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THE ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1937.

1/37.

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, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCreadie, McDaid, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), O'Neill, Scott, Wegentreiber, and Walsh.

2/37. CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1938.

The Secretary submitted the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1938, the totals of which were as follows:-

REPAIR.

Main Roads.....	£37,782.
County Roads.....	£40,364.

IMPROVEMENT.

Main Roads.....	168.
County Roads.....	1,832.
Councillors' Motions, Main Roads...	640 : 10 : 0.
Councillors' Motions, County Roads.	1,800 : 10 : 0.

URBANS.

Letterkenny.....	340 : 0 : 0.
Bundoran.....	900 : 0 : 0.
Buncrana.....	200 : 0 : 0.

CONTINGENCIES.

Main Roads.....	500 : 0 : 0.
County Roads.....	1,000 : 0 : 0.

OUTSTANDING LOANS.

Dreenan Bridge.....	11 : 8 : 4.
Drumboe Bridge.....	12 : 18 : 0.
Annagry-Ranafast Road.....	190 : 0 : 0.
Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37..	4,500 : 0 : 0.
West Donegal Road Re-Construction Scheme....	1,532 : 0 : 0.

TOTAL..... £91,773 : 6 : 4.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, Northern Division, submitted the following report:-

"The Road Works Scheme has been prepared on the basis of £65 per mile for Main Roads and £13 : 10 : 0 for County Roads, and the amounts asked for repair and improvement are the same as last year with an addition of £1,400 for new Bridges. This amount is less than the amount allowed six years ago. During these six years the traffic on the roads has increased. The number of heavy lorries registered in the County has increased 70%. The Railways have taken over all the privately-owned lorries that plied for hire, and have diverted a lot of their traffic to the roads. Already one branch line has closed down.

What is even a more disturbing factor, a lot of heavy traffic is going on to weak County Roads, particularly Bog Roads, and doing an immense amount of damage. The ton trucks which were so common a number of years ago have been re-placed in recent years by lorries with a three-ton capacity, which if you count the weight of the vehicle have a total weight of nearly five tons. These do an immense amount of harm to weak Bog Roads. Some years ago an effort was made to limit the weight of vehicles using Main Roads. I am of opinion that if a limit is not put on the weight of vehicles using some County Roads, the amount required to keep them in order will be very considerably increased in the future."

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31ST MARCH, 1938. (CONTINUED).

A general discussion took place in which reference was made to the large amount of Grants that were being expended in the County, the effect of which, it was considered, should have been reflected in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

Councillor Brady proposed that the amount allowed for Main Roads be reduced by £15 per mile. He stated that this would effect a saving of about £8,900.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal.

The Secretary pointed out that any deductions from the expenditure proposed on Main Roads, would mean a reduction in the Main Road Upkeep Grant, which was based on 40% of the expenditure on Main Roads.

Councillor Scott submitted that the Council were already committed to the estimate submitted by the County Surveyor at the October Meeting, and that without a rescinding motion it was not now possible to depart from it.

Councillor Mahony contended that the County Surveyor's Estimate was merely provisional and preliminary, and he proposed a resolution to this effect.

Councillor Brady seconded, and on the motion being put to the Meeting, it was carried by a large majority.

Councillor Brady's motion that the amount allowed for Main Roads be reduced by £15 per mile was then put to the Meeting, and carried unanimously.

Councillor Baxter then proposed, and Councillor Blaney seconded that the amount allowed for Councillors' Motions be deleted from the Scheme.

Councillor Mahony proposed, as an amendment, and Councillor Cole seconded that the amount allowed for Councillors' Motions be retained.

The amendment was put to the Meeting and the following voted for it:-

Councillors Brady, Byrne, Cole, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McDaid, McFadden, McGrenra, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh. Total 23.

The following voted against the amendment:-

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Friel, Gallagher, MacCreadie, McIvor, and O'Neill. Total 7.

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

A further amendment by Councillor Brady that the Acting County Surveyors be instructed to reduce the amount allowed for Improvements by £2,520 was afterwards withdrawn.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the total amount for roads be allocated to each Assistant Surveyor's District according to the mileage in that district.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

The Council unanimously decided to make the following changes in the Scheme:-

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The work on Nos. 78 and 78A to be done by Direct Labour instead of by Contract.

Page 17, Donegal Area.

The work on No. 1946 to be done by Contract instead of by Direct Labour.

Page 73, Stranorlar Area.

The work on a proposal of Councillor Gallen's of £20 to be done by Direct Labour instead of by Contract.

The work on a proposal of Councillor Gallen's of £30 (No. 1308) to be done by Contract instead of by Direct Labour.

The Scheme was completed by the Secretary in accordance with the instructions of the Council, and unanimously confirmed, with the afore-said amendments.

3/37.

APPOINTMENTS OF TENDERS COMMITTEES.

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

BUNCRANA COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

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

DONEGAL COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Brady, Gallagher, Kelly, Myles, McFadden, McShane, McShea, O'Brien, and O'Neill.

GLENTIES COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

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

LETTERKENNY COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Cramerand, Hannigan, Gallen, Mahony, McCrea, McMenamin, and Wagentreiber.

MILFORD COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Loughrey, MacCreadie, and McGronra.

4/37.

DECISION OF MANNER AND CONDITIONS FOR MAKING TENDERS.

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

5/37.

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.....Wednesday, 24th February, 1937.
 Ballyshannon.....Friday, 12th February, 1937.
 Donegal.....Friday, 19th February, 1937.
 Dunfanaghy.....Saturday, 20th February, 1937.
 Dungloe.....Friday, 19th February, 1937.
 Glenties.....Wednesday, 17th February, 1937.
 Inishowen.....Monday, 22nd February, 1937.
 Kilcar.....Monday, 22nd February, 1937.
 Letterkenny.....Thursday, 18th February, 1937.
 Lifford.....Wednesday, 17th February, 1937.
 Milford.....Friday, 19th February, 1937.
 Stranorlar.....Friday, 19th February, 1937.
 Pettigo.....Wednesday, 17th February, 1937.

The appointment of Clerks to the Meetings of the Tenders Committees was referred to the local Councillors and the Assistant Surveyors in each case.

6/37.

FOOTPATHS IN BUNCRANA URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Buncrana, dated 10th July, 1936, stating that he had been directed by the Buncrana Urban Council to request that the footpaths and gateway entrances on the Main Street be repaired.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

7/37.

PURCHASE OF A LIGHT ROLLER FOR THE COUNTY.

The Council re-considered the report of Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, Northern Division on the question of the purchase of a light Roller for the County, and on the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to purchase a new light Roller from Messrs. Fowler at £760; the amount to be raised by way of loan spread over a period of five years. (Minute No. 1441/36, 29/12/1936.)

8/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN BELCRUIT N.S. AND RAILWAY CUTTING AT MEENBANAD.

A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Boyle, Belcruit, Kincasslagh, drawing attention to the state of a road between Belcruit N.S. and the Railway Cutting at Meenbanad. This road was constructed in 1886 by the late Congested Districts Board and was handed over to the County Council for maintenance. It was at present a danger to horses and cars, and would soon be unfit for use.

Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported that the annual maintenance allowance for this road had now been increased from £18 to £52.

The Council noted and approved of Mr. O'Reilly's report.

9/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN CROSSROADS AND CASTLEDERG FROM MOUNTHALL UPPER GATE TO GLENEELY N.S.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Mullaghaneary, Killygordon, enclosing petition from representatives of motor owners, and the professional and farming communities, drawing the attention of the Council to the dangerous condition of portion of the road between Crossroads and Castlederg, from Mounthall Upper Gate to Gleneely N.S. The road appeared to have been constructed on a rock, and attempts to repair the surface were useless unless the rock was removed. They wished the Council to allocate a grant of about £100 to remove the rock by blasting operations.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

10/37. REPAIR OF ROAD IN TOWNLANDS OF MEENASRONE NORTH AND BALLINAMORE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE CROSSING RIVER FINN.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 9th November, 1936, A. & R. (F.) 67346/36, stating that they had sanctioned the expenditure of a sum of £100 towards the repair of a road in the townlands of Meenasrone North and Ballinamore, and a bridge crossing the River Finn, and they were prepared to contribute this sum towards the cost of the work, which was estimated at £200, provided the Council carry out the work, and enter into an undertaking to maintain the road and bridge in future.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This is a County Road extending from Scallan Bridge to Railway Gatehouse, Meenasrone. The Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Kearney, reports that for the greater part of the year this road is flooded and impassable. A number of years ago the Congested Districts Board raised the level of the road by filling, and built fences alongside, but the filling and fences sank to the original level of adjoining land. The Bridge across the River Finn requires to be re-constructed; the drains opened; two fences built; and the carriageway filled to a height of four feet. In view of the fact that this is a County Road, I think the Council would be well-advised to take advantage of the Irish Land Commission's offer."

The Secretary stated that no provision had been made for this work.

The Council unanimously decided to inform the Irish Land Commission that the Council could make no contribution this year towards the cost of the work.

11/37. DANGEROUS CORNER AT RAY, MENORCUNNINGHAM.

Councillor Mahony proposed:- "That the corner be straightened and the road widened at Ray, Menorcunningham, where there was recently a fatal accident."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

12/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF "BRUCKLESS BRAE" IN THE DUNKINEELY DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the County Council enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers of the Dunkineely District requesting the Council to instruct their Surveyor to inspect and report on the possibility of cutting in the near future at least 10 or 12 feet off the top of the hill known as "Bruckless Brae." The "Brae" was a great inconvenience to the general public who used the road, and the low portion of the road which was subject to flooding could be raised with material taken from off the top of the "Brae."

The Acting County Surveyor reported that it would cost about £60 to make any kind of useful cutting on Bruckless "Brae." The road was not very important, as most of the traffic was on Map No. 1886, which was a good wide rolled road. A U. Grant of £500 was being expended on No. 1886.

As there was no money available for this work, the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

13/37. DECLARATION OF CERTAIN ROADS AS COUNTY ROADS.

The following report regarding the declaration of roads as County Roads was submitted from Assistant Surveyor Kearney:-
"The surface of these roads is not good, simply a pie-crush on Bog. Once they are taken over by the County Council heavy lorries use them. The roads become impassable, and then the people complain that their roads are in a disgraceful state. I suggest that the matter should be looked into before the roads are declared County Roads."

