamilton at a branch road near the Rectory, Bundoran. The branch road referred to led past Bundoran Graveyard and it was extensively used by the country people.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. Cunningham:-

"This corner is on one of the Urban Council Roads, which runs off the Main Road in the Urban Area and it is up to the Urban Council to do the work."

The Council decided to refer the matter back to the Urban Council.

1051/39.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF FIELD AT LURGANBOY, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, against writing regarding the flooding of a field at Lurganboy, Donegal, the property of Miss Gladys Sweeney. They noted that Mr. O'Reilly reported that he would suggest that the County Council agree to build a pipe provided Miss Sweeney obtained the written consent of the landowners downstream. They did not see any reason why Miss Sweeney should obtain the written consent of the landowners downstream, and they would like to know the grounds the Council had for making this proviso, as they considered she was under no such obligation whatever to obtain such a consent as this was the natural course of the water from this field. The field had a valuation of £32 :10 : 0 and the space through which the water flowed had now been completely blocked. Mr. O'Reilly also reported that there was no appreciable damage done to roads, but no doubt he saw the road and field when there had been practically no rain.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This matter was reported on at the last Meeting of the County Council, when they decided to accede to Miss Sweeney's request by building the pipe in question provided Miss Sweeney obtained the written consent of the landowners downstream. In this matter the Council attempted to facilitate Miss Sweeney in the drainage of her land, as no pipe previously existed across this road. The proposed pipe would be of little service to the road."

The Council unanimously decided to refuse to build the pipe unless Miss Sweeney obtained the consent of the landowners downstream in writing.

Confirmed.

M. M. Dadda

Chairman of County Council

3rd October, 1939

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1939.

1052/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

1053/39.

A P O L O G Y.

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

1054/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 26th September, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

1055/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 26th September, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1056/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 26th September, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 17th October, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1057/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 26th September, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1058/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 17th October, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1059/39.

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

Councillor Mahony proposed the adoption of the Report of the Air Raid Precautions Committee Meeting held on the 17th October, 1939.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

Councillor Baxter inquired how the Scheme was going to be financed.

The Secretary stated that the Government had power to recoup 70% of the cost of the Scheme.

Councillor Brady took exception to the proposal to have a mobile fire-fighting unit stationed at Raphoe.

Councillor Baxter stated that if it was decided not to have a mobile unit stationed at Raphoe, provision should be made for having one stationed at Milford.

The Council unanimously decided to refer back to the Committee for re-consideration the portion of the Report headed "Fire-fighting Section", and to confirm the remainder of the Scheme, with the proviso that it only be put into operation following a resolution to this effect from the County Council.

1060/39. REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH OCTOBER, 1939. - PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW ON WASTE PIECE OF GROUND IN STRANORLAR.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 17th October, 1939.

Councillor Mahony seconded.

Councillor Lynch referred to Minute No. 80/39 of the Committee's Report referring to the proposed erection of a bungalow on a waste piece of ground in Stranorlar by Mr. Charles O'Donnell, and he inquired why the Committee had recommended that Mr. O'Donnell be asked to submit another map.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the map submitted was not according to scale, and that he could not determine how far the proposed bungalow would be situated from the Dreenan Road.

Arising out of this matter, the Secretary read a letter from Miss Margaret Robinson, Stranorlar, stating that she understood that Mr. Charles O'Donnell, The Glebe, intended building on a piece of ground belonging to the Council opposite her house at Millbrae, Stranorlar. She objected to anyone building on the plot as this would interfere with the light of her dwelling and obstruct her view. Some few years ago she tried to get this piece of ground for a garden, but her application was turned down.

After further discussion regarding this matter, the Council decided to adopt the Report of the Meeting of the Law Committee held on the 17th October, 1939.

1061/39. LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1939.

The Secretary submitted the List of Payments for the quarter ended 30th September, 1939, and the Council ordered payment in each case, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

1062/39. COMPLAINT REGARDING CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN MEENAMARA AND BUNAWACK.

A letter was read from Mr. Cormac Dreslin, T.D., complaining of the condition of a road between Meenamara and Bunawack. The total length of this road was $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles, and about half of it - the portion next to Meenamara - was being kept in repair by the County Council. The portion adjoining Bunawack had never received any attention and was in a very poor condition. Three townlands were using the road to bring home provisions, and students attending the Technical School would shortly find this road impassable.

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

1063/39. REQUEST TO HAVE GRANT ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING FLOODGATES AND CLEANING THE ROUGHAN AND GALDONAGH DRAINS REINSTATED.

A letter was read from Mr. John S. Weir and Miss Annie Porterfield, on behalf of the ratepayers of the Roughan District of Lifford, stating that some time ago a grant was made for the purpose of repairing floodgates and cleaning the Roughan and Galdonagh Drains, which were very important to the flat ground lying between Lifford and the Letterkenny Road. For some unknown reason the work was not carried out and the grant was not used. They understood that the grant could now be re-allocated and they would be glad if this was done.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he had requested the Office of Public Works to have this grant re-allocated.

1064/39. EMERGENCY POWERS (CONTROL OF LIGHTS) ORDER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Department of Defence, Air Raid Precautions Branch, enclosing copy of an Order entitled "Emergency Powers (Control of Lights) Order, 1939." The Order would come into effect on the 18th November, 1939.

1065/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF EMBANKMENTS OF RIVER AT SHANNON, BALLINDRAIT.

An application was submitted from Mr. Samuel Thomas Moore, Shannon, Ballindrait, for a grant for the repair of embankments at Shannon, Ballindrait. The breach there was causing the flooding of about 150 acres of arable land.

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

1066/39. COMPLAINT RE TARRED ROADS BEING UNSAFE FOR HORSE TRAFFIC.

Councillor McMenamin proposed the following Notice of Motion:- "That this Council have the road between Garricknamanna Crossroads and the Crossroads at Ballinamona made suitable for horse and cattle traffic."

A letter was read from Mr. Edward O'Kane, Cavan, Killygordon, stating that Mr. Joseph Fairman and he proposed to attend the Council Meeting to ask the Council to have Stranorlar Street from Mr. W. Raitt's to Canon McCafferty's made safe for horse traffic, also the road leading from Ballybofey Water Bridge to Stranorlar.

Mr. O'Kane appeared before the Council and urged them to see that the roads were made safe for horse traffic.

Councillor Scott submitted a letter from Councillor Gallen pointing out the necessity of taking some action in connection with tarred roads.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. F. Callaghan:-

"This stretch of road, $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles long, is the national trunk road, T.18., passing through Ballybofey and Stranorlar. Four miles are surfaced with tar and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile with compressed concrete, the latter being the main street of Ballybofey and Stranorlar.

The concrete is now laid ten years and has been considered safer for horse traffic than the tar surface. Stranorlar Bridge and about 30 yards of Stranorlar Street are the only places I have heard complaints about. Stranorlar Bridge is a quick incline and was slippery for horse traffic previous to its being concreted. To make a good job of this place, the end of bridge would require to be lowered. The slippery portion of Stranorlar Street is only 19 feet wide and requires to be widened by about 6 feet. If this were done the new portion could be left rough for horse traffic."

Councillor Kavanagh complained of the slippery condition of the road from Buncrana to Cockhill, and stated that in a recent legal action, the District Justice severely criticised the County Council for having this road in such a slippery condition.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that as a temporary remedy chips could be provided.

The Council unanimously decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Acting County Surveyors, and, in the meantime, to request them to provide chips for the roads about which complaints were made.

1067/39. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale by them at Letterkenny on the 11th October, 1939, of lands in Drumcarn, now or formerly in the occupation of John Gallagher.

1068/39. PROPOSED RECOGNITION OF "AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS COMMITTEE" AS AN "AUTHORISED COMMITTEE."

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd September, 1939, P.H.25978/39, Dun na nGall. A.R.P., referring to the Council's resolution at their Meeting on the 29th August in regard to the recognition of the Air Raid Precautions Committee as an "Authorised Committee", and stating that the Minister was in communication with the Department of Defence in the matter, and that a further letter would be forwarded as soon as possible.

1069/39. SAMPLE OF CUT-BACK BITUMEN NO. 1 (MIXING) FORWARDED FOR ANALYSIS BY THE ACTING CO. SURVEYORS ON THE 6TH SEPT., 1939.

A letter was read from the Combined Purchasing Section, Department of Local Government, dated 22nd September, 1939, C.P.1940/2/39, Dun na nGall., stating that the samples of Cut-Back Bitumen No. 1 (Mixing) forwarded by the Acting County Surveyors on the 6th September, 1939, for test, was in accordance with official standard specification.

1070/39. SAMPLE OF BITUMEN FOR SURFACE DRESSING WHICH FAILED IN THE PENETRATION TEST.

A letter was read from the Combined Purchasing Section, Department of Local Government, dated 3rd October, 1939, C.P.1412/4/39, Dun na nGall., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 15th June last concerning a sample of bitumen for surface dressing which was reported by the Analyst to have failed in the Penetration Test, and forwarding, for the information of the Council, copy of a letter dated 27th September, 1939, received from the Official Contractor, together with copy of Certificate of Laboratory Test on the duplicate sample forwarded by the County Surveyor to the firm at the same time. They wished to know whether the particular consignment of surface dressing from which the samples were taken, had been used by the County Surveyor, and, if so, with what result.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The sample of bitumen for surface dressing which failed in the Penetration Test was used in surface dressing Road Improvement Grant, R.167. Apart from the fact that the bitumen seemed more fluid and could be applied at a slightly lower temperature, I could not see any difference between it and the consignments which were up to standard. The results of the test do not say in what way it failed in the penetration test, i.e. whether the penetration was too high or too low. From the behaviour of the material I would say, however, that it was too high, if anything. Up to the present the road is wearing well, but I would prefer to pass judgment on it after it is about a year old."

The Council noted the report.

1071/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Schemes for works at Creeveoughter and Elly, Rathmullan District.

1072/39. ALLOWANCES TO SURVEYORS FOR GRANT WORK FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1939. INCLUSION OF NAME OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, EX-ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 5th October, 1939, R/RES/7, stating that the name of Mr. Patrick Dawson might be included in the claim for recoupment of allowances paid to the Survey Staff in respect of the half-year ended 31st March, 1939.

1073/39. CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL IN RESPECT OF GRANTS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

Letters were read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd October, 1939, stating that the Certificates of Approval for Grants under the Housing Acts issued to the following had been cancelled:-

Patrick Patton, Ballinacor, Crossroads, Killygordon.

Michael McGuinness, Killybegs.

Peter William Dickson, St. John's, Fahan.

Arising out of this letter, Councillor Brady inquired if Mr. McGuinness was eligible for a reduction of rates on his new house, even though the Grant had been cancelled.

The Secretary replied in the affirmative.

1074/39. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th October, 1939, P.H.12598/9/39, Dun na nGall. Sd., referring to previous correspondence relative to the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Milford District, and stating that the Minister had approved of the appointment as from the 24th July, 1939, of Mr. Edward O'Hagan, M.R.C.V.S., as temporary Veterinary Inspector for the discharge of these duties in the Milford District, with remuneration at the rate of £105 per annum, pending the making of an appointment on a substantive basis. The Minister had also approved of the appointment of Mr. Hugh Quigley, M.R.C.V.S., as temporary Veterinary Inspector for the above-mentioned duties in the same district from the 27th April to the 22nd July, with remuneration at the same rate as that payable to Mr. O'Hagan.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 13th October, 1939, L.130/39, stating that the Minister for Agriculture offered no objection to the rate of remuneration proposed by the Council for the post of Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Milford District, viz., £105 per annum. Of this amount, £35 should be regarded as an allowance in respect of duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, and subject to periodic revision.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th October, 1939, P.H.12598/12/39, Dun na nGall. Sd., stating that the Minister had approved of the proposal of the County Council to fix the remuneration for the post of Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Milford District (County Electoral Area) at the rate of £105 per annum. Of this amount, £35 should be regarded as an allowance in respect of duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, and subject to periodic revision. Application should be made to the Local Appointments Commissioners for a recommendation for the filling of the vacancy.

The Secretary stated that application had been made to the Local Appointments Commissioners for a recommendation for the filling of the vacancy.

1075/39. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Ballintra, stating that an application would be made at Ballintra District Court on the 17th October, 1939, for the committal of a child named Mary Elizabeth Colvin, aged 19 months, to St. Laurence's Industrial School, Sligo.

A further letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Ballintra, stating that at Ballintra District Court on the 17th October, 1939, Mary Elizabeth Colvin was not committed to St. Laurence's Industrial School, Sligo.

1076/39. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde, faoi dhata an lladh Deire Fomhair, 1939, G.904/7/39, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire um Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £65,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhí an t-udaras seo dleagtha suas go dtí 31adh lá de'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £60,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí Samhain, 1939.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £60,000 suas go dtí an 30adh Samhain, 1939.

1077/39. EMERGENCY POWERS (CONTROL OF LIGHTS) ORDER, 1939.

The Council noted a copy of the Emergency Powers (Control of Lights) Order, 1939.

1078/39. EMERGENCY POWERS (CONTROL OF PRICES) (NO. 2) ORDER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th October, 1939, Circ. H.102/39, drawing attention to the terms of the Emergency Powers (Control of Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1939, made on the 8th September. The Order laid down that on and after the 8th September the prices charged for certain articles shall not exceed the prices current during the week ended 26th August, 1939.

1079/39. OFFICIAL CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO FOR THE SUPPLY OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 23rd September, 1939, C.P.10/39, stating that representations had been received from certain Local Authorities in regard to the delay in obtaining supplies from Official Contractors and in some cases to the inability to obtain supplies at the official contract prices. The position had been considered by the Minister with the assistance of the Local Supplies Advisory Committee, and it would be necessary to vary in some respects the terms of the official contracts entered into for the present year by orders under the Emergency Powers Act, 1939. Orders should be restricted to bare minimum requirements.

1080/39. PAYMENT OF INCREASED PRICES FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 2nd October, 1939, C.P.11/39, stating that owing to difficulties caused by the present European situation many official contractors were unable to supply some commodities at the prices stated in their applications for appointment and were requesting Local Authorities to agree to payment of increased prices for such commodities. A Local Authority should not, in any circumstance, agree to payment of the increased price demanded without first having obtained the Minister's sanction to such payment.

1081/39. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 18th October, 1939, C.P.12/39, enclosing copy of the Emergency Powers (No. 10) Order, 1939, which had the effect of varying the statutory contract which arose under Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, by enabling the Official Contractor to increase his price so as to cover any additional expense reasonably incurred owing to the European War.

1082/39. RECOUPMENT IN RESPECT OF THE PREPARATION OF THE SEVENTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th October, 1939, F.6003/6/39, stating that the claim of the Registration Officer for remuneration and expenses in connection with the preparation of the Seventeenth Register of Electors had been examined and it was found that the gross expenses amounted to £2078 : 8 : 3; fees received, £18 : 6 : 5; net expenses, £2060 : 1 : 10; When the claim of the Registration Officer and the demand of the Stationery Office in respect of printing, etc., had been paid, the certificate on Page 2 of Form 1 should be completed, and application made to the Department for recoupment of a portion of the expenditure.

1083/39. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - SUBMISSION OF NECESSARY FORMS.

Letters were read from the Department of Agriculture asking to be furnished with forms in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of:-

Thomas Doherty, Crossroads, Killygordon.
Ellen Chambers, Figart, Convoy.
James Gallagher, Ardagh, St. Johnston.
Anthony Delap, Gweedore.
Wm. McMahon, Milford.

1084/39. PREPARATION OF THE EIGHTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1940/41.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd October, 1939, F. 115/39, enclosing copy of Circular Letter sent to the Registration Officer in connection with the preparation of the Eighteenth Register of Electors, 1940/41.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £30 to cover the cost of temporary clerical assistance required in connection with the preparation of the Eighteenth Register of Electors.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the Secretary's application.

1085/39. PROPOSED FIXING OF SPEED LIMIT FOR THE TOWNS OF BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR.

Councillor McMenamin proposed the following resolution:-
"That this Council request the Minister for Justice to have an order made fixing the speed of motor vehicles in the towns of Ballybofey and Stranorlar."

Councillor McClafferty seconded.

The Secretary stated that on a previous occasion when the Council asked the Minister for Justice to have a speed limit fixed for Ballintra, the Minister stated that he had been in communication with the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána whose considered opinion was that the provisions of Sections 50 and 51 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, were adequate to deal with "speeding" without the fixing of a special speed limit for particular areas.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the attention of the Garda Síochána in Ballybofey be drawn to Sections 50 and 51 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933.

Councillor McIvor seconded.

On a show of hands Councillor Scott's amendment was carried by 11 votes to 4, and on being put to the Meeting as the substantive motion, it was carried by the same voting.

1086/39. DECLARATION OF ROAD LEADING TO VILLAGE OF SLIEVEBAWN, MALIN HEAD, TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

Councillor Cole proposed:-

"That the road leading from the Main Road at Malin Head to the village of Slievebawn be declared a County Road."

Councillor Lynch seconded.

The Secretary stated that the required public notice had been given in the Press.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road did not connect two County Roads, and, therefore, did not comply with the provisions of Section 25 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, but that in December, 1935, the Local Government Department had informed the Longford County Council that a road not already a public road and which did not comply with Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925, could be declared a County Road if a member could satisfy the Council that the road was one of general public utility.

At the Meeting of the Council on the 29th August, 1939, Councillors Cole and Lynch had stated that the road was one of general public utility.

The Council unanimously decided to declare the road a County Road.

1087/39. APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., Donegal, asking to have the time for payment of Paying Order No. 28521 dated 3rd March, 1939, for £10, in favour of Thomas Spence, Ballintra, extended.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for permission to have the time for payment extended.

1088/39. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BOATSLIP AT EIGHTER ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd August, 1939, S.W.1/3/12, referring to the proposed construction of a Boat-slip at Eigher Island at an estimated cost of £250, and stating that the Parliamentary Secretary was disposed to the making of a Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote on the following conditions:-

- (a) the preparation of a detailed plan and estimate by the County Surveyor;
- (b) The execution of the work under the supervision of the County Surveyor;
- (c) The making of a contribution by the Council of 25% of the cost;
- (d) The agreement of the Council to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the work on completion.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed:- "That this Council agrees to contribute 25% of the cost of the construction of a Boat-slip at Eigher Island."

Councillor Walsh seconded.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he was not in a position to undertake the supervision of the work.

Councillor O'Boyle's motion was passed unanimously.

It was decided to inform the Board of Works that the Council was prepared to contribute 25% of the cost, and to accept responsibility for future maintenance of the work on completion, but that the Survey Staff was not prepared, owing to pressure of work, to undertake the supervision of the work.

1089/39. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF SEAWALL AT INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 25th August, 1939, C.87.132/1/37, in connection with the proposed extension by 150 feet of the seawall at Inishkeeragh at an estimated cost of £195, and stating that a contribution of £146 from the Employment Schemes Vote had been sanctioned towards the cost of the works on condition that the Council would contribute £49 and undertake responsibility for maintenance of the entire wall when the proposed extension had been carried out. Owing to shortage of Engineering Staff they had not been able to put the work in hands to date and they saw no prospect of putting it in hands this year. It occurred to them that the Council might be agreeable, in the circumstances, to have the work carried out under the supervision of the County Surveyor in which event they would be pleased to supply copy of their Engineer's Plan and Estimate together with any further particulars that the County Surveyor might require.

A further letter was read from the Office of Public Works referring to Minute No. 1041/38 regarding proposed extension of protection wall at Inishkeeragh, and stating that their suggestion that the work might be carried out under the supervision of the County Surveyor was made solely with a view to expediting matters as they were advised that there was a shortage of suitable Employment Schemes on the Island, and, as stated in their letter of the 25th August, they saw no prospect of their Engineering Staff being available to supervise the work for some months yet. As to the Acting County Surveyor's objection to the establishment of a precedent for future Marine Works they wished to point out that the Inishkeeragh proposal was the only Marine Employment Scheme for Co. Donegal at present sanctioned and awaiting execution. In these circumstances, they would be obliged if the matter would be again brought before the Council.

Councillor Houston proposed:- "That this Council contribute a sum of £49 towards the proposed construction of a Protection Wall at Inishkeeragh."

Councillor O'Boyle seconded.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:- As I pointed out at last Meeting, the proposal by the Board of Works that Marine Works, which were formerly carried out by them, be now transferred, as in the present instance, to the Survey Staff, is an innovation, and, if continued, will bring an amount of extra work on the Staff. With the increased expenditure on Grants in the current and past years, the Survey Staff are not desirous of taking on new duties without registering a strong protest.

The Board of Works claim that the Inishkeeragh proposal is the only Marine Employment Scheme for Donegal awaiting execution, but I would refer them to the proposed construction of a Boat-slip for Eigher Island.

Councillor Houston's proposal regarding the contribution of a sum of £49 was passed unanimously, and it was decided to inform the Board of Works that the Council was also prepared to undertake responsibility for future maintenance of the wall, but that the Survey Staff was not prepared to carry out the work, owing to increased duties.

1090/39. QUESTION OF GIVING PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT TO MARRIED MEN, AND ALLEGATIONS RE HOURS WORKED, ETC.

Councillor McIvor proposed:-

"That the Council again direct the attention of the Acting County Surveyors to the order that preference in employment be given to married men; other things being equal."

Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor McIvor spoke at length in support of his motion. He quoted the case of a young unmarried man who had been working in Scotland until recently. This young man was given employment by the Council a week after his return from Scotland. There were numbers of married men unemployed in the district.

He also quoted the case of a man who left home by the nine o'clock bus in the morning to travel four miles to his work, and who returned by a bus at five o'clock in the evening.

Councillor Brady stated that he was in entire agreement with the resolution regarding the giving of preference in employment to married men, but occasionally there were deserving single men with dependents.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that it would be impossible to watch surfacemen all the time. He had given the Assistant Surveyors instructions to see that the men started work at 8 a.m. old time. Once a surfaceman was found to be late in starting his work, he was dismissed immediately.