The Council noted the report.

14/37. ROAD FROM PORTNOO-ROSBEG ROAD, AND GOING THROUGH TOWNLAND OF BALLYERIN.

Councillor Houston proposed:- "That the road leading from the Portnool-Rosbeg Road, and going through the townland of Ballyerin, be declared a County Road."

The Secretary stated that the required public notice had been given.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road did not comply with all the conditions of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

15/37. ROAD FROM BALLINTRIA ROAD AT THE COUNTY GATE, AND JOINING THE LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, ARRANMORE.

Councillor Walsh proposed:- "That 370 perches of a road from the Ballintra Road at the County Gate, and joining the Lighthouse Road, Arranmore, be declared a County Road."

The Secretary stated that the required public notice had been given.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road complied with all the conditions of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Council unanimously decided to take over the road as a County Road.

16/37. ROAD BETWEEN DUNGLOE-CROLLY ROAD AND DUNGLOE-ANNAGRY ROAD.

Councillor Walsh proposed and Councillor O'Donnell seconded:- "That 218 perches of the road between the Dungloe-Crollly Road at Paddy Roger's, and connecting the Dungloe-Annagry Road at Ardcrone School, be declared a County Road."

The Secretary stated that the required public notice had been given.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road complied with all the conditions of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Council unanimously decided to take over the road as a County Road.

17/37. ROAD LEADING OFF DUNGLOE-KINCASSLAGH ROAD AT JAMES BONNER'S, SHESKINARONE.

Councillor Walsh proposed and Councillor O'Donnell seconded:-
"That 255 perches of road off Dungloe-Kincasslagh Road at James Bonner's, Sheskinarone, and joining the same road at Owen Coll's, Sheskinarone, be declared a County Road."

The Secretary stated that the required public notice had been given.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road complied with the conditions of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Council unanimously decided to take over the road as a County Road.

18/37. EXTENSION OF ROAD OFF THE DUNGLOE-CULLION ROAD.

Councillor Walsh proposed and Councillor O'Donnell seconded:-
"That 37 perches of an extension to the Dungloe-Cullion Road be declared a County Road."

Councillor Blaney referred to Assistant Surveyor Kearney's report querying the wisdom of taking over a number of roads as County Roads, which were not formerly County Roads, and he stated that by so doing these roads were deprived of the benefits of any Minor Relief Schemes which might be expended on them, and, further, the annual maintenance cost of them increased considerably the amount necessary for the upkeep of roads.

He proposed that this and all other motions on the Agenda dealing with the taking over of roads as County Roads be adjourned until the next Meeting.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

19/37. ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

Arising out of Councillor Blaney's motion, the following items were adjourned until next Meeting:-

Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That the road from the Three Roads at Ballyloskey to Mullans Three Roads be declared a County Road."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That the road from the Three Roads at Cregnahorna to Glassalts be declared a County Road."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That the road from the Three Roads at Tiernaleague to the Three Roads at Glassha be declared a County Road."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That the road from Golan Bridge to Golan Bog be declared a County Road."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Lynch:- "That the road leading from Pat Canny's to Falduff, Glenegannon, be declared a County Road."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Lynch:- "That the road from Logue's to Doherty's off the Cruckashane Hill Road be declared a County Road."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Brian O'Donnell:- "That 200 perches of the road from Loughanure-Annagry Road to John Boyle's in the townlands of Meenderrynasloe, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Brian O'Donnell:- "That 100 perches of the road from Father Dan's Road, Ranafast, to Maurice Coll's at Strand, in the townland of Ranafast, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Brian O'Donnell:- "That 500 perches of road from Mullaghduff-Kincasslagh Road to Owen Sharkey's at Drumnacart, in the townlands of Mullaghduff and Drumnacart, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."

20/37. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

The Meeting then adjourned until Tuesday, 30th March, 1937.

Confirmed.



CHAIRMAN,

26th January, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1937.

21/37.

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, Gallagher, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, McMenamin, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McDaid, McIvor, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), O'Neill, Scott, and Walsh.

22/37.

A P O L O G Y.

Councillor Scott apologised for the absence from the Meeting of Councillor Wagentreiber owing to illness.

23/37.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Mr. James McMenamin, Ballybofey, who was co-opted a member of the Council in place of the late Mr. James Magee, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, took part in the business of the Meeting.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the Council extended a welcome to Councillor McMenamin on his first appearance at their Meetings.

Councillor McMenamin suitably acknowledged.

24/37.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 29th December, 1936, were confirmed unanimously.

25/37.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady the Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on the 14th January, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

26/37.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 29th December, 1936, was adopted unanimously.

27/37.

REPORT OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott the Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings held on the 29th December, 1936, and the 14th January, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

28/37.

REPORTS OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor Cole the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 29th December, 1936, was adopted unanimously.

Councillor McIvor proposed the adoption of the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 14th January, 1937, with the exception of the Minutes relating to the appointments of Inspectors, as he stated that the arrangements made by the Committee had not yet been approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Councillor McIvor's proposal was passed unanimously.

29/37.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION CLAIM - DANIEL DOHERTY,
LEENAN, CLONMANY.

Arising out of the Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings, Councillor Friel referred to the Workmen's Compensation Claim of Daniel Doherty, Leenan, Clonmany, and he inquired the Sub-Committee's decision in the case.

The Secretary stated that this man had been engaged on Minor Relief Schemes, and that the payment of compensation was a matter for the Commissioners of Public Works.

30/37.

QUARTERLY LIST OF PAYMENTS.

The Secretary submitted the List of Payments for the quarter ended 31st December, 1936, and, on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty, payment was ordered in each case.

31/37.

ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINN DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Puiblí faoi dhata an 4adú Eanáir, 1937, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £70,000 suas go dtí an 31adú la de'n mhi seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £80,000 riachtanach go dtí an 28adú Feabhra, 1937.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000 suas go dtí an 28adú Feabhra, 1937.

32/37.

AREA OF CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH ST. JOHNSTON WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th December, 1936, P.H.205550/36, Dun na nGall., enclosing copy of Sealed Order determining the County Health District of Donegal as the Area of Charge for expenses incurred in connection with the provision and maintenance of a water supply at St. Johnston.

33/37.

VALUATION OF ISLANDS OFF THE DONEGAL COAST.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st January, 1937, G.241304/36, Dun na nGall., stating that the Council's resolution regarding the valuation of Islands off the Donegal Coast had been forwarded to the Commissioner for Valuation.

34/37.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PROVISION IN THE FREE STATE.

The Secretary submitted the Report of Public Library Provision in the Irish Free State, 1935.

35/37.

NAMES APPROVED FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH MARGARINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 1st January, 1937, 49/35, enclosing copies of the forty-sixth list of names approved for use in connection with margarine.

36/37.

GRANTS ALLOCATED UNDER EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 5th January, 1937, RU.203/201, referring to Grants allocated under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, and stating that no portion of such grants would be available after the 31st March, 1937, unless such sums were re-voted.

37/37.

CLOSING OF MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE TO THE PUBLIC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 5th January, 1937, Circular M.T.252, inquiring on what days during the year the Motor Taxation Office was closed to the public.

38/37. PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 7th January, 1937, RGM/201/37, requesting to be furnished with copies of the Provisional Road Works Scheme, 1937/38.

39/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Stravalley; Kingarow; Desertegney; Trentaboy; Beltra; Clara; Binion; Glenmalin; Tullycleave; Corveen; Milford; Malin Head; and Stranorlar.

40/37. RETURNS OF VEHICLES LICENSED AT PREFERENTIAL RATES OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 8th January, 1937, referring to the monthly return (RF/15/8) of vehicles licensed at the preferential rates of motor licence duty provided by Section 7 of the Finance (Customs and Excise) Duties Act, 1933, and stating that inaccuracies in such returns on the part of some Registration Authorities had resulted in considerable inconvenience.

41/37. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - MILFORD AREA.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th January, 1937, E.8922/36, stating that no objection would be offered to the temporary employment of Mr. P. McGlinchey, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties in the Milford Area, with remuneration at the rate of £105 per annum, for the period from 7th to 20th January, inclusive, during the absence on annual leave of Mr. McIlhargey.

42/37. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INSTITUTION OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY ENGINEERS.

An invitation was submitted to send delegates to the Annual Conference of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers to be held at Bournemouth in June, 1937.

43/37. SUSPENSION OF DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED TO EDWARD MCGUINEY, CARRICKBOY, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 29th December, 1936, RV.221/14, enclosing Driving Licence issued to Edward McGuiney, Carrickboy, Ballyshannon, which was suspended on the 15th September, and stating that the licence should be returned to the District Court Clerk, Trim, with the request that Section 35 (2) of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, be first complied with.

44/37. LOAN OF £18,000 TO DEFRAY PORTION OF COST OF WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 5th January, 1937, S.10038/36, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had sanctioned the borrowing by the Council of a sum of £18,000 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on certain road works proposed to be undertaken by the Council for the relief of unemployment.

45/37. ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th January, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the arrangements made by the Council for the carrying out of the duties of the County Surveyor while he is absent on sick leave.

46/37.

WEST DONEGAL ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 4th January, 1937, R/RS/7, sanctioning the appointment by the Council for a period not exceeding six months of Mr. Hugh Hackett as Temporary Engineer to organise and take charge of the West Donegal Road Re-Construction Scheme on the terms advertised by the Council. The Minister agreed that Mr. Hackett's remuneration might be charged to the Scheme.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th January, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that reference to remuneration in their letter of the 4th idem sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Hugh Hackett as Temporary Engineer might be taken as including Travelling Expenses.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Brian O'Donnell seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Hackett be given complete control of the West Donegal Road Re-Construction Scheme.

47/37.

APPLICATION FROM ASSISTANT SURVEYORS FOR REMUNERATION IN RESPECT OF ADDITIONAL WORK PERFORMED OWING TO GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th January, 1937, R/RS/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th idem, and stating that payments to members of the Survey Staff were not allowed against the Employment Schemes. These Schemes were for the provision of work for unemployed persons.