Regarding the employment of married men, he inquired if it was Councillor McIvor's intention that married men only should be employed. If so, he objected to the Council "tying the Surveyors' hands".

Councillor McIvor replied that it was not his intention that married men only should be employed, but that preference be given to them; all other things being equal.

Councillor Brady stated that the Council's resolution regarding the giving of preference to old I.R.A. men was not always carried out.

Councillor Blaney stated that old I.R.A. men, who were in receipt of small pensions, were not eligible for Unemployment Assistance, and, consequently, they were not eligible for employment on certain works, and he proposed that they be employed on other works when possible.

Councillor Loughrey stated that the Council's resolution regarding the employment of old Contractors was not adhered to.

The Council decided to refer the proposals and suggestions to the Acting County Surveyors.

1091/39. ALLEGATIONS REGARDING MR. WILLIAM O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor McIvor inquired the position regarding consideration of the allegations made by a number of ratepayers against Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, Carndonagh.

The Secretary stated that the Council had adjourned consideration of the matter, pending the result of legal proceedings which, Mr. O'Neill stated, he was instituting.

The Chairman called on Mr. O'Neill, who was present at the Meeting, and asked him what the position was.

Mr. O'Neill stated that in July last he communicated with his Solicitors, Messrs. H. C. O'Doherty & Son, Derry, but that he had no recent communication from Messrs. O'Doherty.

The Council unanimously decided to have this matter considered at their next Meeting.

1092/39. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH LOUGH SALT WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing, for execution by the Council, Agreement in connection with Lough Salt Water Supply.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to execute the Agreement, under Seal.

1093/39.

GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

Councillor Houston proposed:-

"That this Council, in the absence of definite knowledge as to the actual bearing or carrying capacity of Gweebarra Bridge, increase the present limit of weight to be carried over the Bridge from three to six tons, or, in the alternative, proceed immediately to provide the necessary funds either to have the Bridge put into a proper state of repair, or have the route, via Doochary, made fit for heavy traffic."

Councillor Gallagher seconded the motion.

Councillor Walsh supported the motion, and stated that a number of traders in West Donegal were severely affected by the restrictions placed on the use of the Bridge.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that it was not yet possible to furnish a complete report regarding Gweebarra Bridge, but as far back as September, 1931, the former County Surveyor, Mr. John Caffrey, was of opinion that the Bridge was only then safe for loads not exceeding three tons in weight.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the Acting County Surveyor submit along with his report on the Bridge an estimate of the cost of its repair, and of the improvement of the alternative route.

Councillor Baxter suggested that it might be possible for traders who were using the Bridge to indemnify the Council.

The Chairman ruled that no action could be taken in the matter, unless a rescinding Notice of Motion was lodged.

1094/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW BY MR. EDWARD VAUGHAN, PORTNASON, BALLYSHANNON, AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.

Arising out of Minute No. 1036/39 of the County Council at their Meeting on the 26th September which had been adjourned pending the return of map by Mr. E. Vaughan, Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that Mr. Vaughan had returned the map and had offered the Council 12 feet of ground at the corner of the Bundoran and Dunmuckrum Roads.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that in view of the attitude of the Local Government Department to corners already widened on the Bundoran Road, he would advise the Council not to depart from the law as laid down in Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925, which stated that no building should be erected within 30 yards of a corner.

Councillor O'Brien proposed that Mr. Vaughan be given permission to erect the bungalow as shown in the map submitted.

Councillor McShea seconded the motion.

Councillor McShony proposed that the matter be adjourned pending the taking up of duty by the new County Surveyor.

Councillor Myles proposed, as an amendment, that permission be not given. The corner in question was a death-trap, and this was a very important road. He thought the matter was one for the Chief Engineering Adviser of the Local Government Department.

Councillor Scott supported Councillor Myles.

The matter was again raised after the luncheon interval, when the Secretary asked for a direction as to what decision the Council had actually arrived at.

A heated discussion ensued, and the Acting Chairman (Councillor Blaney) ruled that the matter stand adjourned until next Meeting.

1095/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FROM EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE FOR THE REPAIR OF THE MEENGLASS ROAD, BALLYBOFEY DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th October, 1939, RGR/7/15, regarding the repair of the Meenglass Road, Ballybofeey, and requesting that a report be furnished from the Acting County Surveyor regarding the road in question. The report should indicate the classification of the road and the estimated cost of the proposed work.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this was a third-class road connecting the Ballybofeey Donegal Road with the Tyrone Border. It was four miles long, all hilly, and about 2 miles of it through bog land. To re-surface it for the full length would cost £2,400.

The Council decided to refer the report to the Department.

1096/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of amounts due by borrowers under the Housing Acts:-

Joseph R. Cairns, Corcullion, Castlefin.....	£8	:18:0.
William McCrossen, Milford.....	£6	: 1:8.
William McCool, Millsessiagh, Ballindrait.....	£6	:19:10.
Mary Doherty, Glenmakea, Collin, Carndonagh.....	£6	:16: 3.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.....	£22	: 5:0.
William Boyle, Gortnasillagh, Glenties.....	£4	: 1:4.
Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskellan, Ture.....	£32	: 8:3.
John Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.....	£54	:15:0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.....	£3	:12:7.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallion, Ballynashannagh.....	£75	:19:0.
Daniel McElency, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.....	£5	: 6:6.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.....	£13	:14:3.
Edward Shiels, Jr., Rooskey, Glenties.....	£35	: 4:0.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Meenlaragh.....	£9	:14:0.
James Barrett, Glenalla, Ray.....	£5	:10:2.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.....	£31	:17:11.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.....	£31	: 7:3.

As the Council had, at their last Meeting, instructed their Solicitor to proceed for Ejectment Orders in all cases substantially in arrear, the Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

1097/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of amounts due by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Neil McGready, Mountcharles.....	£54	:13 : 4.
Michael Gallagher, Legnahorey, Kilmacrenan.....	£1	:19 : 5.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

1098/39. APPOINTMENT OF MR. THOMAS McMAHON AS COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commission, 45, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, dated 7th October, 1939, L.A.17/5/38, recommending for the position of County Surveyor, Mr. Thomas McMahon, 129, Templeogue Road, Terenure, Dublin. A summary of Mr. McMahon's qualifications was attached. The appointment was subject to the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders.

Councillor Scott proposed that Mr. McMahon be appointed.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Brady stated that he did not wish to let the occasion pass without paying a tribute to the manner in which Messrs. O'Reilly and Caffrey, Acting County Surveyors, had carried out the duties of County Surveyor since Mr. Caffrey, Sr., had gone on sick leave, and he proposed that the Council place on record their appreciation of their services.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion, which was supported by Councillors Mahony and O'Boyle.

Messrs. O'Reilly and Caffrey thanked the Council for their kind remarks.

1099/39. IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT AT BENWEE BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 21st October, 1939, C.87.45/1/36, referring to Minute No. 882/39 regarding improvements at Benwee Boatlip, and stating that the repair work referred to in their letter of the 25th August had now been executed, and that a Certificate of Completion in respect of the entire works was signed by their Engineer and Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, on the 12th October. As from the latter date the responsibility for maintenance of the works rested with the Council in pursuance of Clause 9 of the Agreement governing the executing of the works.

The Council noted the letter.

1100/39.

GREENCASTLE PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th October, 1939, S.W.1/3/63, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 3rd October enclosing an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 26th September at which the Council had under consideration the question of the proposed dredging at Greencastle Harbour, and pointing out that the Acting County Surveyor's statement that the area proposed to be deepened was from 7 to 8 feet deep, down to low water of spring tides, appeared to have been made through a misapprehension on his part. The plan furnished to the Council with their letter of the 20th September indicated that the average depth of excavation suggested was approximately 18 inches, and as this was, of course, a proposition altogether different from that placed before the Council in the Acting County Surveyor's report, they wished the matter to be submitted afresh to the Council for their consideration. Pending a further communication from the Council no action was being taken on the suggestion made for a joint inspection. For the information of the Council it was stated that the shallow depth and the small tidal range ruled out the possibility of using a dredger to carry out the work.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The map supplied by the Office of Public Works only came into my hands a few minutes before the last County Council Meeting. In the haste, I failed to note that the horizontal scale had been exaggerated four times the vertical scale, and this explains my mistake in saying that the excavation proposed was 8 feet instead of 2 feet.

I have seen some of the fishermen at Greencastle and inspected the Pier at low water. While some of the fishermen agree that to deepen the harbour at the point of the Pier by 18 inches would be "better than nothing", they all say that to give any hint of satisfaction, it would require to be deepened 4 or 5 feet at least. They point out that there would be no difficulty about a dredger working as it would eat its way in, there being quite deep water outside the point of the Pier.

The proposition now stated of deepening only 18 inches and not 7 or 8 feet as stated in my last report could be done by manual dredging for the money proposed. More work and a deeper berthage could be obtained, however, for the same money if a dredger were used.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that a difference of opinion appeared to have arisen between the Board of Works and the Council's Engineer. A depth of 18 inches was not at all sufficient.

Councillor Myles stated that the Board of Works had a "sand-sucker" which could do the work required at this Pier.

Councillor McDaid stated that the Pier at Carrickarory had been dredged very satisfactorily by the Derry Harbour Commissioners, and he believed it would be much cheaper to employ them at Greencastle.

Councillor McIvor proposed, Councillor McDaid seconded, and it was unanimously decided to ask the Derry Harbour Commissioners for an estimate of carrying out the dredging required at Greencastle.

1101/39. ESTIMATE OF ROAD EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1940/41.

The Acting County Surveyors submitted the following report:-

"In order to prepare the Road Works Scheme for 1940/41, we bring before you the following estimate for the maintenance of roads in the coming year.

With the exception of the amount for County Roads which we have increased from £13 : 10 : 0 to £15 per mile, the estimate is the same as last year's. We find that with present-day traffic the original rate per mile was insufficient to keep the County Roads in reasonable repair. The figures are for maintenance only and do not include loans for former relief works or any provision for such works for the coming year:-

Main Roads.....	£41,821.
County Roads.....	£49,873.
Contingencies.....	£1,500.
Urbans.....	600.
Councillors' Motions.....	£2,520.
Direction Signs.....	100.
	<u>£96,414.</u>

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Estimate be reduced to the same figure as last year. The Acting Co. Surveyors stated that it would not be fair to the new County Surveyor to cut the estimate now. There would be a further opportunity of doing so at the Annual Road Works Meeting. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

1102/39. CONTRACT SYSTEM ON BACKWARD ROADS.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the Council revert to the former system of contract for backward roads instead of Direct Labour.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that often when roads were offered for contract, no one tendered for them, and they had to be done by Direct Labour.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyors.

1103/39. ILLNESS OF MR. F. McSHANE, V.S., DONEGAL.

A certificate was submitted from Dr. W. J. Gallagher, Donegal, dated 23rd October, 1939, certifying that Mr. F. McShane, V.S., was at present a patient under his care. He was suffering from an acute attack of sciatica and would be unfit for work for at least two weeks.

The Secretary stated that he had arranged with Mr. T. A. McClintock, V.S., Dungloe, to carry out Mr. McShane's duties during his illness.

The Council unanimously approved of the appointment of Mr. McClintock to carry out Mr. McShane's duties.

1104/39. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO MR. JAMES J. GALLEN, BROOMFIELD, CASTLEFIN, A STUDENT IN THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from Mr. James J. Gallen, Broomfield, Castlefin, referring to the University Scholarship of £189 recently awarded to him. He intended pursuing a course in the Faculty of Agriculture which took four years. In January, 1939, the Scholarships Committee increased the Scholarship for students in the Faculty of Agriculture to £252, but this decision did not apply to him as he had commenced his studies for the Scholarships Examination in September, 1938, and the Committee ruled that the revised rates of Scholarships would not apply to students who were already preparing for the Examination at the time the revision was made. He respectfully requested the Council to increase the Scholarship in his case to £252. Had he secured his Scholarship a year earlier he would have been eligible for a Scholarship of £63 for each of four years.

The Council unanimously decided to increase Mr. Gallen's Scholarship to £252, being the amount to which he would be entitled under the new Scheme.

1105/39. REQUEST TO HAVE TRAFFIC LINES PAINTED AND MAINTAINED AT DANGEROUS CORNERS IN NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM AREA.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, stating that the Sergeant at Newtowncunningham had represented the necessity for having traffic lines painted and maintained at the following dangerous crossings and bends in the Newtowncunningham Area. All the traffic accidents in this locality had occurred at one or other of these points, and it was believed that the action suggested would tend to minimise the danger.

- (1) On bend in road on Letterkenny side of Railway Arch at house of John Burke, Moyle;
- (2) On "S" bend of road at shop of Ezekiel Crockett, Moyle, to extend to Newtowncunningham Bridge.
- (3) At junction of roads at Keshends where signpost is erected indicating roads via Bridgend to Derry and Killea to Derry.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the matter would be attended to and white lines would be put down.

1106/39. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

A Notice was submitted of intention to apply for temporary Dance Hall Licence in respect of Moenderry School, Falcarragh.

The matter was noted.

1107/39. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MR. M. G. DOHERTY AS RATE COLLECTOR
FOR NO. 20 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th October, 1939, G.25264/3/39, stating that as Mr. M. G. Doherty, the proposed appointee for the position of Rate Collector, No. 20 District, obtained only the minimum qualifying marks in Irish, he failed to comply with the terms of the advertisement. They suggested that the position might be explained to the Examiner, who might be asked to furnish a report on the following lines:-

- (a) Name of Candidate;
- (b) Has he a fully competent knowledge of Irish based on the standard of the District. (Yes or No.)
- (c) Any other observations.

The intention underlying the terms of the appointment was that the Examiner should state whether or not each candidate had the competent knowledge required, and that the Council should then consider the other general qualifications only of those candidates who were returned as competent in Irish. This Report should be submitted to the Council and an appointment made therefrom strictly on the basis of the advertisement.

The Secretary submitted the following report from the Examiner:-
"Seamus O'Chonubhair has a competent knowledge of written Irish and is a fluent speaker.

Teo MacLochlainn has a fairly competent knowledge and could manage to do his work through its medium.

Maolisa Gearoid O'Dochartaigh has not a competent knowledge of Irish for any district in which Irish would be required."

A further letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th October, 1939, G.25264/4/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 18th idem transmitting a further report from the Examiner in Irish on the candidates for the vacant Rate Collectorship in No. 20 District, and stating that it was noted that the Examiner now reported that the candidate appointed by the Council had not a competent knowledge of Irish. When the Council received the first report of the Examiner at their Meeting on the 29th August last and proceeded to select a person for appointment from amongst the three candidates who had undergone examination in Irish, they were not aware that one of the candidates did not, in the examiner's opinion, possess a competent knowledge of Irish and was not, therefore, eligible for appointment. The intention as indicated in the advertisement was to select the best qualified candidate from those possessing a competent knowledge of the language and it was only in the event of such a person not being available that an appointment of a person not competent in Irish would be made. The insertion in the advertisement of the statement that "only candidates whose marks are not less than 40 per cent will be considered to have qualified in Irish" was not suggested by the Department. These words were apparently inserted under a misapprehension. From the beginning it was intended that the only candidates eligible for appointment would be those who showed they had a competent knowledge of Irish. In the circumstances, the Minister was of opinion that the best course now was to re-advertise in terms which would make the procedure to be adopted clear. The following should be substituted for the last three paragraphs of the former advertisement:-

"Candidates will be required to attend at the County Council Offices, Lifford, at ...on..... for examination in Irish, and to show that they possess a knowledge of Irish sufficient to enable them adequately to perform their duties through the medium of Irish. The Council will appoint an Examiner who will be required to certify whether or not candidates have a competent knowledge of the language based on the oral standard current in the Gaeltacht Areas in County Donegal, and the best-qualified from amongst those so certified as possessing a competent knowledge of the language will, if otherwise suitable, be appointed. Only in the event of such a candidate not being available will an appointment be made of a person who does not possess a competent knowledge of the language. The appointment will, in any event, be subject to the terms of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders, 1928 to 1939.

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MR. M. G. DOHERTY AS RATE COLLECTOR FOR
NO. 20 DISTRICT (CONTINUED).**

The Secretary read a letter from the proposed appointee, Mr. M. G. Doherty, stating that he submitted the following points for the Council's consideration:-

- (1) He went forward for examination without any preparation whatever having only decided to seek the appointment the day previous to sending in his application.
- (2) He was six years from School and as there was no Irish spoken in the District he had no contact with Irish speakers, and, consequently, his knowledge of Irish got behind.
- (3) Were he given an opportunity of a few months' study, he had no doubt but that he could obtain the competency required by the Department.

A further letter was read from Mr. Doherty stating that he had been legally advised that he had been properly elected according to the terms of the advertisement which appeared in the "Derry Journal" of the 21st August. Notwithstanding that, he was still willing to submit himself to a further examination in Irish if given an opportunity in three to four months' time.

Councillor McIvor read a letter from the Parish Priest of Clonmany stating that Irish was not spoken in the district, and urging the Council to appoint Mr. Doherty, who was, he stated, a competent young man.

Councillor McIvor stated that at the Census, a number of people, who had little or no knowledge of Irish, entered themselves as Irish speakers in the hope of qualifying for grants, etc.

Councillor Scott stated that there were six Electoral Divisions included in the Rate Collection District, and only two of these were scheduled as Gaeltacht Electoral Divisions.

Councillor Lynch stated that the District of Urris was always an Irish-speaking District, and, in his opinion, the Council were only prolonging the agony. They should proceed to re-advertise immediately.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Department's instructions in this connection be carried out, and that the position be re-advertised.

After further discussion, the Council decided to request the Department to re-consider their decision and sanction the appointment of Mr. Doherty. Councillor Brady dissented.

1108/39.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, stating that the Winter Meeting of the General Council would take place early in December. Notice of any matters which the Council desired to have placed on the Agenda should be forwarded before the 25th November.

The matter was referred to the Council's representatives on the General Council of County Councils.

1109/39.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ON
ARRANMORE ISLAND.**

A letter was read from Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle stating that the traders of Arranmore were anxious that facilities should be provided on the Island for the verification of Weights and Measures instead of their having to come to Dungloe. The Weights and Measures Sergeant was willing to go to the Island provided the Council paid the cost of the boat and the rent of a store on the Island for one day.

The Council unanimously decided to make arrangements for the verification of Weights and Measures on Arranmore Island; this decision to apply to the present year's verification.

1110/39.

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF EMBANKMENTS AT
TAMNACRUM, CASTLEFIN.**

A letter was read from Mrs. Gallagher, Tamnacrum, Castlefin, stating that last year the river banks broke and she lost £14 worth of hay and three tons of potatoes. She would like to have these banks repaired, as she could not even get the land let on account of it being flooded with water.

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

1111/39.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
AT DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, referring to Minute No. 967/39 regarding the verification of Weights and Measures at Dunkineely. He stated that the Market House, Dunkineely, was not suitable in any way for the verification of Weights and Measures. The Hall had a clay floor, the surface of which was not level, and on which it would be impossible to test scales. There was no water in the place, nor was there a Press in which to store the equipment. There was no table or chair in the place for writing, nor a fireplace in which a fire could be lit.

A letter was read from Dr. M. McGettigan and Mr. M. McAuley, P.C., Trustees of the Recreation Hall, Dunkineely, stating that the Recreation Hall was in every respect suitable and available for Weights and Measures purposes whenever required by the Council for same.

The Council decided to refer the matter back to the Chief Superintendent.

1112/39.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908, AND REGULATIONS MADE
THEREUNDER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th October, 1939, Circ. 114/39, stating that the attention of the Minister had been called to the fact that the provisions of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, and the Regulations made thereunder, especially in the matter of the issue of licences, were not always fully observed; and he desired that the Council should see that, in future, steps were taken to ensure that the requirements of the Act and regulations in question were observed before licences were issued to persons for the sale of poisonous substances, or the renewal of such licences granted. It would be well if the Garda Siothchana were furnished with the names and addresses of all persons to whom licences had been granted, and that all applications for renewal be referred to the Gardaí for report.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Secretary to see that the regulations were fully observed.

1113/39.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY
ACT, 1908.

An application for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was received from Mr. Edward Friel, on behalf of the Kilmacrenan Co-operative Society, Churchtown, Termon.

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

Miss Hannah McColgan, Clonmany.

Mr. William Norris, Moville.

Mrs. Caroline Cavanagh, Drumaweir, Greencastle.

Mr. George Wilkin, Carrigans.

Mr. John Maguire, Burt.

Mr. J. P. McIvor, Quigley's Point.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the applications, subject to satisfactory reports from the Garda Siothchana.

1114/39.

APPLICATION TO HAVE PIPE AT GORTGARA, ARRANMORE, REPAIRED.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McCauley, Gortgara, Arranmore Island, stating that his house was in danger of being flooded owing to the pipe across the burn running beside his house being too small. About £2 would make a new pipe.

Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"I will call with Mr. McCauley when in Arranmore. I can't help stating that I believe we have nothing to do with this pipe. It is evidently a case where Mr. McCauley has built a pipe in the water channel to cross over to his house."

The Council noted the report.

1115/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT BALLINAGLACK, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Ballinaglack, Ballybofeey, applying for a grant to get the Ballinaglack Road finished. The Council decided to refer Mr. Gallagher to the Board of Works.

1116/39. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK IN THE GARRICK AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Byrne, Bogagh, Carrick, applying for work on roads in the district. He had been denied work because he was not in receipt of Unemployment Assistance. He was a ratepayer and he thought he was entitled to the work.