Councillor Brady proposed that the matter be referred back to the Department for re-consideration, and, in proposing, he stated that these extra Grants had thrown very heavy additional work on the Survey Staff, and it was only reasonable that they should be remunerated.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

48/37.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1937.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department enclosing Payable Order for £8,000 in respect of an instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1937.

49/37.

SURFACE DRESSING DURING HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1936.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th December, 1936, R/RGM/7, referring to requisition for payment on account of the Road Maintenance Grant, 1936/37, in respect of the half-year ended 30th September, 1936, and asking to be furnished with a certificate of surface dressing from the County Surveyor.

50/37.

GRANTS UNDER EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th January, 1937, RU.203/201, referring to the grants allocated to the Council under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, Roads (Rural) Schemes, and stating that the Minister was anxious to have these Schemes in operation at the earliest possible date.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th January, 1937, RU/203/37, referring to requisition on Form 97 for payment on account of the grant of £26,970 towards the cost of a scheme of road works to be carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, and requesting to be furnished with Form RU/203/E.4. duly completed.

51/37. ROAD FROM BELLAVARA BRIDGE TO TUBBER THREE ROADS,
MAP NO. 2061, CONTRACT NO. 27.

Councillor Myles submitted a petition from a number of ratepayers in the townlands of Cashel, Carricknahorna, Cavangarden, and Tubber, asking to have the road from Bellawara Bridge to Tubber Three Roads rolled in the next contract.

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

52/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING AND WIDENING OF THE
CROLLY RIVER.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell proposed, Councillor Walsh seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Council request the Board of Works to give a substantial grant for the cleaning and widening of the Crollly River. Portion of this work had been carried out four years ago. This river in question and without exaggeration was flooding the lands of at least forty tenants, and last Autumn many people lost practically all their hay and straw, and their potatoes were unfit for table use on account of water lodging there for a very considerable time. There was also one tenant threatened, and sooner or later he must abandon his holding. This tenant, to his own misfortune, lost one of his children some years ago on its way home from School by slipping into one of the many pools of water caused by the swelling of the river."

53/37. PROPOSED DECLARATION OF CERTAIN ROADS TO BE COUNTY ROADS.

The Council decided to refer the following Notices of Motion to the Acting County Surveyors for reports for next Meeting:-

- (1) Notice of Motion by Councillor Walsh:- "That 37 perches of an extension to the Dungloe-Cullion Road be declared a County Road."
- (2) Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That the road from the Three Roads at Ballyloskey to Mullans Three Roads be declared a County Road."
- (3) Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That the road from the Three Roads at Cregnahorna to Glassalts be declared a County Road."
- (4) Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That the road from the Three Roads at Tiernaleague to the Three Roads at Glasha be declared a County Road."
- (5) Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That the road from Golan Bridge to Golan Bog be declared a County Road."
- (6) Notice of Motion by Councillor Lynch:- "That the road leading from Pat Canny's to Falduff, Glenegamon, be declared a County Road."
- (7) Notice of Motion by Councillor Lynch:- "That the road from Logue's to Doherty's off the Cruckashane Hill Road be declared a County Road."
- (8) Notice of Motion by Councillor Brian O'Donnell:- "That 200 perches of the road from Loughanure-Annagry Road to John Boyle's in the townland of Meenderrynasloe, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."
- (9) Notice of Motion by Councillor Brian O'Donnell:- "That 100 perches of the road from Father Dan's Road, Renafast, to Maurice Coll's at Strand, in the townland of Renafast, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."
- (10) Notice of Motion by Councillor Brian O'Donnell:- "That 500 perches of road from Mullaghduff-Kincasslagh Road to Owen Sharkey's at Drumnacart, in the townlands of Mullaghduff and Drumnacart, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."

54/37. COUNCILLORS' MOTIONS FOR NEW ROADS, ETC.

Councillor Blaney proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That all Councillors' Motions for new roads, etc., be inspected and reported, or recommended as necessary works before being executed by the Council."

55/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD IN TOWNLAND
OF STRANAGLOUGH, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Councillor Byrne enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers asking the Council to apply for a grant to have a new Bog Road made in the townland of Stranaglough, Glenties, to facilitate them in having their turf brought to the public road.

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

56/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT MEENAVOGGY,
CLONMANY.

Councillor Friel proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works for a free grant of £200 to make a new road of 300 perches leading from William Gill's residence at Meenavoggy to the road leading from Cloontagh to Gibland."

57/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD BETWEEN
MEENLETTERBALE AND MEENLETTERBALE BOG, MOVILLE DISTRICT.

Councillor McDaid proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works to make a new road (550 yards) between Meenletterbale and Meenletterbale Bog, in a north-easterly direction, off Road No. 72, Map No. 193."

Councillor McDaid, in proposing the motion, stated that the Trustees of the Estate were willing to contribute £40 towards the making of this road.

58/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD BETWEEN
CARROWBEG AND MEENLETTERBALE BOG, MOVILLE DISTRICT.

Councillor McDaid proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works to make a new Bog Road (550 yards) between Carrowbeg and Meenletterbale Bog in a south-easterly direction off Road No. 48, Map No. 194."

Councillor McDaid, in proposing the Motion, stated that the Trustees of the Estate were willing to contribute £40 towards the making of this road.

59/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD FROM GLENEELY
TO RUDDYTOWN, IN THE MONEYDARRAGH DISTRICT, MOVILLE.

Councillor McDaid proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works for a grant for the making of 82 perches of a new road from Gleneely to Ruddytown between Micky McLaughlin's, Moneydarragh, and Edward Ruddy's, Moneydarragh."

60/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD BETWEEN COOLEY
AND BALLYLAWN ROAD, MOVILLE AREA.

Councillor McDaid proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works for a grant for the making of a new road between George Kirkland's, Cooley, and Ballylawn Road."

61/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD BETWEEN BALLEIGHAN
ROAD AND WM. FRIZELLE'S, CARROWHUGH ROAD, GREENCASTLE.

Councillor McDaid proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works for a grant for the making of a new road between Balleighan Road and William Frizelle's, Carrowhugh Road."

62/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD BETWEEN COOLEY ROAD AND MONEYDARRAGH BOG, MOVILLE AREA.

Councillor McDaid proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works for a grant for the making of a new road between Cooley Road and Moneydarragh Bog, Moville Area."

63/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD BETWEEN BOOTAGH AND SCOTCH BALLYHARRY, MOVILLE AREA.

Councillor McDaid proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works for a grant for the making of 52 perches of a new road between Bootagh and Scotch Ballyharry, Map No. 114.196, and Map No. 115.166."

64/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD FROM BALLYLAWN TO CRAIGLEET ROAD.

Councillor McDaid proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council ask the Board of Works for a grant for the making of a new road from Joseph Logue's, Ballylawn, to Craigleet Road."

65/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF GLENFINN STREET, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Councillor McMenamin drawing attention to the condition of Glenfinn Street, Ballybofeigh. The street was opened some time ago for the purpose of laying the new sewer, and except that the opening was filled in nothing had since been done to repair the surface.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for his immediate attention.

66/37. COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

The Secretary submitted Certificate of Taxation of the Council's Solicitor's Bill of Costs, from which it appeared that the total costs as taxed amounted to £813 : 2 : 9.

The Secretary stated that of this amount a sum of £310 was outlay, and the balance was in respect of costs.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, payment was ordered.

Councillor Friel stated that the Council would gain financially by having a whole-time Solicitor, and he stated he would lodge a Notice of Motion to this effect for next Meeting.

67/37. WEIGHBRIDGE AT MOUNTCHARLES PIER.

A letter was read from Sergeant McTague, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Letterkenny, stating that the cart weighbridge at Mountcharles Pier was incorrect. With a load of one ton it registered 19½ cwt. It required a thorough overhaul. He had cancelled the stamp, and informed the caretaker that its further use, until rectified, would be illegal.

The Council decided to have the necessary repairs carried out, and to ask Messrs. Pooley & Co. for a quotation for the annual inspection and repair of the weighbridge at the same time as Donegal Weighbridge was being inspected.

68/37. CO-ORDINATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERING SERVICES.

Councillor Scott proposed that the question of arranging a date for the next Meeting of the Committee dealing with the Co-ordination of the Engineering Services be adjourned during the illness of the County Surveyor.

69/37. DATE OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Council unanimously decided that a Meeting of the Law Committee be held on Tuesday, 16th February, 1937.

70/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT BUNANINVER,
DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 22nd December, 1936, W.14/28/35, stating that representations had been made as to the necessity for improving the landing facilities at Bunaninver, Derrybeg. The suggestion was that a slipway as indicated on a drawing enclosed with the letter should be provided. The cost of this work was estimated at £385, and the Minister would be prepared to afford the proposal such favourable consideration as might be possible in the interests of the local fishermen on the Islands and mainland. In this connection he would be glad to have the views of the Council on the matter, and should the Council be prepared to support the project he would wish to know what contribution towards the cost would be forthcoming, and whether the Council would be prepared to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the slipway if, and when, erected.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor McCafferty the Council unanimously decided to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the slipway, when erected.

The Council did not consider that they were in a position to make any contribution.

71/37.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF LEADING LIGHT AT BREAGHY HEAD.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd December, 1936, C.90.3.1.36., relative to the proposed erection of a leading light at Breaghy Head, and to the Council's undertaking to accept responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the light when erected. A grant not exceeding £250 had been sanctioned in this matter, and the approval of the Commissioners of Irish Lights had been obtained. The proposed works would only be undertaken by them subject to the terms of an Agreement enclosed with their letter, the acceptance of which by the Council should be indicated by the passing by them of a resolution agreeing to the conditions set out therein, and to the approval of the plan, specification, and estimate, one copy of which should be returned to them when signed by the County Surveyor. Their Engineer reported that the site of the proposed light and the approach thereto were on a Mrs. Stewart's land, and he had obtained from her a consent to the erection of the light and a right-of-way thereto on condition that her son was appointed to take charge of the light. The boy was about 20 years of age and was reported to be of an intelligent type and should be able to attend the light satisfactorily. The Council would, no doubt, make arrangements for the employment of Mrs. Stewart's son as Caretaker so as to render her consent in the matter of the site and right-of-way effective.