The following report was submitted from the Assistant Surveyor:-
 "This man was not refused work because he was not in receipt of Unemployment Assistance. The job in hands at the time was not a Grant but simply a County Road Improvement and Repair job, which warranted the employment of a small squad. This man was one of several looking for work on the job who could not be taken on without wasting the money available."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1117/39. COMPLAINT RE SAND IN BERTHS AT RAMELTON PIER.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Ramelton, stating that there was a quantity of sand in one of the berths which was a drawback to steamers berthing.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1118/39. COMPLAINT RE BLASTING OPERATIONS AT DOONAN QUARRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Keeney, Doonan Cottage, Donogal, complaining of the reckless manner in which the Council's workmen are carrying out blasting operations at the Doonan Quarry. Recently a blast was sent off which scattered stones all over the place, sending large boulders down the chimney and breaking a kettle on the fire. Owing to the shock his wife had been confined to bed.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have begun quarrying a new seam in the quarry which is somewhat nearer Keeney's cottage than others previously worked for some time. The Ganger was instructed to take every care that no damage or danger would be the outcome. I examined the spot from which the particular shot was fired, and I am convinced that the Ganger took what appeared to me to be reasonable precautions. However, blasting anywhere, even further away from houses, always contains an element of danger, and on this particular occasion an isolated stone fell down the chimney, damaging a kettle. No further damage has taken place at this point, and the kettle has been re-placed by the Ganger."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1119/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR TRESPASS FOR STONES TAKEN FROM GOREY QUARRY, BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Doherty, Meenagory, Bunrana, stating that during the month of July last 32 tons of stones were removed from Gorey Quarry on which trespass had not yet been paid.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1120/39. APPLICATION TO HAVE PROTECTION WALL ERECTED ON THE ROAD FROM SHROVE TO GLENAGIVNEY.

A letter was read from Mr. George Hegarty, Shrove, Greencastle, asking to have a protection wall erected for a distance of 30 perches on the road from Shrove to Glenagivney, and the road widened. The road at this place ran across the side of a cliff.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the cost of this work would be approximately £50, and there were no funds out of which it could be met.

1121/39.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE BY MR. JAMES V. TUNNEY ON
DANGEROUS CORNER AT MAGHERACAR, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Reid & Sweeney, Solicitors, Ballyshannon, referring to the proposed erection of a house by Mr. James V. Tunney, Magheracar, Bundoran. Mr. Tunney applied to the Local Government Department for a Grant, but owing to the objection of the Council to his extending or re-building his premises at Magheracar, the Department stated that they were unable to make the grant. Mr. Tunney lived at present in a small two-room house with his wife and 8 children. He would be willing to have his house extended a reasonable distance from the Main Road provided that he would be compensated for the loss of his present house. They wished to know definitely what the Council intended to do in the matter.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

1122/39. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR DOHERTY'S HALL,
BALLINTRA.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mary Doherty, Ballintra, applying for a Cinematograph Licence for Doherty's Hall, Ballintra.

The following report was submitted from the Assistant Surveyor:-

"I inspected the above Hall to-day. It is a substantial stone building with two doors opening out on to the County Road, and these doors are secured by tower bolts and stock locks. It has no projection room, and no fire-fighting appliances, nor have the exits been marked as required by the Cinematograph regulations.

With regard to the Projection Room, Mrs. Doherty tells me that the Hall will be let to Travelling Companies and that they supply their own Projection Box and fire-fighting equipment."

The Council instructed the Secretary to forward a copy of the regulations to Mrs. Doherty for her guidance.

1123/39. COMPLAINT FROM MAJOR GOODLIFFE, BIRDSTOWN, REGARDING MR.
W. J. DOHERTY, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from Major G. V. Goodliffe, Birdstown, Burnfoot, enclosing letter received by him from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, Buncrana. Mr. Doherty complained that he (Major Goodliffe) had not cleaned out the ditches on his property or attended to the hedges which were too high. He replied to Mr. Doherty stating that the matters complained of would receive attention in due course, but that at present he was obeying the instructions of the Government to plough more land, etc. The letter which he enclosed was the Assistant Surveyor's reply.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this complaint referred to ten-day notices to cut hedges and clean drains. He understood Major Goodliffe had started to comply with these.

The Council considered the Acting County Surveyor's report satisfactory.

1124/39. COMPLAINT REGARDING FLOODING OF LANDS AND ROADWAY AT
MEENFORMAL, GLEN, KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, referring to Minute No. 936/39 C.C. regarding the flooding of lands and roadway at Meenformal, Glen, Kilmacrenan. The Council instructed the Acting County Surveyor to have the pipe sunk and enlarged, but their client, Hugh Shields, had informed them that this had not yet been done. They wished the Council to give the matter their attention.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the matter was receiving attention.

1125/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Jim McFadden, Knockastolar, Bunbeg, stating that he would be glad to be appointed as a Ganger in any part of the County.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1126/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE CAUSED BY BLASTING OPERATIONS AT
LACKENAGH, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mrs. Susan Sweeney, Lackenagh, Burtonport, stating that early in the month of August her house got damaged by blasting operations. The roof was holed in several places and the chimney was split. She claimed £5 which would barely cover the cost of repairing the damage done.

The Acting Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. A. N. Dillon:-

"At the time of the alleged damage, Mrs. Sweeney pointed out to me holes on the roof and also pointed out the chimney. At the time, I came to the conclusion that it was not caused at that time by our blasting operations. Mr. Mick O'Donnell (Neil), Milltown, Burtonport, a member of the gang operating the explosives and who was actually close to Mrs. Sweeney's house, to give warning on the road, stated to me that no stones whatever fell on the house. The Ganger in charge, Mr. Joseph Walsh of Sheskinarone, Dungloe, also stated that no stones fell near the house. I told Mrs. Sweeney that in my opinion the damage was not caused by our men, but that if she was not satisfied she could put the matter before the County Council.

I may add that the lady in question does not appear to be in very good circumstances, and perhaps the County Council would agree to give her the benefit of any doubt existing. It would not be very expensive to fix the items Mrs. Sweeney pointed out to me, and, if I am authorised to do so, I can arrange for some of the men at present working on the Dungloe-Burtonport Road to repair the damage."

Whilst denying any liability in the matter, the Council decided to have the items complained of repaired, ex-gratia.

1127/39. CLAIM FOR EXTRA PAYMENT FOR PRESSES CONSTRUCTED FOR
FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

The Secretary submitted an account from Mr. James Devine, Carpenter, Lifford, for £2 11 : 0 in respect of pine used in doors of presses for Food and Drugs Inspectors instead of deal.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Devine stated he could not obtain deal and that he had to use pine for the doors. He claimed 3/- extra per Press.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1128/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM DERRYBEG TO THE
MOUNTAIN ROAD IN STRAKEENAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Ferry, Sheskinbeg, Derrybeg, complaining of the condition of the road from Derrybeg to the Mountain Road in Strakeenagh. The road was full of holes, and in wet weather it was like a lough with water and mud. It was repaired in 1931 by the Irish Land Commission, but it was now in the Council's hands, and as far as he understood they gave a few pounds each year to some man to keep it in repair, but they might as well throw this money into the river for the road was in a worse state than ever.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"Mr. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, reports that only part of the road referred to is a County Road. He says he would not describe the County portion as in bad order. He will re-consider the money allocated to this road when preparing next year's estimate."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1129/39. EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1938/39 - REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS
TO SCENIC VIEWS.

A Memorandum was submitted from the Local Government Department asking to be furnished immediately with particulars of the works carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1938/39, in connection with the removal of obstructions to scenic views.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyors.

1130/39. APPLICATION BY MR. PATRICK O'DONNELL, DRIVER, BREAKER NO. 30, FOR TRANSFER TO THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Driver, Breaker No. 30, Coolmore, Rosstownlough, applying for a transfer from the Southern Division to the Northern Division. His home was in Carndonagh and it took from 12/- to 17/- to take him home.

The matter was referred to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for his sympathetic consideration.

1131/39. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL USED AT CLAGGAN BRIDGE, MOVILLE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. James McColgan, Quay Street, Moville, stating that during May, June, and July, 1939, he carted from the Shore to Moville 81 tons of gravel which was used at Claggan Bridge. He was to be paid at the rate of 2/- per ton for the gravel, which would amount to £8 : 4 : 0, but he only received £5, leaving a balance of £3 : 4 : 0. He wished to be paid the balance immediately.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. O'Neill reports that all sand used in Claggan Bridge was obtained from a Mr. Deery. Any claim Mr. McColgan may have is against Mr. Deery to whom he should apply."

The Council noted the report.

1132/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AND WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

Further letters were read from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, referring to the damage to the fence and water-table at Glashbeggan caused by James Boyle and his son, Neil. The case was to come off at Dungloe District Court on the 13th October, but owing to some influence behind it it was adjourned. This matter should be attended to immediately.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

1133/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT RAILING IN FRONT OF HOUSE AT BALLINAMONA, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Reid, Ballinamona, Ballybofey, applying for permission to build a small wall with a railing on top, five feet in front of his house, on the main road from Ballybofey to Donegal, about a quarter of a mile from Ballybofey. In winter, the surface water from the roadway had been causing him considerable damage and annoyance owing to the road getting higher each time it was repaired.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that permission could be given on the usual conditions.

The Council decided to grant permission to Mr. Reid to erect the wall subject to his signing an agreement to have it removed at any time he may be called upon to do so.

1134/39. DEPOSITS LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENINGS OF PUBLIC ROADWAYS.

A letter was read from Mr. D. O'Boyle, Loughnanoran, Annagry, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged by him in July last in connection with the opening of the public roadway.

A letter was read from Mr. James Dundas, Plumber, Ballyshannon, applying for refunds of three deposits of £2 each lodged by him in connection with road openings at Pettigo, Ballyshannon, and Donegal.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the deposits in each case had been refunded.

1135/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, applied for a sum of £3 out of the Contingency Fund, Northern Division, for the repair of a pipe on Road No. 124, Milford District.

The application was granted unanimously.

1136/39.

FENDERS ERECTED ON SALTHILL PIER, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGinty, Harbour Master, Mountcharles, stating that some time ago new fenders were erected on Salthill Pier. The man who put them on did not take great care, as one of them was now completely off and two others loose. He salvaged the one that came off before it went away with the tide. He always got any job that was to be done at this Pier before, but he never was asked about this job.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"It is true that some of the fenders have become loose, and one has come completely off, but the fault is not due to the manner in which they were put on. The fact is that the stone of which the Pier is constructed is soft limestone found in the vicinity, and was unable to hold the bolts owing to flaking away of the stone in the vicinity of the bolt. The carpenter who erected the fenders is having them re-placed and grouting in the bolts in neat cement instead of lead, and this should ensure their safety. I do not think the Harbour Master, who is not a tradesman, would be a suitable man to tackle a job of this nature."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1137/39.

BURTONPORT PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. J. F. O'Donnell, Burtonport, Acting Harbour Master, stating that Mr. James Campbell, Burtonport, was using the Pier at Burtonport for curing herrings.

The Secretary stated that after the last County Council Meeting, Councillor Walsh came to him and stated that James Campbell wished to use the Pier at Burtonport for curing herrings for a period of fourteen days. As other Piers throughout the County had been similarly used, the Secretary stated that he informed Councillor Walsh that Campbell could use the Pier on payment of a sum of 10/-, which was duly lodged by Campbell.

He informed the Acting Harbour Master of the permission given to Campbell, but no objection was raised by him until the foregoing letter dated 23rd October was received from him.

The Secretary also stated that a further letter had been received from Campbell stating that he did not commence using the Pier until the 6th October, and he finished on the 20th. He enclosed a further sum of 10/-, and applied for the use of the Pier for fourteen days as from the 28th October.

The Council unanimously decided to refuse this and all further applications for permission to use Piers for the purpose of curing herrings, and to warn Mr. Campbell that if any trespass was made by him on Burtonport Pier, the necessary action would be taken by them.

It was also decided to refer the whole question of Burtonport Pier to the Law Committee.

1138/39.

SCHEDULE OF TOLLS FOR HARBOUR DUES. AT COUNTY PIERS.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that the time had arrived when the Schedule of Tolls for Harbour Dues could be usefully revised, and he stated that he would lodge Notice of Motion in the matter for next Meeting.

The Council noted the matter.

1139/39.

NUISANCE AT COW PARK GATE, TOWN OF CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Neil J. Gibbons, Pound Street, Carndonagh, calling attention to a nuisance and a menace at the Cow Park Gate caused by a flow of muck and dirt running on the surface. If allowed to run as it now did it would be the cause of an action as it was ruining his house.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this was not a County Road.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Board of Health.

1140/39. ABSENCE OF MR. A. N. DILLON, RESIDENT ENGINEER, ROSSES ROAD SCHEME, ON SICK LEAVE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"Mr. Dillon was absent on sick leave from the 9th to the 31st August, 1939. During part of the period he was in the Bon Secour Hospital in Cork under the care of Dr. John Kelly, F.R.C.S.

Whilst absent from headquarters he kept in constant touch by correspondence both with myself and the temporary Assistant Engineer, Mr. M. J. McDaid; thus enabling the work to proceed practically normally. On this account, I strongly recommend the Council to allow him his normal salary for the month of August as the Doctor was of opinion that his breakdown in health was due to overwork.

Mr. Dillon will forward Medical Certificate."

The Council unanimously decided to allow Mr. Dillon his full salary for the month of August, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

1141/39. EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY ENGINEERS IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE GRANTS.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"As the Rosses Road Improvement Scheme is now rapidly reaching completion, I would suggest to the Council that the Resident Engineer, Mr. A. N. Dillon, be retained for work in connection with Grants from the Employment Schemes Vote in the Rosses Area at a salary of £6: 6: 0 per week; same to be paid out of the Grants.

It will be remembered that this man gave valuable assistance last year on these Schemes.

If the Council agree to my suggestion, the appointment could come into operation on the conclusion of the Rosses Scheme."

I understand that two Temporary Engineers are required in the Northern Area of the County, and I beg to inform the Council that if they agree to my suggestion regarding Mr. A. N. Dillon, I will be able to release Mr. M. J. McDaid for work in the Northern Division."

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

"Last year I asked for one Temporary Engineer to deal with Relief Grants under the Employment Schemes Vote. I had, however, to transfer the man appointed to the District of Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, who had taken ill. The result was that the Relief Grants did not get the supervision one would wish, and a very heavy burden was placed on the Assistant Surveyors concerned.

This year the amount for this grant has been increased from £66,000 to £100,000, or by 50%. I think it would be advisable, therefore, to appoint two Temporary Engineers, one for the Dunfanaghy District, and one for the Milford District. The latter District, which was Mr. Patrick Dawson's District, is at present being done by the Temporary Engineer appointed last year, Mr. Sean Mulreany, and apart from the increase in the Relief Grant, the whole of the Northern portion of the Main Road Improvement Grant falls in this district.

I would, therefore, ask the Council to make two temporary appointments at the usual rate of £5 : 5 : 0 per week, with Travelling Expenses."

The Council unanimously decided:-

- (a) On the completion of the Rosses Road Scheme, to appoint Mr. A. N. Dillon, the Resident Engineer, to take charge of Grants under the Employment Schemes Vote in the Rosses Area at a salary of £6 : 6 : 0 per week;
- (b) To transfer Mr. M. J. McDaid, Temporary Engineer at present acting in the Rosses Area, to the Northern Division of the County at his existing salary of £5 : 5 : 0 per week;
- (c) To appoint a second Temporary Engineer for the Northern Division by advertisement at a salary of £5 : 5 : 0 per week; and
- (d) To make the foregoing appointments terminable by a week's notice on either side.

1142/39. BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS, NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied to have the following Road Contracts broken:-

Letterkenny District.

No. 2, April 1939, Map No. 1147, Contractor J. Dolan.

No. 15, April 1939, Map No. 1151A, Contractor J. Dolan.

Lifford District.

No. 1, April 1939, Map No. 1214, Contractor J. McElhinney.

No. 6, April 1939, Map No. 1274, Contractor T. Doherty.

Inishowen Area.

No. 110, April 1939, Map No. 304, Contractor Dan McLaughlin.

The Council unanimously decided to break the contracts.

1143/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund, Southern Division:-

Letterkenny Area.

Repair pipe on Road No. 1123.....£1 : 0 : 0.

Kilcar Area.

Repair breach on County Road, Map No. 1659.....£15 : 0 : 0.

Glenties Area.

Re-build a pipe on Road No. 1229.....£5 : 0 : 0.

Supply and fix 14 planks and new handrail on Meenasrone

Wooden Bridge, Map No. 1303.....£12 : 0 : 0.

Repair and re-build abutments at Torries, Arranmore,
also protection walls on Map No. 960.....£13 : 0 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the applications.

1144/39. COMPLAINTS RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON COUNTY ROADS, AND ALLEGATIONS REGARDING GANGER, ARDARA DISTRICT.

A letter was submitted purporting to be signed by Messrs. Edward Finn, Tullycleave, Ardara; Paddy Connaghan, Tullycleave; William Byrne, Carn; and William Browne, Sandfield; demanding employment on County Roads. If refused work, they had pledged themselves to hold their rates. They had already been disallowed work by Ganger Bernard O'Donnell, Ardara, who gave all the work in the district to his own relatives.

The Secretary stated that a letter dated 29th October was read from Messrs. Edward Finn and William Byrne denying having sent any letter to the County Council about work on roads. They did not authorise anyone else to use their names in this connection.

A letter was also read from Ganger Bernard O'Donnell stating that he obeyed strictly the instructions of the Assistant Surveyor to recruit all labour through the Employment Exchanges.

The Council unanimously decided to take no action in the matter.

1145/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM LITTLE EANEY BRIDGE TO ROOSE BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McGuire, Drumagra, Mountcharles, asking to have 60 tons of metal put on the Drumagra end of the road as this road ran through from the Little Eaney Bridge on the Frosses Road to the Roose Bridge on the Drinaron Road, Map No. 1780a.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"This is really an application to have repaired an extension of County Road No. 1780a, Donegal, which is not on the County, but on which there was a Minor Employment Scheme some years ago. It should be referred to the Office of Public Works."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1146/39. COMPLAINT RE REMOVAL OF SAND AND GRAVEL FROM LANDS AT GORTNAMULLIN, BALLYGORMAN, AND RE DUMPING OF SAND ON LANDS.

A letter was read from Miss Mary J. Doherty, Gortnamullin, Ballygorman P.O., again complaining of the action of Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for receiving sand and beach material taken off her property on certain dates in January, February, and August, 1939, after being notified beforehand not to do so. She demanded compensation for this material and she again stated that Mr. O'Neill's workmen would not let her men put up wiring on the date mentioned in her letter which was before the Council on the 29th August, Minute No. 957/39. Mr. O'Neill made an untrue statement when he said that the sand was not dumped on her land, and that she caused undue annoyance to the Council's workmen. She demanded that he withdraw these statements. If this matter was not investigated at once, she would be compelled to seek the protection of the Court.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant for the District:-

"Permission to dump sand on site referred to was obtained from Mr. Edward Doherty, Gortnamullin, Malin Head.

It appears that Miss M. Doherty claims this particular place also, and, consequently, it is a personal matter between these parties to decide ownership.

The gravel referred to by Miss Doherty in January, 1939; February, 1939; and August, 1939, was delivered to the County Council, per Mr. Michael Deery, Malin Mills, Malin, and he is responsible for any compensation due to Miss Doherty."

The Council decided to deny liability.

1147/39. RESOLUTION FROM NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION REGARDING GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL POLICY.

A letter was read from the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association, 3, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, enclosing copy of the following resolution:-

"That in view of the already grave social conditions in this country now to be aggravated by war, i.e., unemployment, disastrous emigration, harassed conditions of agriculture, housing shortage, etc., this Association calls on the Government to re-consider their present financial policy anew."

The matter was noted.

1148/39. SANCTION TO REPAIR OF SHEEP DIPPING BATH AND PAYMENT FOR CARETAKING OF BATH AT CARROWMORE, MALIN.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th October, 1939, L.1398/39, referring to the Report of the Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee, and stating that the Minister offered no objection to the repair of the Sheep Dipping Station at Upper Monargan at an estimated cost of £3 : 5 : 0, or to the proposed payment of an allowance at the rate of 5/- per annum as from 1935 to Mr. John McLaughlin (White) for caretaking the dipping bath at Carrowmore, Malin. The Minister noted that the Committee were of opinion that the estimate of £7 : 11 : 0 in respect of repairs to the dipping bath at Glengesh was excessive.

1149/39. PROPOSED FENCING OF PLOT OF GROUND AT BACK ROAD, RAPHOE.

A letter was read from Messrs. David Wilson & Co., Solicitors, Raphoe, stating that they had been consulted by a number of ratepayers regarding the nuisance which existed at Back Road, Raphoe. The roadside property had been taken over by the County Council, and some months ago a sum of money was earmarked for railing off and clearing up the plot. Nothing had since been done and they would be glad if the matter was attended to.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Nothing can be done to improve conditions complained of till a proper fence with necessary gates is provided. This was fenced before with posts and wire, but these posts and wire were removed."

The Council adjourned consideration of the matter until next Meeting.

1150/39. ALLEGATION THAT PROTESTANTS WOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED AS GANGERS.

A letter was read from Mr. Richard J. Porteus, Mullinacross, Ballintra, stating that in December last he applied for a position as Ganger on some of the jobs which are being carried out in the district. He had heard nothing of the matter since, and he had been told by three different persons that he did not get a job because he was a Protestant. One person particularly pointed out to him that there was no such thing as a Protestant Ganger working for the Council or Board of Health. He hoped, however, that during the coming winter his application would not be overlooked.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Gangers are employed on their qualifications for the particular job on hands and not on their religious persuasions. It is untrue to state that there are no Protestants employed as Gangers."

The Council noted that Gangers were not employed according to their religious persuasions.

1151/39. MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1939/40.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd October, 1939, SGT/201/39, stating, for the information of the Council, that a sum of £16,000 had been provisionally allocated out of the Main Road Improvement Grant, 1939/40, for the following works:-

1. T.72. Milford-Letterkenny Road, Milford to Ramelton; Widen, sidefill, strengthen, and surface in Creophalte Macadam..... £3,000.
 2. L.76. Letterkenny-Creeslough Road; Kilmacrenan to Creeslough; Ease bends, widen, sidefill, strengthen, and surface in Creophalte..... £5,000.
 3. T.18. Donegal-Ballybofey Road; Keeldrum to Mullinalamphry. Widen, sidefill, strengthen, and surface in tar-bitumen grouted macadam..... £2,000.
 4. T.72. Killybegs-Glenties Road; Ardara to Glenties; Shape and surface in tar bitumen grouted macadam..... £2,500.
 5. L.75. Ballybofey-Glenties Road; Meenagolan to Meenmore East. Drain, widen, sidefill, strengthen, and surface in tar bitumen grouted macadam..... £3,500.
- £16,000.

Councillor Cole complained that no grants had been allocated to the Inishowen Area, and Councillor Brady complained that nothing had been allocated for Donegal Area.

Councillor Blaney stated that he understood that the Acting County Surveyor had recommended that a grant be allocated for the road from Milford to Kerrykeel. This road was in much more need of a Grant than the road from Milford to Ramelton, and he proposed that the Department be requested to transfer the grant of £3,000 to the Milford-Kerrykeel Road.

The Council unanimously agreed to Councillor Blaney's proposal.

1152/39. DATES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee, stating that the hour at which Meetings of his Committee were held was discussed at last Meeting. As some of the members who resided in Inishowen were unable to get to Lifford before noon, it was unanimously decided not to make any alteration in the hour of meeting.

The Council unanimously decided to have the next Meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee on the 21st November, 1939, and to have a Meeting of the Law Committee on the 15th November, 1939.

Confirmed

Neil Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council
28th November, 1939.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1939.

1153/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:— Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Byrne, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, Myles, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

1154/39.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from the Chairman (Councillor McFadden), Councillors Mahony, McShea, and Scott.

1155/39.

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 McClafferty seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 31st October, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

1156/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 31st October, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1157/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 31st October, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

In connection with the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 21st November, 1939, a letter was read from Councillor Scott asking to have Minute No. 913/39 referred back to the Committee for re-consideration.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle, it was unanimously decided to adopt the report of the Meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 21st November, 1939, with the exception of Minute No. 913/39.

1158/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor McShane, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 15th November, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1159/39.

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

Councillor O'Boyle proposed the adoption of the Report of the Air Raid Precautions Committee Meeting held on the 21st November, 1939.

Councillor Blaney seconded.

Councillor Wagentreiber proposed that the Report be again referred back to the Committee with a view to their recommending that a mobile fire-fighting unit be stationed at Raphoe.

Councillor Myles seconded.

Councillor Baxter stated that he was still of opinion that a mobile unit should be stationed at Milford.

After some discussion it was decided to refer the report back to the Committee for further consideration.

1160/39.

B O V I N E T U B E R C U L O S I S O R D E R, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 28th October, 1939, asking to be furnished with Forms T.2/3 in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of:—

Thomas Doherty, Tieveclougher, Ballybofey.
Joseph Douglas, Legnathraw, St. Johnston.

1161/39. PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1939.

The Secretary submitted the List of Payments to Road Contractors for the half-year ended 30th September, 1939.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the payments be passed, as recommended by the Acting County Surveyors.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

1162/39. PROPOSED ALTERATION OF TIMES FOR PAYMENTS TO ROAD
CONTRACTORS.

Councillor Loughrey stated that he was of the opinion that in future Road Contractors' payments should be made at the April and October Meetings, instead of at the May and November Meetings as at present.

Councillor Hannigan stated that Road Contractors should be paid at least three times a year.

The Council decided to have the matter brought up for consideration at the Annual Road Works Meeting.

1163/39. RE-PAYMENT OF LOANS OBTAINED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE
SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th October, 1939, Circ. H.118/39, referring to loans obtained by the Council from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and stating that where an individual borrower repays to the Local Authority the whole or part of the advance before the expiration of the period for which the advance was sanctioned such monies should not be retained by the Local Authority but should be forwarded to the Office of Public Works for application towards the redemption of the relevant loan from the Local Loans Fund.

1164/39. NEW IRELAND ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

A letter was read from the Managing Director, New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., stating that his Company had acquired a controlling interest in the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., which would function purely as a Fire and Accident Office to transact the business heretofore undertaken by the relative Departments of the two Companies.

1165/39. RECOUPMENT UNDER SECTION 3 (4) (a) OF THE ROADS ACT, 1930.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 27th October, 1939, stating that a payment of £581 : 19 : 0 in final settlement of the claim of the Donegal County Council under Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1930, in respect of the financial year 1938/39 was made to the County Treasurer on the 25th October.

1166/39. SALARIES OF MISSES DOOGAN AND McLAUGHLIN OF THE COUNCIL'S
CLERICAL STAFF.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th October, 1939, G.5284/3/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 30th June last, and stating that the Minister was unable to depart from the decision already communicated to the Council regarding the salaries of Misses Doogan and McLaughlin. Miss McLaughlin had not yet completed four years' service, and it was considered that an alteration of the scale already sanctioned was not at present justified. Her case could, however, be re-submitted for consideration with that of Miss Doogan when the latter Officer had served one year on the maximum of her present scale.

1167/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Shannon, Ballindrait; and Tamnacrum, Castlefin.

1168/39. CONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT OF MR. A. N. DILLON IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 31st October, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention of Mr. A. N. Dillon, B.E., in connection with the Rosses Road Scheme for a further period not exceeding two months.

1169/39. CONTINUANCE OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF MR. J. F. QUIGLEY AS A CLERK IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st November, 1939, G.10992/2/39, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the continued temporary employment of Mr. J. F. Quigley as a clerk up to the 31st March, 1940, at his existing rate of remuneration.

1170/39. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Síothchana, Milford, stating that an application would be made at Milford District Court on the 14th November, 1939, for the committal of a boy named Patrick McBride, aged 15½ years, Kinnalargy, Carrigart, to an Industrial School.

1171/39. ILLNESS OF MR. F. McSHANE, V.S., DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 8th November, 1939, L.4015-39, stating that the Minister offered no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. T. A. McClintock, M.R.C.V.S., for duties in the Donegal District under the Diseases of Animals Acts during the absence of Mr. McShane on sick leave for two weeks from the 23rd October, 1939.

1172/39. AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th October, 1939, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the Vocational Education Committee for the three years ended 31st March, 1939.

1173/39. AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd November, 1939, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Donegal Committee of Agriculture for the six half-years ended 31st March, 1939.

1174/39. PETROL RATIONING.

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge, Dublin, dated 31st October, 1939, stating that the next Petrol Rationing would be for a period of three months commencing the 1st November. The Minister was prepared to consider applications for additional petrol coupons from Officials who used their cars in the performance of essential public duties. It had been noted that in many cases Officials, who applied for extra ration coupons for October on the grounds that they used their cars for official business, appeared to have overstated their requirements very considerably. The Minister expected that public officials would wholeheartedly co-operate in the efforts being made to conserve supplies of motor spirit, and with this end in view would use public transport whenever possible.

1175/39. COST-OF-LIVING FIGURES AT MID-NOVEMBER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th November, 1939, enclosing forms for particulars of cost-of-living figures at mid-November, 1939.

1176/39. TRAVELLING EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT CO. SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th November, 1939, R/RS/7, relative to the appointment of an Assistant County Surveyor, and stating that it was noted that no reference was made in the terms of appointment to the payment of Travelling Expenses, and inquiring whether the Council proposed to pay Travelling Expenses.

1177/39. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th November, 1939, RV/202, asking to be informed of what was the last Index Mark and Registration No. issued in the period ended 31st October, 1939.

1178/39. ARDUGHADH GREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leightheadh litir o Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainto Poiblidhe faoi dhata an 15adh Samhain, 1939, G.904/11/39, ag radh go gceaduaigheann an t-Aire do Chomhairle Conndae Duin na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £60,000 i gcoir costaisi reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-udaras seo dlíochtach suas go dtí 30adh lá de'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £70,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Nodlag, 1939.

Socrúightheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £70,000 suas go dtí an 31adh Nodlag, 1939.

1179/39. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th November, 1939, P.H.2869/67/38, requesting that the claim of Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for £31 : 1 : 8, in respect of Travelling Expenses for the month of August, 1939, might be forwarded to the Department. Particulars of the visits of the County Medical Officer of Health to Derry on the 1st, 12th, and 25th August, should also be submitted.

1180/39. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939 - INCREASES IN PRICES.

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

1181/39. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 13th November, 1939, R/RM/7, stating that Paying Order No. 29521 dated 3rd March, 1939, in favour of Thomas Spence, might be altered to a current date.

1182/39. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE EIGHTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th November, 1939, P.30731/39, Dun na nGall., stating that no objection would be raised to the payment by the County Council of a sum not exceeding £30 for the necessary temporary clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of the Eighteenth Register of Electors.

1183/39. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MR. M. G. DOHERTY AS RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 20 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st November, 1939, G.25264/5/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 8th November regarding the vacancy for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 20 District, and stating that the Minister was not prepared to sanction the proposed appointment of Mr. M. G. Doherty. The post should be re-advertised on the terms and conditions indicated in the Department's letter of the 24th October, 1939.

Councillor McIvor stated that the Department had acted very unfairly in this matter, and he proposed that the matter be again referred back with a request that Mr. Doherty's appointment be sanctioned.

Councillor Baxter seconded the proposal.

Councillor Lynch proposed, as an amendment, that the post be re-advertised in accordance with the instructions of the Department.

Councillor Michael O'Donnell seconded.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, eight voted for the amendment, and ten against the amendment.

The amendment having been lost, the Chairman declared Councillor McIvor's proposal passed.

1184/39. IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Secretary stated that Senator David L. Robinson, Organising Secretary of the Irish Red Cross Society, had got in touch with the Chairman of the County Council regarding the formation of a County Donegal Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society.

A Meeting had been arranged to be held in the Butt Hall, Ballybofey, on the 23rd November, but this date was found to be inconvenient for a number of people, and Senator Robinson now wished the County Council to arrange a suitable date for the Meeting.

The Secretary also stated that in a letter received that morning, Councillor Scott mentioned that Tuesday, 5th December, 1939, would be a suitable date.

Councillor Myles proposed that the Meeting be held in Lifford on 5th December, and Councillor Wagentreiber seconded.

Councillor Brady proposed that the Meeting be held in Letterkenny on the 5th December.

Councillor McMenamin proposed that the Meeting be held in Ballybofey.

A vote was taken as between the three places, resulting as follows:-

Letterkenny.....8.

Lifford.....7.

Ballybofey.....5.

Ballybofey was eliminated, and the final vote between Letterkenny and Lifford resulted as follows:-

Letterkenny.....9.

Lifford.....11.

It was, therefore, decided to hold the Meeting in Lifford on the 5th December at two p.m.

Councillor Blaney proposed that the Lord Bishop of Raphoe (Most Rev. Dr. McNeely) be asked to preside.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

1185/39. DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council unanimously decided to hold their December Meeting on Wednesday, 27th December, 1939.

1186/39. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.

The Council decided to allow holidays to their employees on the 25th and 26th December, 1939.

1187/39. DATE OF ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING.

The Council decided to hold the Annual Road Works Meeting on Tuesday, 9th January, 1940.

1188/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £7,200 FOR LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY
SCHEME BY COUNTY DONEGAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Myles (in the absence of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health) proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance, as Sanitary Authority, of a sum not exceeding £2,400 for Letterkenny Water Supply Scheme."

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Myles (in the absence of Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health) proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance, as Poor Law Authority, of a sum not exceeding £4,800 for Letterkenny Water Supply Scheme."

1189/39. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £8,400 FOR LETTERKENNY WATER SUPPLY
SCHEME BY MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Dr. P. J. Courtney, Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, enclosing extract as follows from the Minutes of Meeting of the Committee of Management held on the 13th November:-

"In accordance with notice, Captain Scott proposed, Mr. McIvor seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Donegal County Council be requested to raise a loan of £8,400 to defray the Committee's portion of the cost of the Lough Salt Water Supply Scheme."

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor McIvor, the Council unanimously decided to raise a loan of £8,400 to defray the Mental Hospital Committee's portion of the cost of the Lough Salt Water Supply Scheme.

1190/39. REVISION OF SCHEDULE OF TOLLS FOR PIERS AND HARBOURS.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed, Councillor McClafferty seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Schedule of Tolls for Piers and Harbours in the County be revised."

It was decided to refer the matter to the Piers Committee, and to arrange a Meeting of that Committee for Tuesday, 5th December, 1939, at twelve noon.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle it was decided to appoint Councillor Brady as a member of the Piers Committee.

1191/39. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY DONEGAL
RAILWAYS JOINT COMMITTEE.

Councillor Lynch proposed:- "That this Council ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to inquire into the working of the County Donegal Railway Co., as there are a lot of complaints from the men re hours and other conditions."

Councillor Michael O'Donnell seconded.

Councillor Brady stated that the employees of the Railway Co. had machinery of their own to deal with any grievances they had. He did not think this was a matter for the County Council.

Councillor Lynch's motion was passed.

1192/39. PROPOSAL TO APPOINT A HARBOUR CONSTABLE FOR BRUCKLESS.

Councillor McShane proposed:- "That the Council appoint a Harbour Constable for Bruckless."

The motion was passed unanimously, and it was decided to fix the salary for the appointment at £4 per annum.

1193/39. AMOUNT SPENT IN INISHOWEN AREA BY DIRECT LABOUR AND BY CONTRACT ON ROADS.

Councillor Lynch proposed:- "That we have for discussion at the December Meeting a list of money spent in Inishowen Area by Direct Labour and by Contract, with the amount of stones put up under each system, in order that we may judge the worth of each before we embark on another year of squandermania."

Councillor Michael O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Councillor Lynch stated that the Council should revert to the contract system.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he objected strongly to the use of the word "squandermania." The roads in the Inishowen Area were as good as the roads in other parts of the County.

Councillor Blaney stated that he was in agreement with Councillor Lynch regarding the contract system for bye-roads. He thought, however, that Councillor Lynch should withdraw the word "squandermania."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Annual Road Works Meeting on the 9th January, 1940.

1194/39. NUISANCE EXISTING AT BACK ROAD, RAPHOE. PROPOSED RAILING OFF OF PLOT.

Councillor Myles proposed:- "That the attention of the Council be called to the continued nuisance at Back Road, Raphoe, and that the necessary steps be taken to put a stop to it."

A letter was read from Messrs. David Wilson & Co., Solicitors, Raphoe, stating that they had been consulted by a number of ratepayers regarding the nuisance which existed at Back Road, Raphoe. The roadside property had been taken over by the County Council, and some months ago a sum of money was earmarked for railing off and clearing up the plot. Nothing had since been done and they would be glad if the matter was attended to.

A further letter was read from Messrs. David Wilson & Co., regarding plot of ground at Back Road, Raphoe. The original fence on this plot was erected by the Railway Co. for their own protection, and the Railway Co. removed this fence themselves when they had no further need of it. Their information was that the Council never erected any fence, and as a sum had been set aside for the work, they would be glad if the Council would direct that the work be proceeded with forthwith.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that a sum of £16 would be required for this work. A fence and gates would need to be erected.

The Council unanimously decided to allow a sum of £16 for the erection of a fence and gates on this plot of ground.

1195/39. REQUEST TO HAVE GRANT ALLOCATED FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD BETWEEN BREENAGH, NEWMILLS, AND BROCKAGH.

A letter was read from Councillor Mahony asking the Council to request the Board of Works to allocate a further grant for the completion of the road between Breenagh and Brockagh, part of which was made last year by a Grant from the Board of Works.

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

1196/39. REQUEST TO HAVE GRANT ALLOCATED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD BETWEEN LECK AND CARRYGAWLEY, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Councillor Mahony asking the Council to request the Board of Works to allocate a grant for the construction of a new road between Leck and Carrygawley on the road from Stranorlar to Letterkenney.

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

1197/39.

BREAKWATERS ON THE KILTOORISH ROAD, ARDARA.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 4th November, 1939, A. & R. (F.) 52858/1939, referring to extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 26th September regarding Breakwaters on the Kiltoorish Road, Ardara, and asking to be furnished with further particulars as to the situation of the Breakwaters including, if available, the name of the tenant of the lands and the townland, which would assist in identifying the Breakwaters referred to.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney reports that when the Irish Land Commission made the road in question across the strand, connecting the ends of the County Road, they also filled the gaps between some rocks that were a distance out from the shore which formed breakwaters to prevent the full force of the tide from destroying the wall supporting their road. These breakwaters are in need of repair. The road referred to is Map No. 1429a, and it is on the Narin-Davros Road between Three Roads, Drumbohill, and Three Roads at Davros."

The Council decided to refer the report to the Irish Land Commission.

1198/39.

BURTONPORT PIER.

A letter was read from the Acting Harbour Master, Burtonport, suggesting that the County Surveyor visit Burtonport and prepare a Plan of the Pier there, as there was a dispute about the boundaries of it.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Board of Works to forward a copy of the map in connection with Burtonport Pier which they had in their possession.

1199/39. ALLEGATIONS REGARDING MR. WILLIAM O'NEILL, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The Secretary again submitted letter from Mr. Henry Boggs, Bree, Malin, dated 19th June, 1939, enclosing petition from ratepayers demanding the attention of the Council to the state of the roads in the area under the supervision of Mr. William O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and requesting that a Surveyor be appointed who would understand his work and do it honestly. Refusal of this request would end in rebellion and non-payment of rates.

A letter dated 25th November, 1939, was read from Messrs. Hugh G. O'Doherty & Son, Solicitors, Derry, reporting that after a careful investigation of the charges made against Mr. William O'Neill, they had ascertained that a number of men alleged to have signed the offending document had repudiated their signatures and denied their association with the allegations. Meantime, they had instituted preliminary legal proceedings against some of the other signatories.

Councillor Lynch proposed that the letter from Mr. Henry Boggs be marked "read."

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

1200/39. ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Secretary Reported that since last Meeting there was no change in the position regarding arrears due by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Mr. Neal McGready had not fulfilled the promise made by him some months ago to reduce the amount outstanding:- The following amounts were outstanding:-

Neal McGready, Mountcharles.....£54 :13 : 4.
Michael Gallagher, Lognaheorey,
Kilmaecrenan... £1 :19 : 5.

The Council decided to refer the matter to their Solicitor with instructions to take all necessary steps for the recovery of the amounts outstanding.

1201/39.

ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

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

Joseph R. Cairns, Corcullion, Castlefin.....	£8	18	0.
William McCrossan, Milford.....	£6	1	8.
William McCool, Millsessiagh, Ballindrait.....	£6	19	10.
Mary Doherty, Glenmakee, Collin, Carndonagh.....	£6	16	3.
Patrick Doherty, Malin Road, Carndonagh.....	£22	5	0.
William Boyle, Gortnasillagh, Glenties.....	£4	1	4.
Reps. Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.....	£32	8	3.
John Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.....	£54	15	0.
Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.....	£3	12	7.
Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashannagh.....	£75	19	0.
Daniel McEleney, Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.....	£5	6	6.
Patrick McNelis, Tullybeg, Ardara.....	£13	14	3.
Edward Shiels, Jr., Rooskey, Glenties.....	£31	19	0.
Bernard Curran, Derryconnor, Moenlaragh.....	£9	14	0.
James Barrett, Glenalla, Ray.....	£5	10	2.
Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ranelton.....	£31	17	11.
Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.....	£31	7	3.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to their Solicitor with instructions to take all necessary steps for the recovery of the amounts outstanding.

1202/39.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW BY MR. EDWARD VAUGHAN, PORTNASON, BALLYSHANNON, AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.

The Council again proceeded to consider the application of Mr. Edward Vaughan, Portnason, Ballyshannon, for permission to erect a bungalow at the junction of the Bundoran and Dunmuckrum Roads.

Mr. Vaughan appeared before the Council and stated that he was prepared to give 20 feet of ground at the corner. He also stated that he would like the Council to leave the matter over until the new County Surveyor would take up duty.

Councillor O'Brien proposed that the matter be adjourned until it could be investigated by the new County Surveyor.

Councillor McMenamin seconded.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, repeated his previous report in which he stated that if the Council gave permission to have this bungalow erected, it would be a violation of Section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925, which stated that no building should be erected within thirty yards of a road which would obstruct the view.

Councillor Myles proposed, as an amendment, that the Council adopt the report of the Acting County Surveyor.

Councillor Wagentreiber seconded the amendment.

The matter was put to a vote, and, on a show of hands, six voted for the amendment, and six voted against it.

The Presiding Chairman (Councillor Blaney) gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which he declared carried.

1203/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AND WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

Letters were submitted from Mr. Condy O'Donnell, Glashbeggan, Burtonport, referring to the damage to the fence and water-table at Glashbeggan caused by James Boyle and his son, Neil. The case was to come off at Dungloe District Court on the 13th October, but owing to some influence behind it it was adjourned. The matter should be attended to immediately.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This matter may now be considered as settled as Councillor O'Boyle and myself received a promise on a recent visit to Glashbeggan from Mr. James Boyle that he would restore the fence to its original condition."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle it was decided to withdraw the summons which had been issued in this case.

1204/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO GRAVE IN CONWALL GRAVEYARD.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Cullen, Garrick, Trentagh, stating that a grave in Conwall Graveyard on the left-hand side of the boundary wall was being continually destroyed by mud and dirt slung over the wall by the surfaceman in that area. He claimed a sum of £2 : 17 : 6 in respect of a wreath damaged in this manner.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. McIvor reports that both the surfaceman and the man who assisted him for a short time in cleaning the road past Conwall Graveyard emphatically deny throwing dirt over the Graveyard wall. The previous surfaceman also denies doing so. He (Mr. McIvor) says there is no evidence of this particular portion of the roadside having been verged for a considerable time."

The Council noted the report, and decided to deny liability.