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

"I have examined the plans for the erection of a leading light at Breaghy Head and find them in order. The question of appointing the son of the owner of the land to take charge of the light in exchange for permission to erect the light and use a right-of-way to it seems to be anything but satisfactory. It might leave the Council in an awkward position in either of the following circumstances:- if the caretaker was not satisfied with a reasonable salary now or at some future date; or if the caretaker so far neglected his duties as to merit dismissal. While there is no objection to appointing this man as Caretaker, there seems to me to be great objections to appointing him on the conditions stated in the letter from the Board of Works."

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle the Council unanimously decided to accept the terms of the Agreement, and to approve of the plan, specification, and estimate, for the works.

It was also decided to employ Mr. Stewart at the same rate of remuneration as was allowed in other similar cases in the County under the Commissioners of Irish Lights, and subject to the satisfactory performance of his duties.

72/37.

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

Applications were received for the payment of the following accounts, which were out-of-date:-

<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Amount of Account.</u>
James Gillespie, Ballyshannon.	£43 : 4 : 0.
Mrs. Mary E. Mulhern, Ballyshannon.	15 : 2.
R. S. Magee & Son, Solrs., Strabane.	£42 : 1 : 9.
National Bank, Ltd., Carndonagh.	3 : 0.

The Council decided to apply to the Local Government Department for permission to pay these accounts.

73/37.

ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from Mr. John Caffrey, County Surveyor, dated 5th January, 1937, enclosing further Medical Certificate from Dr. H. L. Parker, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, certifying that Mr. Caffrey would be unable to resume his duties for a month from that date.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Mr. Caffrey continuance of sick leave for the period covered by the Medical Certificate.

74/37. ROTATION OF UNSKILLED LABOUR ON THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 4th January, 1937, RU/203/201, referring to previous correspondence regarding the rotation of unskilled labour on the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37 - Roads (Rural) Schemes, and stating that it had been decided to fix the minimum number of days' employment at three per week for all road works which were being carried out under the schemes in rural areas where the rate of wages was not more than 30/- per week. In such areas arrangements should be made to secure that workmen who received two days' employment each week at present should be offered three days' employment each week.

The Council noted the letter.

75/37,

CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 2nd January, 1937, C.85./146/1/36, regarding the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage District, and stating that as the works in the confirmed Scheme had been duly executed by them, and as the District had been handed over to the County Council for maintenance purposes, they could not now consider the question of carrying out additional works therein. They observed that no maintenance works appeared to have been carried out by the Council during the year 1935, and they had to point out that under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, the duty of maintaining the drainage works was imposed on the Council.

The Council decided to refer to Councillor McClefferty the question of having an arrangement made between the contending parties as to the erection of a sluice.

76/37. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED AS GANGER ON GLASSAGH - CORVEEN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel D. Ferry, Bunaninver, Derrybeg, stating that he held that he should be Ganger on the Glassagh-Corveen Road under the recent Relief Scheme. The present Ganger, Peter Gallagher, was never in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, and was not willing to put married men to work.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that no person had any prescriptive right to be Ganger.

77/37. ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR ROADS OF TOURIST IMPORTANCE, AND
FOR THE GLENDOWAN ROAD.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th January, 1937, RU/203/201, stating that the Minister had been advised that with a view to relieving unemployment in Rural Areas further funds had been placed at his disposal for the allocation of grants towards schemes of road and footpath works, subject to the condition that each Local Authority concerned provide a contribution equivalent to one-third of the amount of the Grant, i.e. 25% of the total cost of the Scheme. A Grant of £9,000 had been provisionally allocated, and to this sum must be added the required local contribution of £3,000 towards the cost of carrying out a scheme of road and/or footpath works. Accordingly, if the Council decided to avail of the grant a scheme should be submitted on Form 11 providing for a gross expenditure of the sum of £12,000 allocated as follows:-

Rural Areas (including small towns and villages with a population less than 200).....	£9,300.
Non-urbanised towns.....	£2,700.

So far as it might be consistent with the principle that the funds were to be allocated in accordance with the incidence of Unemployment Assistance, it was desired that the work should be confined to roads of tourist importance.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th January, 1937, RU/203/201.T., stating that with a view to relieving unemployment in the Gaeltacht Areas further funds had been placed at the Minister's disposal for the allocation of special grants towards the carrying out of road works on roads of tourist importance in the Gaeltacht. No local contribution was required in connection with these special grants. A grant of £4,700 had been provisionally allocated to County Donegal towards the cost of a scheme of road works, and a scheme should be submitted as soon as possible on Form 11. This Grant was conditional on the acceptance by the Council of the further allocation for roads (Rural) schemes notified in the Department's letter of even date.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th January, 1937, RU/203/7, stating that the Minister had had under consideration the representations made to him regarding the need for the improvement of the Glendowan-Doochary Road, and stating that he had caused to be made available under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, a special grant of £2,000 towards the cost of carrying out an improvement scheme on the road in question. No local contribution was required and a scheme should be submitted as soon as possible on Form 11. This grant was conditional on the acceptance by the Council of the further allocation of £9,000 for roads (rural) schemes notified in the Department's letter of even date.

Councillor Baxter proposed, and Councillor McIvor seconded that the Council refuse to contribute the required sum of £3,000.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the Council accept the Grant on the conditions laid down by the Department; the Council's contribution to be raised by way of loan from the Council's Treasurers over a period of five years.

Councillor Mahony seconded the amendment.

After a lengthy discussion in which many members of the Council took part, the amendment was put to the Meeting, and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the amendment:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Crotand, Houston, Kelly, Lynch, Mahony, MacCreddie, McDaid, McShane, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), O'Neill, Scott, and Walsh. Total 16.

Against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mollenamin, McCafferty, McCrea, McFadden, and O'Brien. Total 14.

The amendment having been declared carried, it was put to the Meeting as the substantive motion, and passed by the same voting.

78/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT PORTRONAN PIER, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 29th December, 1936, C.87.90/1/36, referring to previous correspondence regarding proposed improvements at Portronan Pier, Malin Head, and stating that the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) had indicated that any expenditure exceeding £500 would not be justified in the fishery interests. It would be noted that the County Surveyor's proposal as modified by their Engineer was unacceptable locally. In the circumstances it was suggested that the County Surveyor should prepare a Scheme meeting local requirements as far as possible, and within the £500 limit of cost. When this had been done their Engineer would be prepared to meet the County Surveyor on the site, if necessary, to discuss the new Scheme. They were at the same time to inquire what amount the Council would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the proposed works, and if they would accept responsibility for their future maintenance on completion.

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

79/37.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 1st January, 1937, C.87.8/2/36, referring to previous correspondence regarding Rathmullan Pier, and stating that after crediting towards the cost of the works the sum of £200 lodged by the Council for surplus materials and tools, the total expenditure on these works amounted to £7,912 :14 : 7, i.e. £12 :14 : 7 in excess of the total amount of £7,900 provided. As the Council were liable for any expenditure in excess of this amount, they would be glad if the sum of £12 :14 : 7 would be lodged immediately.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

80/37.

OUTBREAK OF SHEEP SCAB AMONGST SHEEP SOLD BY MR. JOHN McNALLY, KNOCKFAIR, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 8th January, 1937, E.9350/36, stating that the Ministry for Agriculture of Northern Ireland had notified them that 8 sheep out of a lot of 56 presented for sale in Belfast by Mr. John McNally, Ballybofey, were found to be suffering from scab. The Minister would be glad if the Council's Veterinary Inspector would examine all sheep on Mr. McNally's farm, and furnish a report as soon as possible. Inquiry should also be made as to the farms of origin of the sheep found affected in Belfast.

The following report was submitted from Mr. P. McGlinchey, V.S., Letterkenny:-

"I visited Mr. McNally's premises and learned that he sold all his sheep in Belfast on the day that the scab was detected. He states that he grazed these sheep for two months and dipped them thoroughly, and that he did not observe any scab until the small spots were pointed out to him by the Inspector in Belfast. He bought the sheep in the local Fair, but he was unable to tell me the names or addresses of the sellers. Should I succeed in finding out the sellers of the sheep, I shall visit the farms, if in my district."

The Council directed the Secretary to forward a copy of Mr. McGlinchey's report to the Department of Agriculture.

81/37.

DONEGAL O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Donegal O.A.P. Sub-Committee, asking to have Rev. P. J. Sweeney, P.P., Killymard, appointed a member of the Sub-Committee in place of Rev. B. Cunningham, now P. P. of Raphoe.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father Sweeney a member of the Sub-Committee.

82/37.

DUNFANAGHY O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Dunfanaghy O. A. P. Sub-Committee, asking to have Rev. P. Deeney appointed a member of the Sub-Committee in place of Rev. J. Deeney, who was recently transferred from Derrybeg.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Rev. P. Deeney a member of the Sub-Committee.

83/37.

INISHOWEN NO. 5 O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Inishowen No. 5 O. A. P. Sub-Committee, asking to have the following appointments made on his Committee:-

James Boggs, Carrowmore, in place of Rev. A. McMaster, C.C.

Wm. F. Starrett, Malin, in place of John Starrett.

James Colhoun, Malin, in place of Andrew Fulton.

Patk. McCallion, Towertown, in place of Patrick McLaughlin.

The Secretary stated that John Starrett was **n o t** a member of the Sub-Committee.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Messrs. James Boggs, James Colhoun, and Patrick McCallion, and to point out to the Clerk that there was no vacancy for Mr. William F. Starrett.

84/37.

LOANS BEING GRANTED BY AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION.

A letter was read from the Agricultural Credit Corporation, Ltd., 2, Merrion Square, North, Dublin, C.17., stating that the Board of the Corporation desired to bring as prominently as possible to the notice of the public the terms on which they were in a position to make loans to the agricultural community for the building of dwelling-houses, haybarns, and other permanent buildings of approved design. These terms were as follows:-

Rate of Interest.....Five per cent per annum.

Term for Re-Payment.....Thirty-five years.

Amount of Half-yearly Instalment of Principal and Interest.

£3 : 0 : 10 per £100 advanced.

The Council noted the terms of the Corporation.