1205/39. IMPROVEMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT AT BUNDORAN HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 27th October, 1939, C.87.41/1/36, stating that a Joint Certificate of Completion in respect of improvement works at Bundoran Harbour was signed by their Engineer and Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, on the 3rd August. As from that date the responsibility for maintenance of the improvement works rested with the Council in pursuance of Clause 9 of the Agreement accepted by the Council at its Meeting on the 30th March, 1937.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Cunningham, Assistant County Surveyor, met Mr. Mallon, Engineer of the Office of Public Works, at Bundoran on the 3rd August. He signed a joint Certificate of Completion in respect of the improvement works at Bundoran Harbour. The maintenance of these works now rested with the County Council in pursuance of Clause 9 of the Agreement accepted by the Council at its Meeting on the 30th March, 1937."

The Council noted the contents of the letter and report.

1206/39. DANGEROUS CORNER IN KERRYKEEL.

Councillor Loughrey asked the Acting County Surveyor to attend to the dangerous corner in Kerrykeel where an accident occurred recently.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the matter would receive attention when weather conditions would improve.

1207/39. APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AS CARTER ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. James Humes, Lettershambo, Cloghan, applying for employment as a carter at the work proposed on the Meenahorna and Gorey Roads in that District. He lived on a small mountainy holding, and had to support his mother, three sisters, and a nephew and niece.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The works proposed on the Meenahorna and Gorey Roads are Minor Employment Schemes, and, as the Council are aware, all workers are recruited from list of Unemployment Assistance recipients supplied by the Labour Exchange."

The Council noted the report.

1208/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN LEATBEG AND TULLYCONNELL.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McElwee, Ballyhurl, Ballyheerin P.O., complaining of the condition of the road between Leatbeg and Tullyconnell. It had been tarred, rolled, and then covered with shore pebbles, and it was impossible for carts to use it. Screenings would be much better than shore pebbles.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "Mr. Mulreany intends to put some finer material on the road in question to see if it will remedy matters. The trouble is that horses in this district are not used to tarred roads."

The Council noted the report.

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1209/39. COMPLAINT RE CHOKED DRAIN AT THE PREMISES OF C. SWEENEY, BALLYHEERIN.

A letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health enclosing for consideration correspondence regarding a choked drain at the premises of C. Sweeney, Ballyheerin, which was causing dampness at Sweeney's house.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"There was a Minor Employment Scheme to clean this drain in the Summer of 1938, but it was lost owing to consents not being available. As it is not a road drain that is concerned, the matter is not one which the County Council can relieve."

The Council noted the report.

1210/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McNelis, Ballard, Glencolumbkille, applying for a position as a Ganger on Minor Relief Schemes.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"All applications for Gangerships on Minor Employment Schemes or E.S.V. Schemes will be considered by the Survey Staff if, and when, a vacancy occurs. The same applies to applications for positions as surfacemen."

The Council noted the report.

1211/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO QUARRY AT DRUMACANOO, NEWMILLS.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenney, stating that Mr. Patrick McDaid, Drumacadoo, had asked them to write in connection with the Quarry on his lands from which the Council's servants and agents were taking stones for road repair. The arrangement was made that the Quarry was to be properly fenced by the Council so as to prevent any damage being done to their client's stock. No steps had been taken to have the fence erected, and their client would have to hold the Council responsible for any loss or damage he might suffer.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that arrangements were being made to have this Quarry fenced.

1212/39. ABSENCE ON SICK LEAVE OF MISS McLAUGHLIN AND MR. MCGILL OF THE COUNCIL'S CLERICAL STAFF.

Certificates were submitted from Dr. M. O'Sullivan, Derry, certifying that Miss E. McLaughlin of the Council's Staff was unfit for work for a period of fourteen days as from the 21st October, 1939.

A Certificate was submitted from Dr. C. Bannigan, Lifford, certifying that Mr. George McGill of the Council's Staff would be unfit for work for a period of seven days as from the 23rd November, 1939.

The Council noted the Certificates, and in the case of Miss McLaughlin, they noted that she had resumed duty.

1213/39. COMPLAINT RE BRIDGE ON THE CORVIN-DRUMNACARRY ROAD, LOUGH ESKE.

A letter was read from Rev. R. J. Ryan, The Rectory, Lough Eske, complaining of the state of the wall adjoining the Bridge over the Eske River on the Corvin-Drumnacarry Road.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"The Bridge referred to is a very old one and there are cracks in the retaining walls due principally to settlement of the masonry. Any small repair as suggested by Rev. R. J. Ryan, Lough Eske, would be waste of money, as superficial work, such as painting the cracks, would be useless. I have had the Bridge under observation for a long time, and those cracks are not getting any worse."

The Council noted the report.

1214/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF LURGACLOGHAN, BALLYHEERIN P.O.

A letter was read from Mr. John Carr, Lurgacloghan, Ballyheerin P.O., calling attention to the unfinished condition of the road leading to the houses in Lurgacloghan. A portion of it had already been made leading from the Main Road, but the remainder had been left unfinished, with the result that it was useless. A small grant of about £40 would complete the road.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

1215/39. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR THE BUTT HALL, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Meehan, Ballybofey, enclosing £1 for renewal of Cinema Licence for the Butt Hall, Ballybofey. The Council unanimously decided to renew the licence.

1216/39. TENDER FOR UNLOADING OF TAR AT BURTONPORT PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. James J. Campbell, The Quay, Burtonport, tendering for the unloading of tar at Burtonport Pier. He was prepared to unload all tar received at 1s/6d per ton.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:- "Mr. Campbell's tender of 1s/6d per ton is the lowest so far received. In the circumstances, it appears that Mr. Campbell is entitled to receive the contract for any further unloading and storing of tar in the absence of a lower tender before the next consignment arrives."

The Council noted the report.

1217/39. SITES PROPOSED FOR EXPLOSIVES STORES.

A letter was read from Commandant Flanagan, Inspector of Explosives, Department of Justice, inquiring the present position in regard to the sites proposed for explosives stores, one near Letterkenny and the other near Donegal Town.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the Council's Solicitor had the matter in hands regarding the acquisition of the sites.

1218/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE IN MARCH, 1939.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Breslin, Jr., Lecany, Moville, stating that he thought it was time he was paid for a day's work done with a horse and cart in March last.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that there was nothing due to this man.

1219/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON ROAD FROM DUNGLOE TO BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Bonner, Meenmore, Dungloe, applying for a position as surfaceman on the road leading from Dungloe to Burtonport. The only quarry along that road was on his land, and all material for maintenance had been taken out of it without fee or reward.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"All applications for Gangerships on Minor Employment Schemes or E. S. V. Schemes will be considered by the Survey Staff if, and when, a vacancy arises. The same applies to applications for positions as surfacemen."

The Council noted the report.

1220/39. APPLICATION FOR A POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Logue, Gurtin, Ramelton, applying for a position as Flagman on one of the County Council Rollers.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1221/39. OFFER TO SELL ROAD PLANT TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry E. Caldwell, Killen House, Castlederg, stating that he had a suitable plant consisting of Engine, Van, and Watercart, fully insured. He had been working with Fermanagh County Council for some time, but owing to the War had been knocked out of work. He would be grateful if the Council could give him a start.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1222/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. James Rodgers, West Town, Tory Island, applying for a position as Ganger on Road Works.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1223/39. AGREEMENT WITH MR. P. BARRY, BRUCKLESS, IN CONNECTION WITH ERECTION OF COAL SHED AT BRUCKLESS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing Agreement with Mr. P. Barry, Bruckless, for execution by the Council. The Agreement, which was in connection with the erection of a coal shed at Bruckless, had been executed by Mr. Barry.

On the motion of Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to execute the Agreement.

1224/39. MILFORD O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Kerr, Clerk, Milford O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that Very Rev. J. Canon Murray, P.P., Tamney, had resigned from membership of the Sub-Committee, and Rev. J. Glackin, C.C., Tamney, had been recommended as a suitable person to fill the vacancy.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was decided to appoint Father Glackin as a member of the Committee.

1225/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF BRIDGE AT CORNASS, GORTNACART, ARDARA DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. L. Howley, N.T., Ardara, referring to work at Cornass, Gortnacart, which was to be considered on its merits in connection with other proposals for the area. Nothing had since been heard about the matter, and for the past week a family of four pupils had been absent from his School owing to this faulty Bridge.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this was a matter for a Minor Employment Scheme, and it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Schemes.

1226/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF FIELDS AT CORGARY, BALLYBOFEY, OWING TO BLOCKING UP OF PIPE.

A letter was read from Mr. John McMonagle, Corgary, Ballybofey, complaining of the flooding of two fields of his owing to the blocking up of a pipe.

A further letter was also read from him.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"It is impossible for me from Mr. McMonagle's letter to understand what pipe he refers to. Consequently, I would prefer to have the matter left over, pending personal investigation."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly for personal investigation and report.

1227/39. RESOLUTION RE HEIFER LOAN SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Cork County Council, transmitting for the approval of the members of the Council the following resolution:-

"That the Minister for Agriculture be asked to put into operation again the Heifer Loan Scheme."

The Council decided to adopt the resolution and to refer it to the Committee of Agriculture.

1228/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO QUARRY AT KINCASSLAGH, AND CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF £5 : 7 : 9.

A letter was read from Mr. James J. O'Donnell, Kincasslagh, stating that during the Summer of 1937, Mr. Hackett, Engineer on the Rosses Road Scheme, failed to get a quarry for "pitching" stone in the vicinity of Kincasslagh. He consented to allow quarrymen to work behind his house on condition that he would be compensated for damage done. About 360 tons of stone were removed from the quarry, and he got no trespass for these. Considerable damage was done to the quarry, the estimated cost of which amounted to £5 : 7 : 9, and he wished to be paid this amount.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme:-

"I am afraid this is a matter on which I can give no accurate opinion, as the Council first quarried there in Mr. Hackett's time, and the alleged damage was done in either Mr. Callagy's or Mr. Hackett's time. In the circumstances, the best thing I can do is to put both sides of the question before you, without comment.

Mr. O'Donnell claims that he had a verbal (but not written) agreement from Mr. Hackett that he would allow quarrying operations at the back of his house provided he was compensated for any damage done. About October, 1937, the damage complained of happened, and he informed John Doherty, Supervising Ganger on the Rosses Road Scheme.

He states that Mr. Doherty gave him to understand that he could get the damage repaired himself and submit an account. He adds that Mr. Callagy and/or Mr. Hackett then left and I took over and he was waiting on me to settle the account. As he heard no more about it up to now, he was making a formal claim. Mr. John Doherty informed me that there was some damage done all right, but he considers that Mr. O'Donnell is exaggerating the amount of damage and the cost of repairing it. He also gives me to understand that it was Mr. Hackett who agreed to quarry at the rear of Mr. O'Donnell's house, both to obtain "strengthening" stone and clear the rock away from Mr. O'Donnell's house, provided Mr. O'Donnell took the risk of damage to his property and that Mr. O'Donnell implied that he would. Now, from local information I am given to understand that the rock in question was right up to Mr. O'Donnell's back door and my examination of the site convinced me of that. I am also given to understand that Mr. O'Donnell paid men before to try and clear the rock from behind his house, and that he found the operation so expensive that he gave it up.

I also understand that far from allowing the County Council to quarry behind his house to oblige Mr. Hackett in obtaining "pitching" stone, he did it for the purpose of getting the rock removed from behind his house at the expense of the County Council. From examination of the site I consider that he got a very good job done to his property for nothing, and I can well imagine that in the first instance he was well prepared to fix any damage at his own expense, and considered that he was doing very nicely at that."

The Council considered the report, and unanimously decided to deny liability.

1229/39. ROAD LEADING FROM CULDAFF TO MALIN AND CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus Harkin, P.C., Culdaff, inquiring if anything further had been done about the road leading from Culdaff to Malin and Carndonagh. If this road were started at once most of the work could be done before the heavy traffic started in the spring.

The Council decided to inform Mr. Harkin that no Grant had yet been made available for the carrying out of the improvements required to this road.

1230/39. ROAD LEADING FROM C.D.B. GATE TO LIGHTHOUSE AT ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Lights Office, 28, D'Olier Street, Dublin, C.5., stating that the Keeper at Arranmore Lighthouse reported that the road from the C.D.B. Gate to the Lighthouse was in need of repairs. The side drains were choked in parts, and the inlets and outlets of most of the culverts required to be cleaned.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road would be repaired in the coming year as it had been included in the 1939/40 Road Works Scheme.

1231/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF WALL OVERHANGING HOUSE ON THE CROAGHLIN-CAPPAGH ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Con Cassidy, Croaghlin, Teelin, calling attention to the condition of the wall or ditch overhanging his house on the Croaghlin-Cappagh Road. The wall was only 8 feet from the house and was supporting the County Road. It was bursting from its foundation and any day it might fall down and damage the house.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon reports that this road leads to the new military coast watching post at Croaghlin and has recently been subject to very heavy military lorry traffic. The retaining wall referred to by Mr. Cassidy is, consequently, becoming dangerous, and I am having the necessary repairs carried out. For this purpose a sum of £20 would be required to complete the work, and, in order to regularise the matter, I intend making application for this amount from the Contingency Fund at the next Meeting of the Council."

The Council noted that Mr. O'Reilly would apply at next Meeting for a sum of £20 from the Contingency Fund for the repair of this wall.

1232/39. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DAMAGE TO CAR ON ROAD AT MEENBANAD.

A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Crowley, Railway Terrace, Bundoran, enclosing account for £1 : 2 : 0 in respect of repairs carried out to his car by Mr. Daniel Walsh, The Garage, Dungloe, on the 10th November. The damage was caused by a large stone left by the Council workers in the centre of the road at Meenbanad. The stone was on the road immediately after rounding a corner which made it impossible to avoid. He trusted that the Council would settle his account.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme:-

"This item refers to damage caused to Mr. Crowley's car by hitting a stone which fell off a lorry in the employment of the County Council. I have had the matter investigated, and as the facts, as stated by Mr. Crowley, are substantially correct, I suggest that the account submitted be settled."

The Council decided to refer the report to the Insurance Co.

1233/39. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF A HORSE INJURED AT THE BRIDGE ON THE ROAD BETWEEN KILDARRAGH AND ROSHINE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McFadden (F.), Roshine, Dunfanaghy, stating that on the 8th November he had a very narrow escape at the Bridge on the road between Kildarragh Roshine with his horse and cart. His horse had not been the same since, and if not seen to immediately, he would take further proceedings.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"The place where the accident is alleged to have occurred is on a culvert. The road surface is in very good order and the culvert is also in very good order. There are no parapet walls. McFadden was driving a horse and cart over the culvert when flood water covered both culvert and road. The horse shied and fell into the stream. The horse appears to be in good shape and totally uninjured except for alleged nerves. Some harness was broken. McFadden claims we should make the culvert bigger and raise the roadway. I do not think this is justified. There is an alternate route during floods as this is a short link road."

The Council decided to deny liability.

1234/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles O'Donnell, Leabranagh, Arranmore, applying for a position as Ganger on any Relief Schemes which might be started in Arranmore. He was a Ganger in 1936 and trusted he gave satisfaction. He had eight small children and no income whatever.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"All applications for Gangerships on Minor Employment Schemes or E. S. V. Schemes will be considered by the Survey Staff if, and when, a vacancy occurs."

The Council noted the report.

1235/39.

PROVISION OF LIGHTS FOR BURTONPORT PIER.

A letter was read from the Acting Harbour Master, Burtonport, stating that owing to the absence of lights on Burtonport Pier a serious accident almost occurred there recently. Some potato workers were returning to Arranmore and when two of them were about to enter the boat they fell over the Pier into the sea, but they were saved by the prompt action of another man standing on the Pier.

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

"This matter may be considered settled. I have purchased a powerful 300 candle power oil lamp and have removed a C.I. Lamp standard from another part of the Pier, which is being done up and re-painted prior to re-erection at a suitable point near the landing steps. The job will be completed in a few days. Estimated cost, £4 approximately."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1236/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF DRAIN BETWEEN GORTIN SOUTH AND MILLBURN, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from a number of farmers and cottage-holders in the Castlefin District drawing the Council's attention to a drain leading from Gortin South to Mill Dan, Millburn, a distance of half-a-mile. During the winter months and wet periods the drain in question was not capable of venting the flow of water, with the result that the surrounding lands were flooded. A section of the drain was too shallow and would require to be deepened.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have inspected this drain between Gortin South and Millburn.

A strong recommendation should be sent from the Council to the Board of Works urging them to include this work in the coming Spring and Summer Drainage Schemes.

This drain runs through flat marshy ground with very little fall, and during wet weather it overflows and floods the cottage plots on the Castlefin-Ballindrait Road.

There are four flax dams, 140 yards in length, along the roadside convenient to the Cottages. These dams are very dangerous, having no protection on roadside, and with less than one yard of a sloping margin between them and the road. Owing to so much water being diverted from the stream, these dams are usually full of water during the winter months. There is heavy lorry, motor, and bicycle traffic on this road."

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works with a strong recommendation that they give a Grant for the carrying out of the necessary work at this drain.

1237/39. COMPLAINT RE EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES INSTEAD OF CARTS ON ROAD WORK IN THE TOWNLAND OF TULLYNAGLAGGIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Joe Ward, Upper Kilraine, Glenties, and Mr. John Gildea, Drinnacross, Kilraine, drawing attention to a dispute on a County Council road repairing job in the townland of Tullynaglaggin, and asking to have the following matters placed on the Agenda:-

(1) They claimed that lorries should not be used where a number of carts had been employed except where the cost of the cartage would considerably exceed that of the lorry haulage.

(2) They claimed that the work in question could be done more economically by cartage than by lorry haulage if the work was properly arranged, notwithstanding the fact that eleven cartmen were paid off in respect of one lorry.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Kearney reports that he has only one lorry and that he only uses it for transferring material over long distances. He also reports that the carters were not paid off. The lorry went to the job on a Friday and four of the eleven carters objected to it. He further reports that the Breaker and Roller are at present on the Portnoo Road and when the work is finished, the Roller will go to the Donegal Road, and he himself will personally take charge of the job. I understand that the lorry only worked one half-day on this particular work. All the other monies for the transferring of materials was earned by carters."

Mr. Kearney, who was present, explained the position also.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1238/39. ALLEGATIONS REGARDING USE OF HIRED PLANT BELONGING TO A SIX-COUNTY FIRM ON THE ROSSES ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Ward, Upper Keadue, Meenbanad, inquiring why a Six-County Crusher was being used on the Kincasslagh-Meenbanad Road, and costing £2 : 2 : 0 per week. The men of the Lower Rosses should get all this work to do, and should be paid a living wage.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, reports that there are three John Wards residing at Upper Keadue, Meenbanad:- (1) John Ward, (2) John Ward (Dan), and (3) John Ward (Charles). They state that they are the only John Wards at Upper Keadue, Meenbanad, and that neither of them wrote the letter in question. The letter, therefore, may be regarded as unimportant."

The Council noted Mr. Dillon's report, and decided to mark the letter "read."

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle it was decided to forward the original letter to Mr. Dillon so that he could make a further investigation.

1239/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF THE BURT ROAD FROM BOHILLION TO BRIDGEND FOR HORSE TRAFFIC.

A letter was read from a number of farmers and ratepayers of the Burt District drawing attention to the urgent necessity of getting a "siding" put to the Burt Road from Bohillion to Bridgend, in order to facilitate horse-drawn traffic.

Councillor McIvor introduced a deputation from the Burt District, consisting of Messrs. McArthur, Gallagher, and Campbell.

Mr. McArthur complained of the condition of the road for horse traffic. At the present time it was in such a slippery condition that it was impossible to take a horse on it with a load. In two or three places it was almost impassable. Farmers had often to stop and spread some grit on the road to enable them to proceed with their loads.

Messrs. Gallagher and Campbell also addressed the Council and urged them to take some steps to make the road safe for horse traffic.

Councillor McIvor proposed that a quantity of sand be left along the road and that the surfaceman should spread it on the dangerous parts.

Councillor Baxter stated that some grit should be rolled in.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this road was only tarred in the centre. The sides were too low. To blame the Survey Staff for the slippery state of the road was not fair. If the roads were to be kept rough they would need to be tarred every year.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Acting County Surveyor to take whatever steps he considered advisable.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. McArthur thanked the Council for the sympathetic hearing the deputation had received.

1240/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF KEELOGS ROAD, CHURCHILL.

A letter was read from Dr. J. A. Moloney, Churchill, drawing attention to the bad condition of the Keelogs Road. There were pot-holes several inches deep full of water and mud. Over 12 months ago some pot-holes were filled with stones which were 10 and 12 inches long, and at night a user of this road had a difficult time stumbling from one hole into another.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road would be repaired in the near future.

1241/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS HARBOUR MASTER AT ROSBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael O'Boyle, Rosbeg, applying for a position as Harbour Master at Rosbeg Pier.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter as the question had not yet arisen.

1242/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF GUIDE LIGHTS AT ROSBEG PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 17th November, 1939, C.90.5/1/36, referring to Minute No. 1254/38 of the County Council Meeting of the 29th November, 1938, regarding Fishery Lights at Rosbeg Pier. They were anxious to have the work put in hands at an early date, and, in this connection, they referred the Council to a letter from Mr. Kearney, Rosbeg, dated 27th September, 1938. As the Council had agreed to accept responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the lights when erected, they would, in view of the conditional consent given by Mr. Kearney, be glad to learn whether they might take it that the Council was satisfied as to the sufficiency of their title to the site required for the lights. Two plots, each 3 feet square, with a right-of-way to them, were all that would be required.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I have looked up relative Minutes re proposed erection of beacon lights at Rosbeg. They are as follows:-
Minute No. 292/38.

Councillor D. E. O'Boyle proposed and it was unanimously decided to accept responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the guide lights when erected. It was not decided to make any contribution towards the cost. Estimated cost of three lights (one on Pier and two lights at points marked X and X.1. on attached map), £80. Annual maintenance, £10.

Minute No. 1254/38.

The Office of Public Works forwarded copy of letter received from Mr. J. J. Kearney, owner of land on which it was proposed to erect the Beacon Lights at Rosbeg. In connection with his desire to be appointed Caretaker, they pointed out that he had voluntarily given his consent to the erection of the proposed lights and permission for free access to them. The Council decided to adjourn the question of the appointment of a Caretaker until the matter would arise."

It is obvious from the foregoing Minutes that it is a question for the Office of Public Works to satisfy themselves rather than the County Council to satisfy themselves regarding Mr. J. J. Kearney's title to the lands in question, before the guide lights be erected.

In Minute No. 1254/38, the Office of Public Works pointed out that Mr. Kearney had voluntarily given his consent to the erection of the proposed lights and permission for free access to them."

The Council unanimously decided that the question of the sufficiency of the title to the site required for the lights was a matter for the Office of Public Works.

1243/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Ward, Clogherdiller, Burtonport, stating that he understood there was a vacancy in the Lower Rosses for a Supervisor of Minor Relief Scheme jobs, and he wished to apply for the position.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that all applications for Gangerships on Minor Employment Schemes or E.S.V. Schemes would be considered by the Survey Staff if, and when, a vacancy occurred.

1244/39. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF A HORSE ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED THROUGH A FALL ON THE LIFFORD-CASTLEFIN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Tinney, Inchenagh, Lifford, applying for compensation for the loss of a horse as the result of an accident which occurred at the Haw, Lifford, on the Lifford-Castlefin Road. The horse slipped and fell on the tarred surface, and fractured his hind leg and had to be shot.

Councillor Wagentreiber stated that he had every sympathy with Tinney, but he did not think it was a case in which the Council had any liability.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Insurance Co.

1245/39. CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO LANDING PLACE AT MUCKROSS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works, dated 18th November, 1939, C.87.39/1/36, referring to the question of the approach road to the landing place at Muckross, and stating that they assumed that the Council would have made the necessary arrangements for acquiring the strip of land needed for the purpose of the road. They understood that John McHugh, the owner of the land, wished to have a gate erected across the approach road at its junction with the Main Road, and that he was seeking compensation for the land occupied by the approach road. They were advised that his requests were not unreasonable and that the provision of the gate desired should not cost more than £5, while a payment of compensation not exceeding £10, should be sufficient to meet the case. If the Council agreed with this view of the matter and would arrange to acquire the land in question, have the gate erected, and settle McHugh's claim for compensation within the limit mentioned, they would be prepared to regard the expenditure so incurred as a legitimate charge against the scheme, subject to the production of supporting vouchers.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is also a matter for the Office of Public Works. I presume, however, that after the works are handed over to the County Council, the approach road will automatically become a County Road. Under the circumstances, I doubt whether the idea of a gate across the road will commend itself to the Council. I think the provision of a suitable fence along the whole road would be more in keeping with the Scheme. There would be very little difference between the cost of the fence and the proposed gate. In the meantime, we will endeavour to settle the claim for compensation within the limit mentioned in the letter from the Office of Public Works."

The Secretary stated that the Chairman of the County Council had written suggesting that the Council agree to the proposal of the Board of Works.

The Council decided to settle the claim for compensation, and to have a fence erected along the road, if this met with the approval of the Office of Public Works.

1246/39. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING.

A letter was read from Mr. Phil Cannon, Carrick, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged in connection with a road opening.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the deposit had been refunded.

1247/39. BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, asked the Council to have the following Contracts broken:-

Stranorlar Area.

Map No. 1311, No. 84, April 1938.

Map No. 1379, No. 13, April 1939.

Lifford Area.

Map No. 1596, No. 94, April 1938.

Map No. 1548, No. 13, April 1939.

Glenties Area.

No. 27, April 1938, Michael McMenamin, Loughveen.

No. 61, April 1938, Patrick J. Boyle, Maas.

No. 69, April 1938, Patrick O'Donnell, Meenadinna.

No. 72, April 1938, Paddy Roarty, Drimalough.

No. 115, April 1938, James Gavigan, Garrahill, Ardara.

No. 6, April 1939, Dan Gallagher, Letterilly, Glenties.

Dungloe Area.

No. 24, April 1939, Daniel Roarty, Meenamara, Dungloe.

Ballyshannon Area.

No. 18, April 1938, Patrick Roper, Corker, Rossnowlagh, Map No. 2047.

Kilcar Area.

No. 18, April 1938, John Sweeney, Glendowan, Ardara, Map No. 1656.

The Council unanimously decided to break the Contracts.

1248/39. BREAKING OF CONTRACTS - NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, asked the Council to break the following Contracts:-

Inishowen Area.

No. 11, April 1939, Map No. 80, Daniel Noone.

No. 12, April 1939, Map No. 84, Daniel Noone.

Aileach District.

No. 23, April 1938, Map No. 702, Philip McLaughlin.

The Council unanimously decided to break the Contracts.

1249/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £3 out of the Contingency Fund to re-build pipe on Road No. 1575, Stranorlar Area.

The application was granted unanimously.

1250/39. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNT.

A letter dated 23rd November, 1939, was read from Mr. Thomas J. Walls, Ballinakillew, Laghey, enclosing Paying Order No. 23499 dated 18th February, 1938, for 11s/7d, in favour of Richard McCrea, Ballinakillew, Laghey, which was out-of-date, and asking to have it renewed.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for permission to have the Paying Order in this case re-issued.

1251/39. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application for a renewal of a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was received from Mr. John Kelly, Main Street, Buncrana.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licence, subject to a satisfactory report from the Garda Síochána.

1252/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES, DRAINS, AND ROADS ON THE LANDS OF MR. PATRICK J. WARD, KEADUE WEST, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Ward, Keadue West, Burtonport, again complaining of the damage to fences, drains, and roads leading from the Main Road in through his land. He wished to know why he was an exception in this regard as his neighbours seemed to get everything they wanted done without any trouble at all. This damage was done before Mr. Dillon came to the Rosses and he did not seem to understand it. Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, or Councillor D. E. O'Boyle would understand the circumstances better.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Dillon, Resident Engineer, Rosses Road Scheme:-

"I have nothing to add to my report to an earlier Meeting of the County Council. The alleged damage did not occur during operations on the Rosses Road Improvement Scheme, but on some earlier improvement works. Mr. Ward is most apt when he writes that Mr. Dillon does not seem to understand it. I don't understand what complaint Mr. Ward has. The improvement works were carried out over five years ago I understand. I think Mr. Ward developed some imaginary grievance when he saw work being carried out for his neighbours during work on the Rosses Road Scheme."

The Acting County Surveyor reported:-

"It is obvious from Mr. Dillon's report that the improvement works were carried out over five years ago, and even if there was anything in Mr. Ward's claim, which I believe there is not, it would be statute barred."

The Council unanimously decided to request Mr. Dillon and Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle to go into the matter with Mr. Ward.

1253/39. COMPLAINTS RE ALLOCATION OF WORK IN THE CARNDONAGH AREA.

A letter was read from Messrs. Patrick McCloskey, Magheramore, Carndonagh; David McLucas, Churchtown, Carndonagh; Alexander Reid, Glebe, Carndonagh; and Philip McLaughlin, Churchtown, Carndonagh; complaining of the allocation of road work in the Carndonagh Area. They were labouring men with large families. David McLucas and Alexander Reid got 12 weeks' work, and then were told that no further work was available. Patrick McCloskey was working at the tarring of the road at Cashel. When the job was finished he was paid off, and Eddie Harkin, a single man with a farm, was kept on to do another job. Denis Doherty, Cregnahorna, Carndonagh, who got constant work, had two farms of land, two horses, four cows, and 100 sheep. He had two daughters and three sons in employment. John Doherty, Magherarnett, was a single man with no dependents. He let his farm and was employed by the County Council. Barney Kearney, Tiernaleague, also let his land and was employed by the Council.

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

"Regarding Denis Doherty he is an old Road Contractor and good worker.

John Doherty states he has nothing to live on except his wages, and has worked on roads for about thirty-five years to earn his living.

Bernard Kearney states he does not own the farm in question, and gets nothing out of it as it belongs to his brother. I have a certificate from Mr. McCormick, Solicitor, to this effect also.

None of these men are at present employed. Regarding the complainants, Mr. O'Neill informs me that two of these men refused work at Cashel some time ago."

Councillor McIvor stated that he had every sympathy with the complainants. He knew of a case in that area where a servant was sent by his employer with his horse and cart to do a week's work for the County Council. Men with several farms of land were also employed. Young men, with no experience whatever, were appointed as Gangers.

Councillor Lynch stated that Eddie Harkin, Denis Doherty, John Doherty, and Bernard Kearney, were all deserving cases.

After further discussion, the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1254/39. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1940.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £200 to cover temporary clerical assistance required in connection with Employment Schemes for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"In connection with this item, I would ask that an additional amount be included for the retention of Mr. O'Donnell's services on the temporary staff up to 31st March, 1940, as with the Roads (Rural) Grants now starting, the services of a clerk with a competent knowledge of the work is indispensable."

The Council unanimously decided to request the Department to sanction a sum of £235 for clerical assistance in connection with Employment Schemes for the period ending 31st March, 1940.

Confirmed.

W. M. J. J. J.

Chairman of Co. Council.

24th December, 1939

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1939.

1255/39.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

1256/39.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the sincere sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Byrne on the death of his brother, and to Miss Quinn of the Council's Office Staff on the death of her father.

The motion, with which the Secretary associated himself on behalf of the Staff, was passed in silence; all the members standing.

1257/39.

ATTENDANCE OF MR. THOMAS McMAHON, COUNTY SURVEYOR.

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to the new County Surveyor, Mr. Thomas McMahon, and expressed the hope that he would be very happy in his appointment.

Mr. McMahon suitably acknowledged.

1258/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 28th November, 1939, were confirmed unanimously.

1259/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th November, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1260/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th November, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 12th December, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1261/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Myles seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the Report of the Piers Committee Meeting held on the 5th December, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

1262/39.

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

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 12th December, 1939, was adopted unanimously.

Arising out of this Report, it was unanimously decided to **scall** the Requisition to Tax the County Solicitor's Bill of Costs.

1263/39.

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

Councillor Mahony proposed the adoption of the Report of the Air Raid Precautions Committee Meeting held on the 12th December, 1939.

Councillor Brady stated that he again wished to protest against the proposal to have a mobile fire-fighting unit stationed at Raphoe.

Councillor Scott seconded Councillor Mahony's proposal, and the Report was declared adopted.

1264/39. RATE COLLECTOR JOHN MCGINLEY - KNOWLEDGE OF IRISH.

A letter dated 27th November, 1939, G.58/2/39, was read from the Local Government Department enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Mr. John McGinley, Rate Collector, informing him that he failed to comply with the terms of the Local Officers and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders, 1928/1939. The Minister had extended to the 29th February next the period of employment of those Officers and employees of Local Authorities who, but for this extension, would cease to hold Office on 31st July last. Mr. McGinley should, therefore, present himself for the next examination, the date of which would be communicated to him in due course.

1265/39. LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GAELTACHT) (AMENDMENT)
NO. 2 ORDER, 1939.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd December, 1939, G.58/2/39, enclosing copy of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1939, which amended earlier Orders by allowing Officers whose term of Office would terminate on the 31st July, 1939, to continue in Office until 29th February, 1940, but not after that date unless, in the meantime, they had satisfied the Minister that they possessed a knowledge of Irish mentioned in Article 3 of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Order, 1928.

1266/39. AREA OF CHARGE FOR COST OF PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF
PLACE FOR THE DEPOSIT OF DUST, ETC., AT MILFORD.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th November, 1939, P.H.26463/39, Dun na nGall. Pd., enclosing copy of Order made by the Minister on the 7th November, 1939, fixing the Area of Charge for providing and maintaining a place for the deposit of dust, rubbish, and ashes at Milford.

1267/39. ABSENCE OF MR. A. N. DILLON, ENGINEER, ON SICK LEAVE
DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th November, 1939, R/RS/7, stating that, in the circumstances, the Minister raised no objection to the Council's proposal to pay Mr. A. N. Dillon, Engineer, his full salary for the month of August, 1939.

1268/39. APPOINTMENT OF MR. THOMAS McMAHON AS COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th November, 1939, stating that it was noted from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st ultimo that the Council had appointed Mr. Thomas McMahon as County Surveyor on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

1269/39. BREAKWATERS ON THE KILTOORISH ROAD, ARDARA.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 5th December, 1939, A. & R. (F.), 60567/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 13th November, 1939, relative to the condition of breakwaters on the holding of Mr. J. J. Kearney, Rosbeg. The holding referred to was vested in the tenant under the Land Purchase Acts on the 9th February, 1928, and the Land Commission was not prepared to take any action in the matter.

1270/39. EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1938/39. WORKS NO. U.168.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th December, 1939, RU/205/7/2, referring to Road Works sanctioned under Works No. U.168 of the Employment Schemes Vote, 1938/39, and requesting to be furnished with Requisition (Form 97 (U)), accompanied by the relevant forms, for payment of the balance due on foot of grant.

1271/39. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde dar data an 8adh lá de Mhí na Nodhlag, 1939, G.904/12/1939, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire um Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Slainte Poiblíde airliughadh le fiacha Bhainne na rachaidh thar £70,000 i gcoir costais reatha sealadacha. Bhi an t-údaras seo dleaghtach suas go dtí 31adh lá de'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach i gcoir Mí na Eanáir, 1940.

Scoruighheadh go n-iarrrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dtí an 31adh Eanáir, 1940.

1272/39. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Employment Schemes for works at Breenagh; Cornass; Gortin South - Millburn; Letterkenny; and Lurgacloghan.

1273/39. MAP IN CONNECTION WITH BURTONPORT PIER.

An acknowledgment was received from the Office of Public Works of request for map in connection with Burtonport Pier.

1274/39. EMERGENCY POWERS (NO. 10) ORDER, 1939 - INCREASES IN PRICES.

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

1275/39. PETROL SUPPLIES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th December, 1939, G.123/39, stating that the Department had received an intimation from the Department of Supplies that the Minister for Supplies was prepared to grant a supplementary motor spirit allowance to members of Local Authorities for the purpose of enabling them to attend their Meetings, and for the effective performance of their duties. Application should be made to the Secretary, Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge, Dublin, and should state:-

- (1) Name and Address of Applicant.
- (2) Local Authority of which he is a member.
- (3) Horse Power and Registration No. of applicant's car.
- (4) Particulars of Meetings to be attended each month, and mileages covered in attending such Meetings.
- (5) Amount of Petrol required to attend such Meetings.

1276/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF DRAIN BETWEEN GORTIN SOUTH AND MILLBURN, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 15th December, 1939, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th idem relative to the proposal submitted by Mr. Michael Lafferty, Castlefin, and others, for the cleaning of a drain leading from Gortin South to Mill Dam at Millburn, and stating that this proposal would be examined, and if found suitable, would be considered in connection with any future Minor Employment Schemes in competition with any other proposals received, and in the light of the unemployment position at the time.

1277/39. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th December, 1939, R/RM/7, stating that Paying Order No. 28521 dated 3rd March, 1939, for £10, in favour of Thomas Spence, Ballintra, might be amended by insertion of a current date.

1278/39. REQUEST FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
NEW ROAD BETWEEN DRUMKEEN AND ARTIKELLY.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Trentaboy, Convooy, applying for a grant for the construction of a road between Drumkeen and Artikelly.

Councillor Gallen stated that this was a very deserving application, and he proposed that the Engineers of the Board of Works be asked to investigate the matter.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

1279/39. PRICE OF TAR BITUMEN MIXTURE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Combined Purchasing Section, dated 24th November, 1939, G.P.2329/2/39, Dun na nGall., referring to the Department's Circular Letter No. 35/39 concerning the price of Tar Bitumen Mixture, and returning letter received from the County Surveyor.

1280/39. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, William Street, Sligo, stating that application would be made at Stranorlar District Court on the 6th December, 1939, for the committal of two children named Kathleen and Anne Mary Faughner, Meencargagh, Ballybofoey, to an Industrial School.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Ballintra, stating that application would be renewed at Ballintra District Court on the 19th December, 1939, to have a child named Mary Elizabeth Colvin, Ballintra, committed to St. Laurence's Industrial School, Sligo.

A further letter was read from the Sergeant stating that the District Justice ordered the child to be committed until she reaches the age of 16 years.

1281/39. EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE - PAYMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS OF
WAGES DUE TO WORKMEN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th December, 1939, RU/206/22, requesting that arrangements be made for the payment before Christmas of the wages due to workmen engaged on works sanctioned under the above Vote. A Paysheet for one week only should be prepared if necessary.

1282/39. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY
DONEGAL RAILWAYS JOINT COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, T.S.4043, referring to a resolution adopted by the Council at their Meeting on the 28th ultimo regarding the conditions of employment of employees of the County Donegal Railways Joint Committee, and inviting the Council's attention to Section 55 of the Railways Act, 1924, which provided that the rates of pay, hours of duty, and other conditions of service of railway employees should be governed by agreements made between the Trade Unions representative of such employees of the one part, and the Railway Companies of the other part. The Minister had no function in connection with the making of such agreements.

1283/39. PAYMENT OF INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF PERSONS
ON ANNUAL LEAVE.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Employment Branch, dated 30th November, 1939, E.B.239063, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 20th idem relative to the payment of contributions under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, and stating that where employed persons were on holidays or annual leave with pay, contributions were payable in respect of such periods. Where an employed person's employment was terminated and such person received one or more day's pay on such termination, a contribution was not payable in respect of any day following the last day of employment.

1284/39. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH
EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th December, 1939, G.4794/2/39, sanctioning expenditure, not exceeding £235, additional to the sum sanctioned in the Department's letter of the 27th February, 1939, in respect of employment of temporary clerical assistance in connection with Employment Schemes during the current financial year.

1285/39. RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE REGARDING
BANK RATE OF INTEREST.

The Secretary submitted the following resolution from County Sligo Mental Hospital Committee:-

"That inasmuch as the Bank Rate of Interest is now back to pre-War level, we see no reason why the Department should expect the Committee to pay an increase of one per cent. We ask the Minister to continue at the existing rate of $4\frac{3}{4}\%$. In fact, Public Bodies, in our opinion, should get financial accommodation at the same interest as applies to National Loans, viz., $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, and, if necessary, should be covered by National Loans."

The Council noted the resolution.

1286/39. RESOLUTION FROM CORK COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING INTEREST
ON LOANS.

The Secretary submitted the following resolution from Cork County Council:-

"That we, the Cork County Council, reiterate our protest against the action of the Minister for Finance in increasing the rate of interest on advances to Local Authorities out of the Local Loans Fund from $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ to $5\frac{3}{4}\%$, in view of the fact that a new loan of £7,000,000, portion of which is to be used for the purposes of the Local Loans Fund, is to be raised by the Irish Government, and that the interest to be paid thereon is only 4 per cent."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

1287/39. COUNTY MANAGEMENT BILL, 1939.

The Secretary submitted the following resolution from Leitrim County Council:-

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

The Council decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

1288/39. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF HARBOUR CONSTABLE AT BRUCKLESS.

Applications for the position of Harbour Constable at Bruckless were received from the following:-

William McGinty, Mountcharles.
James McFadden, Knockastolar, Bunbeg.
Michael O'Byrne, Dunkineely.

On the motion of Councillor McShane it was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and to advertise the vacancy again in the People's Press, Derry Journal, and Derry People.

1289/39. ILLNESS OF MR. G. MCGILL OF THE COUNCIL'S CLERICAL STAFF.

Certificates were submitted from Dr. C. Bannigan, Strabane, certifying that Mr. George McGill of the Council's Office Staff was unfit for work for a period of fourteen days as from the 30th November, 1939.

The Secretary stated that Mr. McGill had resumed duty.

The matter was noted.

1290/39. AMOUNT OWING TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY THE COMMISSIONER
ADMINISTERING THE AFFAIRS OF THE FORMER BUNCRANA URBAN
COUNCIL.

Councillor Scott proposed a Notice of Motion on the Agenda in his name in the following terms:-

"That I will at next Meeting of the County Council:-

(a) Direct the attention of the County Council to a report which appeared recently in the Press wherein it was stated that the Commissioner at present administering the affairs of the dissolved Buncrana Urban Council had informed a deputation of the local Rate-payers' Association that "he had managed to arrive at an agreement with the County Council regarding payments due to that body."

(b) Inquire if any arrangement was made whereby the County Council were to accept any lesser sum than the full amount due, and, if so, by whom, and by what authority, such arrangement was entered into on behalf of the County Council, or if any alteration whatever has been made as regards re-payment.

(c) Inquire as to the total amount now due by the former Buncrana Urban Council and the present Administering Authority."

The Secretary stated that the total amount due to the County Council at the 31st December, 1939, by the former Buncrana Urban Council and the present Administering Authority, would be £7,522 : 18 : 0.

The Secretary also stated that no arrangement had been entered into on behalf of the County Council as regards payment of this amount. Mr. MacLysaght called at the Office one day during his absence and stated that payment of a sum of about £2,000 would shortly be made, but no monies had since been forthcoming.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Council call on Mr. MacLysaght to pay at least one-half of the amount owing by the 31st December.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

1291/39. DREDGING AT GREENCASTLE HARBOUR.

A letter dated 8th December, 1939, was read from the Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners regarding the carrying out of dredging operations at Greencastle Harbour. They enclosed a copy of the Harbour Commissioners' Report, and regretted that, in the circumstances, they were unable to undertake the work in question.

The Secretary stated that, on the suggestion of Mr. Cripps, General Manager and Secretary of the Londonderry Harbour Commissioners, he had got into communication with Mr. G. Van der Vlies, Harbour and General Works, Ltd., Old Harbour Office, Coleraine. This firm also were unable to carry out the work.