85/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM GLASSERCHOO CROSS TO THE SEA AT CURRANSPOURT.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick McFadden, Curransport, Meenlaragh, Gortahork, stating that he would be obliged if the Council could see their way to allocate a little money as Relief Grant for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of road from Glasserchoo Cross to the Sea at Curransport. It was a County Road.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

86/37.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A GLASS PORCH AT NO. 1 WARD PLACE, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Irene Smith, Elmhurst, Moor Road, Eaglesham, Glasgow, applying for permission to build a porch of glass at the premises, No. 1 Ward Place, Bundoran.

It was decided to inform Mrs. Smith that the Council were making arrangements to have all porches in Bundoran removed, and that they could not, therefore, grant her the required permission.

87/37.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Rev. J. McGilligan, C.C., Drumderg, Draperstown, Co. Derry, tendering his resignation as a member of the Vocational Education Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, the resignation was accepted with regret, and it was unanimously decided to appoint Rev. J. Devine, P.P., Clonmany, in place of Father McGilligan.

88/37. ERECTION OF CORRUGATED IRON PORCH AT UMRYCAM, BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Doherty reporting that Mrs. Edward McGlinchey, Umrycam, Buncrana, had built a corrugated iron porch to her dwelling-house within 30 feet of the centre of the road. When he saw the structure in course of erection he told her she could not proceed without permission, but she continued with the erection.

A letter was read from Mrs. Edward McGlinchey, Roadside House, Umrycam, Buncrana, stating that she did not think it was any offence to build the porch, and that she was sorry for the delay in reporting the matter.

The Council decided to ask Mrs. McGlinchey to sign an undertaking agreeing to remove the porch at any time she might be called upon to do so.

89/37. ISSUE OF PAYING ORDER FOR £1 : 18 : 7 TO MR. JAMES MCCLAY, STRANORLAR, WHICH HAD BEEN ALTERED, AND WHICH THE BANK REFUSED TO CASH.

A letter was read from Mr. James McClay, Stranorlar, referring to Paying Order for £1 : 18 : 7 which was issued to the late Mr. Thomas McGlinchey, and which was afterwards altered to £5 : 18 : 7. He cashed the cheque for Mr. McGlinchey for £5 : 18 : 7. He had since been refunded £4 by the McGlinchey family, but he wished the Council to issue a new Paying Order for £1 : 18 : 7.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by the Chairman it was unanimously decided to issue a new Paying Order for £1 : 18 : 7 to Mr. McClay.

90/37. FINES FOR NON-ACCEPTANCE OR RESIGNATION OF OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th December, 1936, P.H.241302/36, Dun na nGall., referring to previous correspondence on the subject of fines to be paid by members of the County Council for non-acceptance or resignation of Office, and stating that this matter could not be dealt with by the Council's Standing Orders. As the Council had approved of the draft bye-law enclosed with the Department's letter of the 10th November, the further necessary steps should now be taken in connection with the submission of the bye-law to the Minister for confirmation.

The Secretary was instructed to refer the matter back to the Department, and to point out to them that the bye-law which they had drafted did not deal with resignations or disqualifications through non-attendance, and that the Council wished to have these contingencies covered by the bye-law.

91/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ROAD AT CARRICKMACGARVEY, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. John McBride, Carrickmacgarvey, Derrybeg, drawing attention to the condition of the Carrickmacgarvey Road leading from the Main Road to the shore. Portion of it was repaired by the Council about two years ago, and about 60 yards of it was left unrepaired.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that the road was not a County Road.

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

92/37. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

Notifications were submitted of intentions to apply for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of the following premises:-

Loughanure Hall, Annagry.
Rodger's Hall, Meenbanad.
Laghey Barr National School, Laghey.

93/37. APPLICATION FROM A NUMBER OF WORKMEN IN RAPHOE TO BE PAID WEEKLY INSTEAD OF FORTNIGHTLY.

A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Blackburn, Meetinghouse Street, Raphoe, stating that the workers of that district engaged on Relief Schemes would like to be paid weekly instead of fortnightly, as they were not getting any Unemployment Assistance owing to the Relief Grant.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that this work was now completed.

94/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO REPAIR FLOODGATES TO PREVENT FLOODING OF LAND AT ROUGHAN, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. Alex. Loughrey, Roughan, Lifford, complaining of the flooding of his land owing to the bad condition of the floodgates in the townland of Roughan. He wished the Council to have the necessary work done under the Relief of Unemployment Schemes.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen the Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works, and to request them to have this necessary work done by way of Minor Relief Scheme. It was pointed out that a considerable area of tillage land suffered badly by the flooding, and that there was a large number of unemployed in the district.

95/37. ERECTION OF SIGN AT SHENE HOUSE HOTEL, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Cunningham dated 22nd December, 1936, stating that the sign erected recently by Mrs. Hammond, Shene House, Bundoran, projected over the vennel and part of the roadway. It was rather low and might interfere with traffic along the road.

A letter was read from Mr. Leo W. Mulhern, Holyrood Hotel, Bundoran, dated 1st January, 1937, stating that the sign erected at Shene House by Mrs. Hammond had that day been taken in a little, and hung according to the instructions of Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the position in this case was now satisfactory.

96/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF RIGHT-OF-WAY LEADING FROM DRUMBRICK TO KNOCKABOLLAN, TERMON.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Knockabollan and Goaldrum, Termon, applying for a grant for the repair and widening of an existing right-of-way leading from the Main Road at Drumbrick to Mr. William McCafferty's of Knockabollan. The road was half a mile long, and a sum of £70 would leave it passable.

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

97/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BOG ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF KINNAKILLEW, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Doherty, Kinnakillew, Glencolumbkille, asking for a grant for the making of a Bog Road commencing at Dominick Doherty's and ending at the "Curragh", Kinnakillew. The road was required to enable the tenants to get home their turf.

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

98/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rosaline Boyle, Stranorlar, thanking the Chairman and members of the Council for their vote of sympathy in her recent bereavement.

99/37. DAMAGE TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES SUB-STANDARD 56 LB. BALANCE.

A letter was read from Sergeant O'Connor, Weights and Measures Inspector, Donegal, stating that when he was on duty at Fintown on the 3rd November last, the sub-standard 56 lb. balance met with an accident as a result of which the central and left knife-edges were damaged. The beam-scale was forwarded to Dublin for examination, and he had been directed by the Supervisor of the Gas and Weights and Measures Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce to apply to the Council for authority to have the balance repaired at a cost not exceeding £6 :15 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the repairs to be carried out.

100/37. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD AT CROAGHNAMADDY, DUNGLOE, BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. McKiernan, Inspector, Irish Land Commission, Dungloe, stating that he had been instructed to proceed with the construction of a new road at Croaghnamaddy, Dungloe, and as the Council had agreed to take over the road on completion he wished the County Surveyor to instruct Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, to meet him at any convenient date and time when he was in the Dungloe District, in order to ensure that the work when completed would be in accordance with the Council's specification.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the arrangements for the Meeting had been made with Mr. Kearney.

101/37. COMPLAINT RE FENCING AT HILLHEAD, HORNHEAD, DUNFANAGHY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bobbie McKinley, Hillhead, Hornhead, Dunfanaghy, stating that a fence which was to be built by the Council on the left-hand side of the steep brae in the townland of Lurgybrack, Horn Head, was never built. Her land was lying unfenced, and cattle and sheep were straying into it and destroying her crops. She wished to know what the Council intended doing in the matter.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

102/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT GLENTOSKERT, GLENGAD, MALIN.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Glentoskert, Glengad, Malin, applying for a grant to make 80 perches of a road from the end of the Main Road to what is locally called North Glentoskert. There were about 100 people in the locality who had no road to their homes. There was an old right-of-way where the road could be constructed.

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

103/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING FROM THE COUNTY ROAD AT DRUMBARRON TO THE ROOSE, FROSSES.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Lenaghan, Mountcharles, stating that Mr. Stephen Williamson, The Roose, Frosses, had asked him to reply to Minute No. 1412/36 regarding the road leading from the County Road at Drumbarron to The Roose. Mr. George Williamson was willing to remove the gate erected on the road. They wished to have it repaired under a Minor Relief Scheme as it was not a County Road.

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

104/37. COMPLAINT RE RATE OF WAGES BEING PAID TO ROAD WORKERS.

A letter was read from Mr. John Joe McLaughlin, Balleeghan, Ballynaneal, Malin, stating that they had been directed by the Minister for Local Government to request the Council to pay a living wage to their workmen. They wished to be paid 1/- per hour instead of 6d. per hour. They could not see their way to work at this wage any longer, and if the Council did not see their way to pay this wage let them resign from Office. They wished this letter read at the first Meeting of the Council as they were organising a hunger march for the Council Meeting in February. They also wished to be paid by the Assistant Surveyor each Friday night on the job.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Walsh, it was decided to mark the letter "read."

105/37. COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall Committee, Dungloe, stating that the Committee were not prepared to heat the Hall with low pressure hot water as suggested by the County Surveyor in his report at the November Meeting of the Council. They were prepared to erect a porch, but if the present system of heating was not sufficient a new Courthouse was the only alternative.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the erection of a porch. (1237/36 C.C.)

106/37. COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. McHugh, Secretary, Ardara Town Committee, Ardara, stating that the Town Committee were not prepared to accept £15 as rent for the Courthouse and carry out the required improvements. They were, however, prepared to accept £17 per annum as rent, and carry out the improvements.

The Council unanimously decided to agree to increase the rent to £17 per annum.

107/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT HOUSE AT GORTNASADE, KINCASSLAGH.

A letter was read from the Templecrone Co-operative Society, Ltd., Dungloe, applying for permission on behalf of Mr. James Duggan, Gortnasade, Kincasslagh, to erect a new house on the site of an old house adjoining the road leading from Kincasslagh to Gortnasade Pier.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported that the house, which was already erected, was thirteen feet from the centre of the road, and that it did not interfere with the road improvements now being carried out there.

The Council noted the position.

108/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM ARDARA-DONEGAL ROAD AT ARDLOUGHER TO WOODHILL.

A letter was read from Rev. D. W. Morrow, Ardara, drawing attention to that portion of the road leading from the Ardara-Donegal Road at Ardrougher to Woodhill. It was in an awful state and needed to be repaired and rolled.

The Acting County Surveyor reported that the specification for this road did not provide for rolling, but that the Contractor kept it in fair order otherwise.

The Council noted the position.