Councillor Myles proposed that the whole question of the dredging at Greencastle Harbour be referred to the Piers Committee.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

The Council decided to express their appreciation of the assistance given in the matter by Mr. Cripps and the Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners.

1292/39. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 20 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th December, 1939, G.25264/39, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th idem regarding the action of the Council at their Meeting on the 28th November referring back to the Department the question of Mr. M. G. Doherty's appointment as Rate Collector for No. 20 District, and stating that for the reasons indicated in the Department's letter of the 24th October last, the Minister was not prepared to sanction Mr. Doherty's appointment. As already intimated to the Council steps should be taken to re-advertise the post on the terms and conditions specified in the communication referred to.

The Council unanimously decided to re-advertise the position and to make the appointment at their January Meeting.

It was also decided to ask Mr. A. O'Boyle, Superintendent Registrar, Stranorlar, to conduct the examination in Irish.

1293/39. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING ECONOMIES IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Councillor Baxter proposed:-

"That a Sub-Committee be appointed immediately to make recommendations to the County Council for the purpose of effecting economies in the County Administration for the coming year, and that the Board of Health and Mental Hospital Committees be asked to appoint representatives on the Committee."

Councillor Baxter spoke in support of his motion, and stated that the gradually-increasing rate was the cause of complaints from all over the County.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion and stated that the Committee could not properly function until the Estimates of the Board of Health and Mental Hospital Committee had been submitted.

Councillor Mahony doubted if any economies could be effected in the Estimates of the Board of Health and Mental Hospital Committee for the coming year owing to the increased prices of clothing and foodstuffs.

Councillor Baxter called attention to the amounts being expended on Travelling Expenses. The Travelling Expenses of the staff of the Public Health Department were very high.

Councillor Mahony stated that owing to the increased price of Petrol he was afraid the rate of travelling expenses per mile could not be reduced.

Councillor McIvor stated that the County Medical Staff should be paid a fixed maximum amount per annum for Travelling Expenses.

Councillor Brady called attention to the Estimates of the Vocational Education Committee and the Agricultural Committee. He suggested that even though these Committees had not yet demanded their maximum statutory rates, the question of reducing their Estimates should be considered. In the case of the Agricultural Committee, any unnecessary Schemes should be cut out.

Councillor Friel inquired if there was any check on the amount of Travelling Expenses claimed by the Surveyors and the County Medical Staff.

He stated that the Council should not have to incur Travelling Expenses in respect of Employment Schemes and Minor Relief Schemes. These expenses should be charged to the Schemes.

Councillor Baxter agreed with this suggestion.

Councillor Friel referred to the Reports of the Law Committee. He stated that too many matters were being referred to the Council's Solicitor, and that this was being done for the purpose of obtaining fees for him.

The Secretary indignantly denied the insinuations of Councillor Friel that the Law Committee referred matters to the Council's Solicitor for the purpose of enabling him to obtain fees. He challenged Councillor Friel to quote one single instance in which this had occurred.

After further discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Sub-Finance Committee, and to name this Committee the "Economy Committee", and to add to it also Councillors Baxter and Friel.

1294/39. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT AN ELECTRIC CABLE ACROSS THE COUNTY ROAD AT CULDAFF.

A letter was read from Messrs. A. and J. McDyer, Croagh, Dunkineely, making application, on behalf of their client, Rev. J. H. McKenna, P.P., Culdaff, for permission to erect an electric cable of 32 volts across the County Road at Culdaff at a height of about 20 to 35 feet for the purpose of bringing the current from the Church on one side of the road to the Parochial Hall on the other.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was receiving his attention.

1295/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON THE ROAD FROM CROLLY BRIDGE TO BUNBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Doogan, Middle Dore, Bunbeg, applying for the position of surfaceman on the road from Crollly Bridge to Bunbeg. He was a married man with five of a family, and lived midway between Crollly and Bunbeg. There was at present a surfaceman on this road but he was a single man and at the Council Meeting it was discussed that perhaps married men would be appointed to replace single men.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from the Assistant Surveyor:-

"The present surfaceman on the Bunbeg-Crollly Road is single and has been employed for over a year. I engaged him because he appeared a good workman and I was letting his father, the previous surfaceman, go on account of age. I have no knowledge of the present applicant."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1296/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO ROOF OF DWELLING-HOUSE AT CROLLY OWING TO BLASTING OPERATIONS.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duffy, Crollly, stating that he had written on several occasions regarding a bill for £1 : 2 : 0 for the repair of the roof of his dwelling-house, which was damaged by stones from one of the Council's Quarries close by. Particulars had already been furnished, and the Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor. The County Surveyor had not called. Unless payment was made immediately legal proceedings would be instituted.

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

"The damage referred to in this item is alleged to have taken place when men were quarrying for a Main Road Improvement Grant in 1936. The first intimation regarding it was received in January, 1939, when a letter was received from Mr. Duffy stating that he had had the damage repaired in 1938, and had sent the bill to the Assistant Surveyor. In my opinion the account is statute barred, not having been submitted within six months. For this reason and because it would be impossible for me to check the damage after it had been repaired, I took no action in the matter. I understand that this man asked for and received compensation (£2) for some damage to plants due to a slip of the side of the road during the carrying out of this work, and it is surprising that he did not mention the damage to his roof, etc., at the same time. (See Minutes 1432/36 and 118/39.)"

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1297/39. COMPLAINT RE ROAD FROM KNOCKASTOLAR N.S. TO MEENADUFF.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Ferry, Merchants, Bunbeg, calling attention to the condition of the road from Knockastolar N.S. to Meenaduff. Road material, placed on the sides by the Contractor, had rendered the surface uneven, and bread lorries and cars could not travel from this School to his residence. He carried on a business, and lorries, belonging to Mr. McBride, Bunbeg, refused to effect deliveries at his shop. During the week-end, Mr. Charles Coyle broke a mainspring of his car, which rendered the car almost useless. Unless something was done no rates or taxes would be paid for the future.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from the Assistant Surveyor:-

"Map No. 726 - No. 82, amount £20. This road lies partly on rock outcrops and on moss. Road is in many places bare. A very large grant would be required to put this road in good condition, say from £200 to £300. I know the Contractor is forced to put most of his metal on short sections of road where moss foundations give way, and I believe this is due to heavily-loaded lorries using the road. The present contract money might be increased or the road put into a Direct Labour group."

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

1298/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN JUNCTION OF OLD
RAPHOE ROAD AND THE BRIDGE AT TULLYDONNELL.

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

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

1299/39. RESIGNATION OF MR. PATRICK J. CANNON OF THE COUNCIL'S
CLERICAL STAFF.

Arising out of the resignation of Mr. Patrick J. Cannon of the Council's Clerical Staff, which had been accepted by the Sub-Finance Committee at their Meeting on the 12th December, 1939, Councillor Scott stated that Mr. Cannon was a very devoted servant of the Council for the long number of years he had been in their employment. He was most painstaking in his work and courteous in his manner. He wished him many happy years in his retirement.

The Chairman (Councillor McFadden), Councillors Brady, Baxter, and Myles, associated themselves with Captain Scott's remarks.

The Secretary stated that he had been associated with Mr. Cannon for the past fifteen years. He had a thorough knowledge of all work in connection with rates. He performed his duties most efficiently, and was at all times a thorough gentleman.

1300/39. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO FILL THE VACANCY CAUSED BY THE
RESIGNATION OF MR. PATRICK J. CANNON.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the instructions of the Sub-Finance Committee, Minute No. 949/39, he had inserted an advertisement in the "Derry Journal" of the 15th December, and in the "Derry Sentinel" of the 16th December, stating that the Council would, at their Meeting, proceed to appoint as a Permanent Clerk the candidate who obtained fifth place at an Examination held by the Local Appointments Commissioners on the 14th January, 1939, at Letterkenny.

The proposal of the Council that all vacancies for Junior Clerical Officers arising in the County Council or Board of Health Offices within twelve months from the date of the Examination be filled from the panel of successful candidates available from the Examination was sanctioned by the Local Government Department in their letter of the 8th August, 1938, G.5694/11/38, Dun na nGall.

The candidate who obtained fifth place in the Examination was Mr. James Walsh, The Garage, Dungloe, Co. Donegal.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. James Walsh as a Junior Clerical Officer; the salary to be the same as that of the other Junior Clerical Officers in the Council's employment, i.e. £100 per annum for two years; then to be advanced to £120 per annum, increasing, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £10, to a maximum of £190 per annum.

1301/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AT KEADUE
STRAND, BURTONPORT.

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

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting for a report from Mr. Dillon.

1302/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES AT LOWER KEADUE, BURTONPORT.

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

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting for a report from Mr. Dillon.

1303/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO EXITS OF FIELD AT KEENAGHAN, NEAR MANORCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Messrs. David Wilson & Co., Solicitors, Raphoe, stating that when repairs were recently effected on the Lifford-Letterkenny Road at Keenaghan, near Manorcunningham, the exits from two fields owned by their client, Mr. William Doherty, were rendered impassable, and requesting the Surveyor concerned to have the matter remedied within the next month.

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

"I am having exit from field improved as requested, as soon as possible."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

1304/39. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF CAPPRY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Davis, Cappry, Ballybofey, requesting that a road be constructed in the townland of Cappry to link up with the Main Road at Cappry.

The Assistant Surveyor who was present at the Meeting stated that this would be a very useful work.

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

1305/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF STRAUGHTER, KILRAINE.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McConnell, Straughter, Kilraine, complaining of the condition of the road in the townland of Straughter. The road was made in 1914 and was only repaired once since, with the result that it was almost impossible to walk on it at present.

On the motion of Councillor Houston, it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

1306/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN CARRIGANS AND KILLEA.

A letter was read from Mr. Dominic O'Hagan, Dunmore, Carrigans, calling attention to the condition of the road between Carrigans and Killea. The water tables had not been cleaned for three years with the result that the road was flooded.

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

"The Contractor for this road has since put same in order and spread necessary darning. It is incorrect to say that the water-tables have not been cleaned for three years."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1307/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ERECTION OF FOOTBRIDGE ON THE RAY RIVER BETWEEN THE TOWNLANDS OF MOYRA AND DUNMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. John McFadden (Grace), Moyra, Falcarragh, applying for a grant for the erection of a footbridge on the Ray River between the townlands of Moyra and Dunmore.

Councillor McCafferty stated that 52 people would use this footbridge.

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

1308/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF CROPS OWING TO STOPPAGE OF DRAIN
AT LOWER DORE, BUNBEG.

A letter was read from Mrs. Madge Boyle, Lower Dore, Bunbeg, complaining that her crops were being destroyed by flooding owing to the stoppage of a drain beside her premises.

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

"This complaint is exaggerated. I could see no sign of damage. I instructed surfaceman to make a small water-table to prevent local surface water flowing into garden."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1309/39. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING TO HOUSES
AT UPPER KEADUE, MEENBANAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Joe O'Donnell, Upper Keadue, Meenbanad, applying for a grant for the repair of a road leading to the houses of Joe O'Donnell and Hannah Ward, in the townland of Upper Keadue.

The Council decided to refer Mr. O'Donnell to the Board of Works.

1310/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SUPERVISING GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel D. Doherty, Meenderryhirk, Dungloe, applying for the position of Supervising Ganger. He had been in the Council's employment for the past ten years as Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector and he now found that the long cycling was doing him harm.

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

1311/39. APPLICATION FOR MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR COMPLETION OF
ROAD AT BUNN, GLENGAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick John McDaid, Bunn, Glengad, calling attention to a road which was made a year ago in the townland of Bunn. As the Grant allowed was not sufficient to complete the work, the road was left unfinished, and he hoped that a further Grant would be given to complete the job.

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

1312/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY OF MAJOR GOODLIFFE,
BIRDSTOWN, BURNFOOT.

A letter was read from Major G. V. Goodliffe, Birdstown, Burnfoot, complaining that his lands were being destroyed by flood water from "The Scalp." He had done all in his power to counteract this by cleaning out his ditches and repairing drains. The farmers in that district informed him that they complained to the Council about a year ago. The Council's Engineer inspected the ditches, but nothing had since been done. He would be glad if the Council's Engineer would again inspect the damage done, and see if it could be remedied.

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

"As Mr. Caffrey advised me, I decided there was no need to inspect this site of flooding, unless Major Goodliffe is able to say that flooding is caused through defective property of the County Council. This may be a case where the Board of Works might give a grant for drainage."

The Council decided to refer the matter for investigation to Councillor Scott and Mr. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor.

1313/39. COMPLAINT RE DRAIN ON MAIN ROAD FROM DERRYBEG TO THE MOUNTAIN.

A letter was read from Mr. William Coyle, Derrybeg, expressing dissatisfaction at the manner in which the Council's Agents had left the drain on the Main Road from Derrybeg to the Mountain. A rock extended into the drain, blocking the passage, and causing flooding of the lands on the Stranacorkra side of the road.

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

1314/39.

BURTONPORT PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 15th December, 1939, M.S.5239, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 28th November conveying a request by the Council that the Minister take proceedings under Section 12 of the Foreshore Act, 1933, for the removal of four wooden pillars erected by the Templecrone Co-operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., near the Railway Wharf at Burtonport, and pointing out that any such proceedings, to be effective, would require either that the person responsible for the structure had refused to accept a lease of the foreshore in question, or that the Minister had certified that the structure was or caused, directly or indirectly, an obstruction to navigation.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

1315/39.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1939/40. ROADS (RURAL).

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 29th November, 1939, RU/206/7/2, referring to previous correspondence relative to the provision of employment through the medium of a Scheme for the improvement of roads and footpaths, and stating that the Minister had approved of the Scheme of road works proposed to be carried out by the Council with the aid of a Grant under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1939/40, Roads (Rural). The amount allocated by way of Grant was £75,130, subject to a local contribution of £4,670. It was a condition of the allocation that the whole or greater portion of the expenditure be incurred by the 31st March, 1940.

In reply to Councillor Mahony, the Secretary stated that the amount of this Grant for 1939/40, as originally notified, was £94,000, subject to a local contribution of £6,000. The amount now allocated was £75,130, and the amount of the Spring and Summer allocation was £15,230, making a total Grant of £90,360.

The contribution now required from the Council was £4,670, and the amount of the contribution for the Spring and Summer allocation was £970, making a total local contribution of £5,640.

The total expenditure would, therefore, be £4,000 less than was originally intended.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Local Government Department be requested to give the Grant as originally notified.

Councillor McClafferty seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Baxter suggested that in future the Department be requested to give these Grants in full without requiring a local contribution.

Councillor Scott stated that he again wished to protest against the allocation of the Schemes.

Councillor Friel protested against the expenditure of the greater portion of the money on Main Roads.

1316/39.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, LATE ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, MILFORD DISTRICT.

Councillor Mahony stated that he wished to protest against the action of the Local Government Department in not sanctioning the Superannuation Allowance proposed to be awarded to Mr. Patrick Dawson, formerly Assistant Surveyor in the Milford District.

The Council, in July last, proposed to grant Mr. Dawson an allowance of £266 : 13 : 4, and he had been informed by the Secretary that the Department had since been written to several times in the matter.

On the 29th November several Councillors called at the Offices of the Department in connection with this matter, when they received a promise that it would be attended to immediately.

Councillor Baxter, in seconding the motion, stated that it was a shame that an Official who had given such splendid service as Mr. Dawson should be treated in this manner.

Councillor Myles proposed that the Council pay Mr. Dawson the amount due to him, and Councillor Mahony withdrew his motion.

Councillor Baxter seconded the motion of Councillor Myles which was passed unanimously.

1317/39.

GRANT FOR OPENING UP OF SCENIC VIEWS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th December, 1939, RU.206/201.V., stating that a Grant of £400 had been provisionally allocated to the County for opening up of scenic views, subject to certain conditions.

The Council noted the letter.

1318/39.

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

A letter was read from Messrs. James Boyle & Co., Solicitors, Stranorlar, claiming £10 for the loss of a bullock which was injured whilst crossing a bridge on the road from Cappry to Goland on the 19th November. The bullock was the property of Mr. Patrick Breslin, Cappry.

The Secretary read the following report from Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In response to your letter of 7th inst., I called with Mr. Breslin this evening to inquire about alleged injury to his bullock.

He informed me that the animal is dead and buried. His statement is as follows:-

On the 19th November he himself was taking his cattle home. He was on Goland side of the bridge and saw one fall and roll over on its back. When he came to it he found its leg broken. He got help and took it home and tied up the leg which was broken below the knee. He did not call in a Veterinary Surgeon. Later the animal died.

He did not report the accident to the Road Contractor, who lives convenient to the Bridge, nor to myself.

I asked him to come and show me where the animal's feet went through the decking of bridge. He said that he could not show me the exact spot. He went to the bridge and he then pointed out the place, and said he was sure that was the exact place.

Where Mr. Breslin pointed out is an opening between two planks. The edges of two adjoining planks being worn, there is a space of from 2' to 3' between them.

As regards the Bridge being damaged by a lorry this is what happened. In 1938, Mr. Irvine, Donegal, Contractor for the Board of Health, took stones across this Bridge with a three-ton lorry. Two planks got broken. Mr. Irvine sent new timber to the road contractor who put it on the bridge. This has nothing to do with the present breach. No other repairs, in the way of re-placing planks, have been carried out to the Bridge since the decking was newly put on a good many years ago.

I might add that having heard of Mr. Breslin's allegation, I called to see the Bridge on 22nd November. The contractor's brother and myself examined this opening referred to by Mr. Breslin, and could find no hair or marks to indicate that the animal's leg went down."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was decided to suggest to the Insurance Co. that an ex-gratia offer of £7 :10 : 0 be made in this case.

1319/39.

LIGHTING OF COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES AND COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Messrs. A. Gallagher, Ltd., Lifford, stating that they could not continue their present arrangement for supplying the County Council Offices with electric light at a fixed price per annum. They suggested that 8d. per unit, plus 6d. rent per month for any meters required, would be a reasonable charge. This rate would come into force on 1st January.

The Secretary stated that the cost of the lighting to the Council at present was about £21 per annum, and that if it was charged for at 8d. per unit there would be a very considerable increase in the cost.

The Council unanimously decided to leave the matter in the hands of Councillor Wagentreiber and the Secretary, with permission to interview Messrs. Gallagher, and make a bargain for the lighting of the premises at a cost not exceeding £50 per annum.

1320/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BUNGALOW BY MR. EDWARD VAUGHAN, PORTNASON, BALLYSHANNON, AT THE JUNCTION OF THE BALLYSHANNON AND DUNMUCKRUM ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Vaughan, Portnason, Ballyshannon, stating that he would like to have the matter of his house settled, and suggesting that the County Surveyor call with him when next in the District.

Councillor Scott stated that this matter was out of order as the question had been disposed of at the November Meeting of the Council, when, by the casting vote of the Presiding Chairman, the Council decided to adopt the report of the then Acting County Surveyor.

The Secretary read the previous Minutes of the Council on the matter.

Councillor McShea queried Minute No. 1094/39 of the October Meeting.

The Secretary stated that this Minute had been confirmed by the Council on the 28th November, 1939.

Councillor O'Brien proposed that Mr. McMahon, County Surveyor, be asked to inspect the site of the proposed bungalow.

Councillor McShea seconded.

Councillor Scott stated that before this could be done, Minute No. 1202/39 of the 28th November, 1939, would require to be rescinded.

The Chairman ruled that the matter had been disposed of at the November Meeting of the Council, and could not be re-opened unless the last Minute was rescinded.

1321/39. APPLICATION FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

Mr. Michael Gallanagh, Manager, Buncrana Co-operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., Buncrana.

Mr. Edward Deeney, Rathmullan.

The Council unanimously decided to renew the licences, subject to satisfactory reports from the Garda Síochána.

1322/39. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

A notification was submitted of intention to apply for a Licence under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of St. Michael's Hall, Carnaghan, Inch.

The Council noted the matter.

1323/39. CINEMATOGRAF ACT, 1909.

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

Parochial Hall, Dungloe.

La Scala Cinema, Milford.

John Colgan Memorial Hall, Carndonagh.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licences.

1324/39. COMPLAINT RE BRIDGE ON THE CORVIN-DRUMNACARRY ROAD, LOUGH ESKE.

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

The County Surveyor stated that his Assistant reported that the position had not changed since his report of last month.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

1325/39.

COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Gortnamucklagh, Glenties, stating that he went to Ganger Thomas Long, Mullantyboyle, looking for work and was told that he could not start unless he got a card from the Exchange. A farmer who was not on the dole at all got work whilst he was refused.

The Assistant Surveyor reported that Mr. Patrick O'Donnell was now at work, and that the farmer referred to was a dole man and was working on the Peat Development Scheme.

1326/39.

PAYMENT OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. MARGEY (NEE McIVOR),
A FORMER DOMESTIC SCIENCE TEACHER.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee, stating that his Committee, at their Meeting on the 21st November, 1939, unanimously decided to grant a marriage gratuity to Mrs. Margey (nee McIvor) of £33 :13 :10. Mrs. Margey was in the Committee's employment as a Domestic Science Teacher for two complete years.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to pay the Gratuity, subject to sanction.

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1327/39.

AILEACH, OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, Clerk, Aileach O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that the Committee recommended the following persons for appointment as members of the Committee:-
Rev. James McBride, P.P., Fahan, in place of the late Rev. M. O'Mullan.
Rev. Gerald Dickson, M.A., Fahan, in place of the late Rev. Canon O'Donnell.

Rev. R. J. Wray, B.A., The Manse, Burt, in place of Rev. W. Boyd, B.A., who had left the District.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was decided to appoint the persons recommended as members of the Committee.

1328/39.

CRANE AT PORTALEEN PIER, CULKEENY, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McKenny, Portaleen, Culkeeny, Malin, reporting damage to the crane at Portaleen Pier, by the lowering of a motor boat.