109/37. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK IN THE NEWMILLS DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McDevitt, N., Blown Rock, Newmills, complaining of the unfair allocation of work in that district. He only got a half-day's work on the 28th December.

The Acting County Surveyor reported that no such state of affairs existed, and that a gang had been chosen in the ordinary way for Direct Labour work.

110/37. CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 12th January, 1937, C.87.58/1/36, stating that they would be glad to know the present position regarding the construction of the approach road to Poolawaddy Boatslip. It was pointed out that in order to prevent erosion at the landward end of the Boatslip it was necessary that the road should be constructed without further delay, and they would be glad to hear that the necessary arrangements had been made by the Council.

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

"The Board of Works built a Pier at Poolawaddy. They then asked the County Council to take it over. Mr. Kearney inspected the Pier and reported to the County Surveyor that 9 or 10 yards of the Pier joining the land was not built properly and that it would go. The Board of Works then tried to make it appear that they had nothing to do with the end objected to. Some months after this, Mr. Kearney again inspected the Pier, and found that the end was completely washed away, so that the Pier was cut off from the land. The Board of Works then completed the work. For the third time, Mr. Kearney inspected the Pier and found it all right except that the tides shifted a natural heap of large stones at the head of the Strand beside the end of the Pier, and in case this went ahead, the Pier would again be cut off. The Board of Works then said that when the new road was made the erosion would stop.

The Contract for making the new road came before the Tenders Committee 12 months ago, and they refused to take Tenders because the land-owner wanted compensation. There the matter ended."

The Council unanimously decided to forward a copy of Mr. O'Reilly's report to the Board of Works.

111/37. APPLICATION BY MR. ANTHONY BONER FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A HOUSE ON A PLOT OF LAND BORDERING THE DUNGLOE RIVER.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Boner, Bridgend, Dungloe, stating that he had bought a plot of land bordering the Dungloe River. It was his intention to build a house thereon. He wished to have permission to remove 72 feet of Bridge wall, and permission to extend 10 feet across the river on the north side adjoining his plot of land.

The Acting County Surveyor reported that in case the roadway over the bridge would be widened at any time the work could not be carried out owing to the building being erected so close to the protection wall.

The Council unanimously decided to refuse permission in this case.

112/37. ERECTION OF HOUSE ON DUNGLOE RIVER WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Kearney reporting that Mr. John Cannon, Jun., Bridgend House, Dungloe, had erected a wooden building on concrete pillars in the bed of Dungloe River. He had not applied for permission, and in case the roadway over Dungloe Bridge would be widened at any time the work could not be carried out owing to the building being erected so close to the protection wall of bridge.

The Council noted the position in this case.

113/37. COMPLAINT RE PORTION OF ROAD FROM MEENAVEEN CROSSROADS TO THE END OF THE LINE AT MALINMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Colum Maguire, Malinmore, stating that a grant had been given for the repair of the Main Road from Meenaveen Crossroads to the end of the line at Malinmore. The work had commenced on this road at Doherty's Cross, and left about half a mile of this road where 19 families reside, and which was almost impassable. This part of the road had not been repaired for 3½ years, and he had broken several springs in his car owing to its condition. He wished to have it attended to immediately.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no intention of leaving out the portion of road complained of, and that a gang was at present working there.

114/37.

MALINBEG BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from Mr. M. Jones, Malinbeg, stating that portion of the Boat slip at Malinbeg was carried away by the storm on the 16th December. This should be repaired immediately, as if another storm came it would take hundreds of pounds to repair the damage.

A letter was read from Mr. Con Murrin, Malinbeg, stating that part of the Boat slip at Malinbeg was washed away by the storm on the 16th December. There was a hole at the top of the Boat slip caused by flood coming down the road and right down the slip also. This water was coming out through the wall at top of Boat landing, and if not attended to the wall would collapse and probably cause a lot of damage.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I inspected the above Boat slip and Pier on 7th January, 1937. The western end of the Pier itself is considerably damaged. About 3 cubic yards of the masonry work have disappeared. In this season it is not possible to inspect thoroughly the foundation, but there is a crack in the masonry which may be either a local fracture or due to foundation defects. I am of opinion it is local.

The slip requires sundry repairs to the concrete work and timber, and the local people pointed out that the iron steps (under water) were eaten away. I could not verify this.

I suggest a sum not exceeding £7 be expended to prevent further damage, and another inspection made in spring when tides are favourable."

On the motion of Councillor Brady it was decided to authorise the expenditure of £7 on this Boat slip.

115/37.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF LAND AT CROAGHAN, TAMNEY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rose Carlin, Croaghan, Tamney, stating that the drain leading from the County pipe had burst, and about five acres of her land were flooded. This drain should be repaired before February in order that the land might be ploughed.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this was not a matter for the County Council.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

116/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF PIPE ON ROAD FROM LEITRIM TO TERRYHERK, M.P. NO. 180.

A letter was read from Messrs. T. G. Elkin, Leitrim House, Lecamy, Moville, and Mick McDermott, Terryherk, Lecamy, Moville, stating that they wished to have the pipe on the road from Leitrim to Terryherk sunk and re-built to the depth of 7 feet. It was causing serious damage to the road and to their lands.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that his Assistant had reported that the pipe was not causing any damage to the road.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability in the matter.

117/37.

COMPLAINT RE SINGLE MEN BEING EMPLOYED AS GANGERS IN GLENCOLUMBKILLE AREA.

Letters were read from Mr. Edward Lyons, Currin, Glencolumbkille, again complaining of the allocation of work in that area. Out of 10 Gangers employed in the Glencolumbkille Area 5 were single men and 5 were married men. Some of the single Gangers were living comfortably. In a few cases their parents had shops. He considered that married men with families should get preference.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that his Assistant reported that he had 17 Gangers employed, and of this number 10 were married, with dependents, 2 were widowers, and 5 were single men.

The Council noted the position and considered it satisfactory.

118/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN TOWNLAND OF STRANABROOEY, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Gillespie, Stranabrooe, Derrybeg, complaining about the condition of a road in the townland of Stranabrooe. The flood destroyed it last August, and it was gradually getting worse. The people of the district were threatening to pay no rates until it was repaired.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that part of this road, which was a County Road, was in fairly good condition. The remainder of the road was not a County Road.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Board of Works for a Minor Relief Grant for the repair of that part of the road which was not a County Road.

119/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT SIGNS NEAR DRUMBEG HOTEL, INVER.

A letter was read from Mr. William Hammersback, Drumbeg Hotel, Inver, stating that he wished permission to erect a stationary direction sign close to the A.A. sign at the junction of the Frosses Road into the Main Road half-way between Inver Bridge and Mountcharles, and also a swinging sign, 2'6" on junction of road leading into the Main Road from Drumbeg Hotel at Inver Church. It would also be appreciated if the road leading from Inver Church to Drumbeg Hotel would be improved, as there would be increased motor traffic on it.

The Council unanimously decided to give permission for the erection of the signs at positions to be approved by the Acting County Surveyor.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that when next allocating special grants he would bear in mind the improvement of this road.

120/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT ROOSKEY, CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Rooskey, Creeslough, complaining of the condition of the road leading through the townlands of Rooskey, Ballyboes, and Creesloughbeg. Owing to the small sum allowed for it last year, no one contracted for it. The road was at present in a disgraceful state, and it was used by 24 families. They wished to have it repaired immediately.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

121/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD BETWEEN SHANDRUM CROSSROADS AND CLENAGH CROSSROADS, BALLYMAGAN, BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from Mr. John Donaghey, Clenagh, Ballymagan P.O., asking to have the road between Shandrum Crossroads and Clenagh Crossroads repaired, and two pipes thereon deepened and cleaned, in order that the lands surrounding the road could be cropped during the coming year.

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

122/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD, MAP NO. 189, CONNECTING TERMONE BAY WITH PORT KINNAGOE.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Carey, Carrowbeg, Carrowmone, referring to Road, Map No. 189, and asking to have it changed from 3rd to 2nd class road. The road, which was almost two miles long, extended from John Norris', Termone, to the Glen Road at John McMullin's. The road was in very bad repair and required widening. It connected Termone Bay with Port Kinnagoe and was used during the summer months by tourists.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that the road was in fair order for the amount of traffic on it. There was no such thing as second or third class roads. Roads were either Main or County, and this road had not been scheduled a Main Road.

123/37.

CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO THE MAIN ROAD AT
CLAR R. C. CHURCH, DONEGAL.

Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"Gentlemen,

As instructed by you, I inspected the "Clar Road", Map Nos. 1827 and 1836, on the 11th inst., and beg to report as follows:-

This road which is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long has an average width between water-tables of 10 feet, and serves about 10 houses. The road surface is in fair condition, but the present Contractors have seemingly paid very little attention to surface work, such as verging, and cleaning of water-tables. This work is an integral part of these men's contract, and I have written each of them to have this necessary work carried out immediately. The road has a non-rolling specification, and is unsuitable for rolling, as the road is only the width of a roller, and it is doubtful if the surface would support one.

I am informed that the usual route for vehicular traffic to Clar Chapel is via Map Nos. 1830 and 1825. This is a wide road with good surface, and at the present time there is a U. Grant of £250 on Road, Map No. 1825. This route is less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile longer.

To repair the Clar Road properly, it would need to be widened considerably. This would necessitate acquiring land along the whole route. The importance of the road does not justify such a step."

The Council instructed the Secretary to send a copy of Mr. O'Reilly's report to the parties interested.

124/37.

DAMAGE TO BUNATROOHAN PIER, AND COUNTY ROADS IN THE
VICINITY.

Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"Gentlemen,

I beg to report that the recent storms have caused considerable damage to Bunatroohan Pier and to several of the County Roads in the neighbourhood.

On the 11th inst., accompanied by Mr. M. F. Cunningham, I inspected the damage done, and made out estimate for repair as follows:-

1. Bunatroohan Pier and approach road.

Repair damaged portion both ends of breakwater.....	£5 : 0 : 0.
Cut out and grout in cement mortar crack formed on top of breakwater.....	£1 : 0 : 0.
Re-build 11 yards of $2\frac{1}{2}'$ x $2\frac{1}{2}'$ flagged pipe.....	£10 : 0 : 0.
Re-set 21 super yards stone pitching over pipe.....	£3 : 0 : 0.
Repair and cope 23 lineal yards of wall from Pier to Boatslip.....	£7 : 10 : 0.
Re-set 3 super yards stone pitching on Boatslip.....	£1 : 0 : 0.
Underpin side of Boatslip (6 lineal yards under-mined and torn away).....	£8 : 0 : 0.
Pitch and metal 52 lineal yards of roadway to a width of nine feet.....	£15 : 0 : 0.
Point all open joints Pier and Boatslip in Cement Mortar...	£2 : 0 : 0.
Repair and cope 72 lineal yards of retaining wall to road.	£15 : 0 : 0.
Re-surface 53 lineal yards of roadway.....	£1 : 10 : 0.
Underpin and point retaining wall, 26 yards long and 15' deep.....	£20 : 0 : 0.
Repair damaged County pipe and wall.....	£5 : 0 : 0.

2. Map No. 2051.

Road between Cavangarden Four Roads and Coolmore Three Roads with branch to end of the County Road at sea, Belalt.. Estimate for repair.....	£5 : 0 : 0.

3. Map No. 2042.

Road between Killinangle Three Roads and sea at Belalt. Estimate for repair.....	£10 : 0 : 0.
Total Estimate.....	£109 : 0 : 0.

On the motion of Councillor O'Brien it was unanimously decided to expend £15 on the repair of the roads, and to apply to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, for a grant to repair the Pier.

125/37. PROTEST AGAINST CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER
AT GLENMENAGH, GLEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Dugera, High Glen, Glen, Kilmacrenan, again objecting to the construction of a bridge at Mandy McFadden's, Glenmenagh, crossing the river to the lands of John and Mick Dugera. He claimed that this bridge was proposed to be constructed on his land, and he refused to give his permission.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this was a matter for the Board of Works, to whom the Council decided to refer Mr. Dugera.

126/37. ERECTION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING POLES IN THE VILLAGE OF
ST. JOHNSTON.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to execute Agreement with Mr. E. J. White, St. Johnston, in connection with the erection of Electric Lighting Poles in the village of St. Johnston, and to affix the Council's Seal thereto.

127/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO POULTRY BY FOXES.

A letter was read from Mr. Graham, Cratlagh, Milford, complaining of losses of poultry by foxes. He wished the Council to do something to prevent these losses.

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

128/37. COMPLAINT RE GANGERS BEING EMPLOYED ON RELIEF SCHEMES ON
ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Hon. Secretary, Fianna Fail Cumann, Arranmore Island, stating that at a recent Meeting of the Cumann a resolution was passed resenting the action of the Council in appointing mainland men as Gangers on Relief Schemes on Arranmore Island. They objected, in particular, to the employment of Messrs. Charles and Anthony Doogan, Kincasslagh, on the Island. They also wished the Council to engage more Gangers and Gangs on the Schemes in operation on the Island.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted a report on the matter.

The Council unanimously decided to mark Mr. O'Donnell's letter "read."

129/37. PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE COUNTY SECRETARY'S SALARY.

The Chairman submitted a letter from the Local Government Department dated 7th January, 1937, G.235526/36, addressed to him, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 24th November last regarding the proposal of the Council to place him on a new scale of salary, viz. £850 - £25 - £1,000 per annum, and stating that having carefully considered the Council's proposals the Minister was prepared to agree to Mr. MacLaughlin's salary being advanced to £775 as from the 1st November last, and to his receiving further annual increments of £25 until he reached a maximum of £850 per annum.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to refer the matter back to the Minister, and to request him to increase the Secretary's salary by one total increment of £100 as from the 1st November last.

In support of the request, Councillor Mahony stated that the application itself was belated, and that as the extra duties for which the increase was granted had been carried out for four years, the Secretary should be placed on the maximum of the scale now proposed.

130/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO REPAIR ROAD NEAR MALINMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. James E. McGinley, Malinmore, Glencolumbkille, drawing the attention of the Council to the condition of the road leading from the Bridge at Mr. John Gillespie's to the house of Mr. Robert McKey, which was in a deplorable state. The attention of the Council was called to this road about two years ago, but nothing had since been done to it.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road.

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

131/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR CREESLOUGH HALL.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Durning, Creeslough, referring to the Council's decision adjourning consideration of the question of issuing a Cinematograph Licence for the Creeslough Hall. Mr. Doherty, whom he wished to oblige by having the Hall licensed, never used their operating-room for showing his pictures. He came around with a fire-proof hut which he set up inside the Hall. He never used their lighting services, as he produced and used his own light with every precaution.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to issue a Cinematograph Licence to the proprietors of this Hall.

132/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BOG ROAD AT TULLYCLEAVE, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Carr, Stonebrook, Ardara, stating that they did not want a new road at Tullycleave. They merely wanted the existing Bog Road repaired. They could not understand why a sum of £90 was allowed for the repair of this road, and afterwards transferred to another private road for the exclusive use of two families.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that no grant had been allocated for the repair of this road and transferred to another private road.

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

133/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM TIEVEMUN BRIDGE TO DYSART, LETTERBARROW.

A letter was read from Mr. Cornelius O'Donnell, Dysart, Letterbarrow, stating that for five years he had been asking the Council to repair the road from Tievemun Bridge to his house. He had a shop at his house, and there was some motor traffic on the road. He also bought a car himself to try to make a living, but owing to the condition of the road he could not use it, and the shop was also closed.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that repairs were carried out to this road as late as October last. The road was cleaned and 30 tons of gravel applied, and all outlets opened and other necessary work carried out. No further funds would be available until after the 1st April, 1937.

The Council noted the report.

134/37. OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

A letter was read from the Chief Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, asking for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line along Redbrae and Porthall Roads to Porthall House.

The Council unanimously granted 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.

135/37. REMOVAL OF PROJECTIONS IN BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

The Secretary stated that a sum of £700 had been provided in the Road Works Scheme, 1937/38 to cover the cost of removing certain projections in the Urban Area of Bundoran.

In a letter dated 3rd September, 1936, R/RM/7, the Department stated that if a reasonable Scheme were submitted it might be possible to arrange a contribution from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to apply to the Department for a grant as promised.

136/37. ANNUAL RATE WORK, 1937.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £800 to cover the cost of the Annual Rate Work for the year 1937.

The amount could be advanced as required.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to grant this amount.

137/37. DAMAGE TO PROTECTION WALL ON ROAD BETWEEN ROSBEG AND KILTOORISH.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Kearney, Rosbeg, Glenties, stating that the sea wall on the road between Rosbeg and Kiltoorish was torn away during the recent storms. The road was now dangerous to traffic, and about 300 yards of it required to be repaired.

The Assistant Surveyor for the District stated that about 200 yards of wall were completely washed away. He estimated the cost of repairing the damage at £80.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he would make a personal inspection of the damage to see if the estimate could be reduced.

138/37. ERECTION OF BUNGALOW WITHOUT COUNCIL'S PERMISSION ON ROAD FROM CONVOY TO LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan reporting that Sam McClure, Convooy, had the walls of a corrugated iron bungalow completed on the road from Convooy to Letterkenny. It was at a dangerous bend crossing the Railway Bridge.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to call on Mr. McClure to remove the bungalow.

139/37. ERECTION OF SHED AT LABOURER'S COTTAGE AT MACMEENSTOWN, CONVOY.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan reporting that John Henderson, Macmeenstown, Convooy, the occupier of a Labourer's Cottage had erected a corrugated iron shed.

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

140/37. DEFAULTING HOUSING ANNUITANTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor reporting that all his efforts to collect the amounts due from certain defaulting Housing Annuitants had failed, save for two payments on account, without having recourse to the extreme remedy of taking legal proceedings.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was decided to instruct the Council's Solicitor to institute proceedings in the six worst cases.

141/37. APPLICATION BY ACTING COUNTY SURVEYORS FOR TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.

The Acting County Surveyors applied for temporary clerical assistance to cope with the increased work caused by recent Grants.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to allocate a sum of £50 for the provision of the necessary assistance.

142/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE LINSFORT AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Doherty, Sharagore, Linsfort, Buncrana, complaining of the bad conditions of Road, Map No. 291, between Sharagore and Calhame, and Road, Map No. 295, between Greenhill and Drumdevin. These roads were in an impassable condition at the moment, and would need to be rolled.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported that Map No. 291 was in fair order. Map No. 295 was a Bog Road, and had been adversely affected by the recent heavy rains. He did not consider either of these roads sufficiently important for steam-rolling.

The Council approved of the report.

143/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF BOG ROAD AT TULLYHONOUR, BREENAGH, NEWMILLS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McFadden, Tullyhonour, Breenagh, Newmills, enclosing memorial from a number of ratepayers of the Electoral Division of Meencargagh for financial assistance for the making of a Bog Road through the mountain so as to facilitate them in getting home their turf.

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

144/37. RESOLUTION RE DISMISSAL OF TEACHERS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Clare County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
"We, the Clare County Council, realise that owing to the alarming decrease in the population of the Rural Areas of our Country, Teachers are being dismissed and are under threat of dismissal. The system in operation which demands that a certain average must be maintained as a condition of an Assistant retaining his, or her, position, is, in our opinion, under present circumstances, unreasonable, and should be removed.

We, therefore, request the Minister for Education to alter the system under which Teachers may be appointed and retained in the service, so that, what we hope is only a temporary decline in the population, will not adversely affect the prospects of any Teacher."

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Brian O'Donnell the resolution was adopted unanimously.

145/37. CONTINGENCY FUND.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, Northern Division, applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:-
To repair Cloontagh Bridge on Map No. 147..... £3 : 14 : 0.
To repair Stranaclea Bridge on Map No. 437..... £3 : 7 : 4.

The applications were granted unanimously.

146/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM MOUNTARGUS TO GLENAGIVNEY MOUNTAIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McLaughlin, Lagg, Moville, stating that he had again to complain about the road leading from Mountargus to Glenagivney Mountain (Map No. 224.) Nothing had been done to it since he complained last August. It was bad then but it was worse now. A Bridge was also required across the river.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there would be no money available for this road until after the 1st April next. In the Road Works Scheme he had increased the amount allowed for this road.

The Council noted the report.