A further letter was read from Mr. McKenny stating that the damage occurred on the 14th November, 1939. The motor-boat belonged to the Sea Fisheries Association.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. O'Neill:-

"I have interviewed Mr. Denis McKenny, Portaleen, and inspected the damaged crane there. I am informed that the crane is capable of lifting the boats that come in there at present (some of them are over 4 tons in weight.) The old crane is badly damaged and would require at least new body-gears, etc., and the fishermen state that the repairs will not make the crane a lifter of a four or five-ton boat. Therefore, they suggest a new 5-ton crane."

The Council unanimously decided to invite quotations for the supply of a new crane to lift 4-ton or 5-ton boats, and to ask the Sea Fisheries Association to bear a portion of the cost.

1329/39.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT BIG ISLE, MANORCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. G. V. A. Latimer, Big Isle, Manor-cunningham, calling attention to the condition of the road leading from the Letterkenny-Derry Main Road, through Big Isle, to Manorcunningham. This road was unfit for traffic, and one of his workmen narrowly escaped injury when he fell off his bicycle and damaged the machine.

The County Surveyor stated that the contract on this road had been broken, and the road was now let to a new contractor, who had carried out the necessary work.

1330/39. CLAIM FOR TRESPASS FOR STONES TAKEN FROM QUARRY AT CASHEL, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Craig, Cashel, Glencolumbkille, claiming trespass for stones taken from Quarry situated on his grazing land at Cashel, Glencolumbkille. The quarry was opened two years ago, and the Council's workmen had been removing stones from it since. As he paid rates and rent for this grazing, he considered he was entitled to compensation.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"The Quarry referred to is an undivided commonage. I have seen the Rate Collector for the District, and he assured me that the Council are not liable in this matter."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1331/39. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 6th December, 1939, S.W.1/3/47, referring to extract from the Minutes of the Council's Meeting of the 29th August last regarding Poolawaddy Pier, and the approach road thereto, and stating that the matter had been referred to the Parliamentary Secretary for consideration. The Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to recommend a grant of £60 from the Employment Schemes Vote towards the cost (estimated at £100) of carrying out improvements at the Pier, including the construction of approach road, conditional on the Council contributing the balance of £40, and arranging for the execution of the works under the supervision of the County Surveyor. The grant would be sanctioned subject to the Engineer of the Board of Works and the Co. Surveyor agreeing on the type of protection required at the junction of the Pier and the approach road, and on the Council signing a formal undertaking to maintain these works, as well as the Pier, which had already been transferred to the custody of the Council.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that unless the approach road was constructed, there was no use in agreeing to contribute towards the cost of any expenditure on the Pier.

It was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting; Councillor O'Boyle stating that, in the meantime, he would lodge Notice of Motion in the matter.

1332/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM LITTLE EANEY BRIDGE TO ROOSE BRIDGE, INVER DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McGuire, Drimagra, Mountcharles, referring to extract from the October Meeting of the Council regarding the road from Little Eaney Bridge to Roose Bridge, and stating that it was not fair that the Council should decide to take no action in the matter. There were fifteen ratepayers in Drimagra, and they considered that the Council should repair what was completed so that they could get in and out to their houses. They had a promise from the Board of Works for a further grant.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"There is at present a Minor Employment Scheme in progress on this road."

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

1333/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF "GOLIRK ROAD", PETTIGO.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Begley, Tievemore, Pettigo, complaining of the condition of the "Golirk" Road. This road had not received any repairs or road metal for the last four years. He would be willing to repair this road himself as he lived just midway on same, and had a quarry on his own lands.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:- "I have got into personal touch with the contractor of the road in question and he has promised to go to work at once and complete his contract. If he fails to do so, I shall have his contract broken at the next Meeting."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1334/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD CONNECTING THE TOWNLANDS OF MALINBEG AND MALINMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph O'Boyle, Malinbeg, complaining of the condition of the road connecting the townlands of Malinbeg and Malinmore. Pedestrians had to pick their way through pot-holes, pools of water, and boulders of paving stones, and in many places had to leave the "track" to evade the flow of water thereon. He would be glad if the Council would have this remedied immediately.

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

"This refers to County Roads, Nos. 1760 and 1761 (Kilcar Area). For these two unrolled roads the sum of £42 per annum is allocated for maintenance by Direct Labour. Of this amount the sum of approximately £21 was expended during the month of July on repairs. Surface repairs are actually at present being carried out, and the road is at present in a reasonably good state."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1335/39. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR DUMPING OF TREE STUMPS AND CLAY.

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

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I called on the Ganger, Conal Callaghan, re Mrs. Harron's complaint, and he tells me that the transaction with her was as follows:-

- (1) She (Mrs. Harron) gave him permission to dump the stumps, etc. in her ground without any question of compensation.
- (2) When the Ganger had the parapet wall of the bridge at the place taken down, Mrs. Harron came on the scene and wanted compensation of a £1 for the easement. Finally, she agreed to take 10/-, and the Ganger drafted an Agreement to that effect which Mrs. Harron signed, and Conal Callaghan signed as witness. This Agreement, I attached to the Paysheet, when forwarding it to the County Surveyor.

To remove the tree stumps would be a heavy job as some of them are over 30 cwts. and now about 10 or 12 feet under road level."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for investigation and report for next Meeting.

1336/39. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AND WATER-TABLE AT GLASHBEGGAN, BURTONPORT.

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

Councillor O'Boyle stated that Mr. James Boyle had promised to restore the fence to its original position.

The matter was adjourned until next Meeting.

1337/39. COMPLAINT RE BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK FOUR MILES FROM HOME.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Shields, Downings, stating that he got notice to report for work at Clontallagh. This job was nearly four miles from his home and it would take him an hour and a half to walk that distance. There was a Council job within half a mile of his home, and he wished to know if he was compelled to walk a distance of four miles to Clontallagh or lose Unemployment Assistance.

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

"I expect to transfer Andrew Shields to work nearer his home when negotiations for a quarry are completed. I understand the address given on E.60 form was not his actual home address."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

1338/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF LISNANEASE, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. U. Bates, Garden City, Derry, pointing out that the road from Woodland School in the townland of Lisnanease was in a treacherous condition. Three times during the past fortnight his car had been damaged on this road. The surface was uneven, and with the slightest waterfall became waterlogged. He would be glad if the Council would have something done to remedy this.

The Assistant Surveyor reported that the road had been repaired lately.

1339/39. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS HILL IN TOWNLAND OF FOYFIN, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from a number of residents of the Castlefin District calling attention to the dangerous hill in the townland of Foyfin known as "Gamble's Brac," and requesting that the hill be cut through or reduced in such a manner as to make it passable for the haulage of agricultural produce, etc. At present it was quite unsuitable for horse-drawn vehicles.

The Assistant Surveyor's report, as follows, was read:—"Refer to County Surveyor with a view to including it in Roads (Rural) Schemes, provided Consents are signed by adjoining land-owners."

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

1340/39. REQUEST FROM ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN TO BE PAID FOR CHURCH HOLIDAYS.

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

On the motion of Councillor Friel, it was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting.

1341/39. COMPLAINT RE OVERCHARGE FOR USE OF ROLLER ON CONTRACT NO. 39, MAP NO. 975.

A letter was read from Mr. James Boyle, Upper Keadue, Meenbanad, complaining that he was overcharged for the use of Roller on his Contract, Road No. 39, Map No. 975.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for his attention.

1342/39. COMPLAINT RE INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHT-OF-WAY AT SANDFIELD, ARDARA.

A letter signed by Mr. William Browne and Mrs. Annie Browne, Sandfield, Ardara, was read, stating that it had come to their notice that a right-of-way leading to their premises was to be repaired by the County Council. As a long stretch of this right-of-way was on their lands, they wished it to be understood that if the Council repaired the road without their permission they would institute proceedings without further notice.

The County Surveyor reported that there was no truth in the report that the Council intended interfering with the right-of-way referred to by Mr. Browne.

1343/39. COMPLAINT RE RAMPART AT GAUGIN BRIDGE, COMMEEN, CLOGHAN.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Binnmore, Commeen, Cloghan, requesting that a deputation be received by the Council in connection with the repair of the rampart at Gaugin Bridge.

Councillor McMenamin introduced a deputation from the district in connection with the matter.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for his attention.

1344/39. COMPLAINT RE EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES INSTEAD OF CARTS ON ROAD WORK IN THE FINTOWN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Quinn, Jun., Fintown, stating that a deputation would appear before the County Council to protest against the employment of lorries by the Council while cartmen were refused employment.

Councillor Brady introduced a deputation from the Fintown District headed by Rev. J. Deeney, C.C.

Father Deeney addressed the Council, and stated that no carts had been employed on the work which was in progress on the Main Fintown-Ballybofey Road. It was hardly quite fair that the carts of the district should be going about idle whilst lorries from outside districts were doing the work.

The Secretary read a letter which had been received that morning from a number of residents of Ballinamore and Meenagoland stating that the deputation of carters who intended to appear before the Council did not represent all the carters of the district. These men represented no person but themselves, and they had got all the carting for a number of years. There was plenty of work for all but these men only wanted last year's row renewed.

Mr. P. Quinn, Jun., addressed the Council, and stated that he was surprised that such a letter as the foregoing should have been sent in as the carters of the district had not been getting a fair crack of the whip. Not one man earned a day's pay except a lorry and five men. He alleged that there was "wire-pulling" and "favouritism" in the district. In the Glonleaghan District the men were told to pile the stones in such a way as to make it easy for the lorry to take them away. Stones were being taken a distance of nine miles. The men who took part in the strike last year were being victimised.

Another member of the deputation, Mr. F. McGeehan, also addressed the Council. He stated that carts were employed at 1s/6d per ton, and that lorries were costing much more.

Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, reported:- "Work started on a Roads (Rural) Scheme between Ballinamore and Letterbrick. At present the men are quarrying. When a quantity is quarried, carters will be employed as usual."

Mr. Kearney introduced to the Council Ganger John Wright, who stated that all workers were recruited through the Labour Exchange. There were no men registered as Carters.

Mr. Kearney stated that carts were always employed on Relief Schemes, where the work could be efficiently carried out.

The members of the deputation challenged the statements made by Mr. Kearney, and a heated scene ensued.

Councillor Lynch stated that he hoped the members of the deputation would not be victimised. He made allegations against the entire Survey Staff.

The Chairman called on Councillor Lynch to withdraw his remarks, but he refused to do so.

Councillors Baxter and Hyles protested against the allegations.

Mr. McMahon, County Surveyor, stated that if the question was left in his hands he would endeavour to settle it in the best manner possible, consistent, of course, with efficiency. He took exception to the allegations made against the Survey Staff, when the members were not present to defend themselves.

After further discussion, it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. McMahon, County Surveyor.

1345/39. ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor applying for permission to purchase Engineering equipment amounting to a total of about £83. The items required were levels, staves, chains, ranging rods, and Engineering Office instruments.

The Council unanimously decided to grant permission to purchase the equipment.

1346/39. APPLICATION BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR FOR PURCHASE OF
TECHNICAL REFERENCE LIBRARY, AND FOR APPROVAL OF COUNCIL
TO SUBSCRIPTION FOR WEEKLY AND MONTHLY MAGAZINES.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor requesting the Council's approval (a) to the purchase of a small Technical Reference Library, the estimated cost of which was £20; and (b) for subscription to various weekly and monthly Engineering Journals. The amount involved in this would be quite small.

As regards (a), Councillor Scott proposed that the County Surveyor avail himself of the services of the County Library. He should send a list of any books he required to the County Librarian, and the Library Committee would consider the question of purchasing them.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

As regards (b), the Council unanimously decided to take no action in the matter.

1347/39. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS TURN IN MIDDLE OF HILL ON ROAD LEAD-
ING TO THE POST OFFICE IN LETTERMACAWARD.

A letter was read from Mr. Connell McHugh, Rooskey, Lettermacaward, calling attention to a dangerous turn in the middle of a hill on the road to the Post Office in Lettermacaward. At their October Meeting the Council decided to take no action in this matter as the landowner had refused to give the land to straighten road. The landowner had now decided to give the land, and there was no reason why the Council should not do something about it.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"What Mr. McConnell McHugh states may be correct, but this information came too late for the work to be included in this year's Road Works Scheme."

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

1348/39. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK AT DRIMLACKAGH,
GLEN, KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Brown, Drimlackagh, Glen, Kilmacrenan, complaining of the unfair allocation of road work in that district. He was a poor man living in a Labourer's Cottage, and he was compared with the farmers around there who had their farms for a few shillings a year. He had to depend on County Council work for a livelihood, and up until this year he had got steady work. This year the Ganger had asked him to "toss" with the other carters to see who would be kept for the following week's work. He always got 80 to 90 tons of whinstone to lift, but this year that had been given to farmers, some of them with 100 acres of land. He hoped that the Council would see that he got share of the work as he was behind with his rent and had no other means.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"Anthony Brown gets more work on this road (with the exception of his brother who is surfaceman) than any other individual. He gets carting, putting out metal, and has got work on County Roads. There is no favouritism. He cannot claim everything and I personally don't know the circumstances of each metal Contractor except that it is an advantage to have several. I have instructed the Ganger to give first preference in work and carting to men who put out quarried material."

The Council noted the report, and decided to ask Brown for the names of the men with 100 acres of land who were getting employment.

1349/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT CAIRNHILL, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. M. Crossan, Cairnhill, Letterkenny, stating that some time ago he wrote to Mr. Mulreany, Assistant Surveyor, regarding the state of the County Road at Cairnhill, but got no reply. This road had been completely neglected for the past four years. The ratepayers of the district had come to the conclusion that if something was not done to repair this road, they would devote the current half-year's rates towards the repair of the road.

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

"I have directed two surfacemen to have this road cleaned and darned. They have been working on this road since last Tuesday."

The Council considered the report satisfactory.

1350/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON ROAD AT TOBERNAHOOREY, LAGHEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McGoldrick, Shannagh, Laghey, stating that he had not received full payment for work done on the road at Tobernahoorey.

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

"The Paying Order was held up in the County Council Office until McGoldrick sent in his cards to be stamped. This has been done and the Paying Order has been released."

The Council noted the report.

1351/39. OFFER TO SELL ROAD PLANT TO THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry Caldwell, Killen House, Castlederg, offering an Engine, Van, and Water-cart for sale to the Council. These were in prime order and would be sold cheaply. If the Council did not buy, he would be glad if they could give him work with the plant.

The County Surveyor stated that he did not require the plant.

1352/39. LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Letterkenny, stating that the storm blew in one of the windows in the Courthouse, and that a fireplace in one of the rooms had fallen. He wrote to the County Registrar who instructed him to have repairs carried out at once. He got a few tenders, the cheapest of which was £1 : 5 : 0, and the following repairs were carried out for this sum:- Rehangings two windows, fixing fireplace, and five new seats and chairs.

He also stated that the windows and doors of the Courthouse were in need of painting and slight repairs.

The Council decided to pay the sum of £1 : 5 : 0, and to refer the question of the painting of the doors and windows to the County Surveyor for his attention.

1353/39. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM WOODQUARTER TO GLEN.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Wilhare, Drim, Cranford, calling attention to the condition of the road from Woodquarter to Glen. He had to make a living with his lorry on this road, and he would pay no more tax until the road was repaired.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Mulreany:-

"The road in question runs for the most part through bog, and except for about a mile at the Woodquarter end of the road, has never been rolled. Heavy traffic of turf lorries has the road very badly torn up. The road has not the foundation to stand up to such heavy traffic. As regards the road leading from Mr. Wilhare's house, it is in fair order and has only recently been darned by the Contractor with 2" stones."

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

1354/39. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGinley, Kerrykeel, complaining that he had not received payment for stones supplied.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Mulreany:-

"The stones for which Mr. McGinley is requesting payment has been quarried and piled by men working on E.S.V. Grant or Road Improvement Grant some two years ago. I will have to interview Mr. Dawson, who was then in charge, to find out whether these stones have to be paid for or not."

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

1355/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - REPAIR OF OLD SEA WALL AT SALTHILL, MOUNTCHARLES.

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

"As is usual at this time of the year portion of the old sea-wall at Salthill has given way in several places and urgent repairs are needed. The estimate for repairs which I am giving is merely for repairing the damage, but eventually all this old section which has a bad foundation and vertical face will need to be re-constructed.

Will you please apply for the necessary funds for immediate repair:-

5 cubic yards of masonry in breaches.....	£3 : 15 : 0.
130 lineal feet new concrete protective apron, and	
80 lineal feet old concrete apron to be strengthened....	£17 : 0 : 0.
Pointing masonry where small cracks show.....	£2 : 5 : 0.
	<u>£23 : 0 : 0.</u>

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the expenditure of a sum of £23 from the Contingency Fund on this work.

1356/39. CONTINGENCY FUND - REPAIR OF RETAINING WALL ON THE CROAGHLIN-CAPPAGH ROAD, MAP NO. 1845.

The County Surveyor applied for a sum of £20 from the Contingency Fund for the repair of a retaining wall on the Croaghlin-Cappagh Road, Teclin, Map No. 1845.

The application was granted unanimously.

1357/39. BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS - DONEGAL AREA.

The County Surveyor asked the Council to have the following Road Contracts in the Donegal Area broken:-

Index 60, 1st April, 1939, Map No. 1705 -	Anthony McCabe, Meenacahan.
Index 48, 1st April, 1938, Map No. 1792 -	Wm. F. McKelvey, Altidoo.
Index 49, 1st April, 1938, Map No. 1793 -	James McMullin, Drumlonagher.
Index 90, 1st April, 1938, Map No. 1927a -	Jas. McMullin, Drumlonagher.
Index 26, 1st April, 1938, Map No. 1789 -	Patk. Harley, Knocknagar.
Index 85, 1st April, 1938, Map No. 1714 -	John Cunningham, Castlecoogary.
Index 75, 1st April, 1938, Map No. 1896 -	Jas. McCunningham, Dunkineely.

The Council unanimously decided to break the contracts.

1358/39. APPLICATION FROM MR. W. J. DOHERTY, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, FOR PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT AN EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR THE COMMISSIONER FOR BUNCRANA URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Assistant County Surveyor, stating that Mr. McLysaght, Commissioner for Buncrana Urban, had asked him to carry out a Grant of £1,440 (Employment Schemes Vote), (Urban), and requesting the Council's permission to do so.

Councillor Scott stated that the road on which this Grant would be expended passed Mr. Doherty's residence, and, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor, he proposed that he be allowed to carry out the work.

The County Surveyor stated that he had no objection.

Councillor Brady seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

1359/39. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LANDS OWING TO BLOCKING UP OF PIPE AT CORGARY, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. John McMonagle, Corgary, Ballybofey, complaining of the flooding of his lands owing to the blocking up of a pipe.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. O'Reilly, Chief Assistant Co. Surveyor:-

"Accompanied by Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, I inspected the pipes referred to by Mr. McMonagle on the 22nd inst. Mr. McMonagle was away from home, but as far as I could ascertain from my inspection, the matter seems to be a private dispute between neighbours, and so does not concern the County Council."

The Council decided to take no further action in the matter.

1360/39. PROPOSED ERECTION OF LIGHTS ON ROSBEG PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, on behalf of Rosbeg fishermen, requesting the Council to proceed immediately with the erection of lights at Rosbeg Pier.

Councillor Scott inquired the position regarding the proposed erection of these lights.

It was decided to inquire from the Board of Works what form of consent Mr. J. J. Kearney had given for the erection of these lights on his lands.

1361/39. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS HARBOUR MASTER AT ROSBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, recommending Mr. Michael O'Boyle, Rosbeg, for the position of Harbour Master at Rosbeg Pier.

The Council decided to inform Mr. McHugh that there was no vacancy.

1362/39. COMPLAINT RE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean O'Gallagher, Cloughboy, Ardara, complaining that his employment as Ganger had been terminated, whilst single men and married men with less dependents were retained as Gangers.

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

"Mr. Sean O'Gallagher was given the job as Ganger a few days previous to work beginning. Messrs. Tom and John Boyd wrote to me objecting to making a road through their land, notwithstanding the fact that they signed Consent Form last year."

The Council noted the reason for the termination of Mr. Gallagher's employment.

1363/39. APPLICATION FROM MR. F. MCKAY, ACCOUNTANT, FOR REMUNERATION FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH GRANTS.

A letter was read from Mr. F. McKay, Accountant, applying for remuneration for extra work in connection with Road Grants.

Councillor Scott proposed that Mr. McKay be granted a sum of £50.

Councillor Brady seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

1364/39. COMPLAINT RE BEING DEPRIVED OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT OWING TO BREAKDOWN OF ROLLER ON A MONDAY MORNING AT 10.20 A.M.

A letter was read from a number of workmen working at the stone-breaker at Ladden, complaining that on Monday, 4th December, the Breaker broke down at 10.20 a.m., and they were deprived of Unemployment Benefit for that week.

The Council decided that this was a matter for the Employment Exchange.

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APPLICATION FROM MR. GEORGE McDERMOTT, ENGINE-DRIVER,
TO BE TRANSFERRED TO WORK NEARER HIS HOME.

A letter was read from Mr. George McDermott, Engine-Driver, asking to be transferred from the Southern Division of the County to the Northern Division, so as to be nearer his home, which was in Lifford.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for his sympathetic consideration.

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A letter was read from Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, asking to be transferred to the Milford Area.

The Secretary stated that this matter had been adjourned pending the taking up of duty by the new County Surveyor.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and, in the meantime, to ask Mr. McIvor if he still wished to be transferred to Milford Area, with the condition that he reside in the town of Milford.

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PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE ON THE LETTERKENNY-
KILMACRENAN ROAD BY MR. GEORGE O'BRIEN.

The Council again proceeded to consider the question of the erection of a house on the Letterkenny-Kilmacrenan Main Road by Mr. George O'Brien, within the statutory limits from the centre of the road. The Secretary stated that the matter had been adjourned until the new County Surveyor would take up duty.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that Councillor Baxter had informed him, before leaving the Meeting, that this matter was now in order. The Council decided to take no further action in the matter.

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