147/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM CALHANE N.S. TO
URBEL N. S.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the Dunkineely District drawing attention to the state of the road from Calhane N.S. to Urbel N.S. The distance was about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The amount allowed for repairs each year was quite inadequate, and the road was in an awful state.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the present Contractor had been asked to put the road into repair immediately.

The Council noted the report.

148/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM MALINBEG TO MALINMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Christopher O'Byrne, Malinbeg, complaining of the condition of the road from Malinbeg to Malinmore. His car had suffered a lot of damages during the past year owing to the state of the road. He, along with Messrs. Patrick McIntyre and Michael Jones, had complained on numerous occasions of the state of this road. He wished some decent repairs carried out immediately, and by decent he did not mean merely filling a pot-hole here and there. Otherwise, he would hold the Council responsible for any damages or losses sustained in the future.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the contract on this road had been broken and it was now being repaired by Direct Labour. When further Grants would be available the question of improving this road would be borne in mind, and he hoped to have a sum set aside for this work.

The Council noted the report.

149/37. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY IN RAPHOE.

A letter was read from Messrs. David Wilson & Co., Solicitors, Raphoe, referring to the Acting County Surveyor's report at last Meeting regarding flooding in Raphoe, and stating that their clients did not agree with the report and were still of the opinion that it was necessary that more extensive works than those mentioned in the report should be executed to prevent further flooding. In view of the fact that certain steps were shortly to be taken by the Council's Engineer, their clients would wait to see what effect, if any, the works would have when floods occurred in future, and they would send a further report if the works should turn out to be inadequate.

The Council noted the letter.

150/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS
ACQUISITION ACTS.

An application was submitted from Mr. Michael Harkin, Carndonagh, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The application was granted, subject to compliance with all the required conditions.

151/37. APPLICATION TO HAVE ROAD BETWEEN TIEVEBRACK THREE ROADS
AND COUNTY BOUNDARY, TUBBER, ROLLED.

An application was submitted from a number of ratepayers to have Road, Map No. 2063, Contract No. 29, between Tievebrack Three Roads and County Boundary, Tubber, rolled.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road was unable to bear the weight of a roller, but he would see what could be done when entering into the new Contracts.

152/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT CARNAGARVE, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. William Glackin, Carnagarve, Moville, complaining of the condition of a road, which, owing to the manner in which it was kept, was causing flooding of his lands.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

153/37. MINOR RELIEF SCHEME NO. 156 FOR ROAD AT DRIMITTEN, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Boyde, Lacaduff, Ardara, stating that it was understood that the Board of Works allocated a sum of £100 for a road from Thomas Boyde's to the townland of Drimitten. He wished to know why this grant had not been expended as the Scheme would prove a very useful one.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Scheme had been cancelled.

154/37. COMPLAINTS REGARDING HEATING OF OFFICES BY TURF.

A letter was read from the County Registrar asking to have coal supplied for use along with turf for heating his Offices. They were unable to keep fires with the turf supplied this winter unless mixed with coal, and his staff could not work any longer under present conditions. The Offices were often quite without heating.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Kavanagh it was unanimously decided to purchase coal.

155/37. WEST DONEGAL ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

Mr. Hugh Hackett, Engineer-in-Charge, submitted a Scheme of Road re-construction proposed to be carried out in West Donegal under the recommendations of the County Donegal Transport Commission.

On the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Brian O'Donnell it was unanimously decided to approve of the Scheme.

156/37. SIGNING OF MINOR RELIEF SCHEME PAYING ORDERS BY MEANS OF A RUBBER STAMP.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, asked for, and was given, permission to sign Minor Relief Scheme Paying Orders on the account of the Commissioners of Public Works by means of a rubber stamp.

157/37. REMUNERATION OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, FOR WORK DONE IN THE DISTRICT OF THE LATE ASSISTANT SURVEYOR MICHAEL J. DAWSON.

Councillor Walsh inquired if sanction had yet been received to the payment proposed to Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, for acting as Assistant Surveyor in the Dunfanaghy District from the 26th August, 1936, to the 6th October, 1936.

On the Secretary replying in the negative, he proposed, and it was unanimously resolved, that the Ministry be asked to expedite sanction in this case. (1273/36, 24/11/1936.)

158/37. ALTERATION OF DATE OF FEBRUARY MEETING OF COUNCIL.

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor Loughrey seconded that the Standing Orders be suspended with a view to having the date of the February Meeting of the Council altered from the 23rd to the 24th of the month on account of Milford Fair.

The matter was put to the Meeting, and as the necessary consent of two-thirds of the members present was not obtained, the motion was dropped.

After the luncheon adjournment the matter was revived by Councillor Scott, who stated that many of the members who had not supported the previous motion had since re-considered the matter, and on his proposal the motion was again put to the Meeting, and carried unanimously.

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Confirmed

W. M. J. Dawson

Chairman.

24th February, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1937.

159/37.

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, Gallagher, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, McMenamin, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McDaid, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), O'Neill, Scott, and Walsh.

160/37.

A P O L O G I E S.

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

161/37.

C O N D O L E N C E.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council extended their sympathy to Councillor Hannigan on the deaths since last Meeting of his two brothers.

162/37.

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 Cole the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 26th January, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

163/37.

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 January, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

164/37.

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 McClafferty the Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings held on the 26th January and the 16th February, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

165/37.

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 McClafferty the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 16th February, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

166/37.

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 February, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

167/37.

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 14th January, 1937, with a certain amount of reluctance, as he was not satisfied that the fullest information had been given in connection with one of the appointments as Warble Fly Inspector.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

168/37. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1938.

The Secretary's Estimates and the General Estimate of Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1938, as adopted by the Finance Committee, were submitted to the Council.

A letter was read from Mr. John B. McNulty, Solicitor, Raphoe, stating that the Donegal Ratepayers' Association requested that a deputation be granted a hearing at the next Meeting of the Council so that their views on the current Estimates be made known. It was desired that the views of the deputation be heard before the Estimates came before the Council for consideration.

The Council unanimously decided to hear the deputation, which was headed by Mr. McNulty.

Mr. McNulty addressed the Council, and suggested, inter alia, that with a view to lowering the rates, reductions be made in the Roads Estimates in respect of Councillors' Motions; a reduction be made in the amount allowed to the County Library Committee; the cancellation for the coming year of the Council's contribution to the Irish Tourist Association; and a reduction in the amount to be allowed to the Mental Hospital Committee.

He opposed the system under which the Council supplemented Government Grants for the Relief of Unemployment. He was of the opinion that an Economies Committee, consisting of representatives of the different Boards in the County, should consult with the Officers of the Council to see what economies could be effected.

The matter was debated, at length, by the following members:- Councillors Scott, Myles, Blaney, McIvor, and Lynch, and it was eventually decided to delete from the Estimates the sum of £2,000 in respect of Local Government Elections, and to reduce the amount provided for the stamping of Bonds by £800.

With these amendments, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, 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 171.3195 pence, and the amount to be demanded from each Urban Council to be:-

Buncrana.....	£2,703 :12 : 8.
Bundoran.....	£2,380 : 0 : 5.
Letterkenny....	£2,520 :14 : 8.

169/37. ALLOCATION OF FURTHER GRANT OF £4,000 TOWARDS THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37, IN THE GAELTACHT AREAS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd February, 1937, RU/203/201, notifying the provisional allocation of a Grant of £4,000 to County Donegal for a Scheme of Road Works under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, towards the carrying out of Road Works in the Gaeltacht. No local contribution was required. A communication was being addressed to the County Surveyor requesting the preparation of a Scheme on Form 11, as it was desired to have the work put in hands as quickly as possible. The amount to be allocated for a particular work must be based on the number of Unemployment Assistance recipients having regard (a) to the number at present on the Register; and (b) to the number who will be discharged from Minor Relief Schemes under Roads (Rural) Schemes in the immediate or near future. Subject to the foregoing conditions, preference was to be given to Roads of Tourist importance.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the Grant.

170/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING OF TOWN OF DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, dated 13th February, 1937, enclosing copy of Sealed Order determining the townlands of Ballymagowan and Dunkineely as the Area of Charge for the purpose of providing for the public lighting of the town of Dunkineely.

171/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING OF TOWN OF GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th January, 1937, P.H.205551/36, Dun na nGall., enclosing copy of Sealed Order determining the townlands of Drumnasillagh, Glenmacannive, Gortnamucklagh, Meenachallow, Mullantiboyle, and Stranaglogh as the Area of Charge for the purpose of providing for the public lighting of the town of Glenties.

Councillors Byrne and Houston took exception to the inclusion of certain of these townlands in the Area of Charge, as they stated that they did not derive any benefit from the public lighting of Glenties.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Minister for Local Government again, with a request that he withdraw the Order, and consult with the local Public Health Committee before making a new Order.

172/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR DONEGAL WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th January, 1937, P.H.243076/36, Dun na nGall., enclosing copy of Sealed Order determining the County Health District of Donegal as the Area of Charge for the purpose of improving and maintaining a water supply in the town of Donegal.

173/37. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture asking to be furnished with reports on Forms T.2/3. in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Messrs. Neal Kennedy, Creeve Smith, Letterkenney, and Joseph Murray, Kilcadden, Killygordon.

174/37. PROVISION OF SAFE ANCHORAGE FOR LOBSTER STORE BOXES.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, dated 29th January, 1937, W.14/16/37, stating that the question of providing safe anchorage for lobster store boxes at Malin Head would receive consideration.

175/37. FINANCIAL PROVISION UNDER THE AGRICULTURE ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture enclosing form on which should be entered particulars of the financial provision adopted by the Council in respect of the financial year 1937/38, under Section 36 (1) of the Agriculture Act, 1931.

176/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments of applications for Minor Relief Grants were received in respect of works required at Glentoskert; Tullyhonour; Malinmore; Ballymagan; Stranabroocoy; Termon; Kinnakillew; Drumbarron; Crolly; Roughan; Carrickmagarvey; Stranaglough; Meenletterbale; and Tullycleave.

177/37. REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF GRANT ALLOCATED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th February, 1937, enclosing copy of letter addressed to Mr. Wilfred Kernan, Manorcunningham, regarding a reduction in the amount of the grant being allocated to him under the Housing Acts.

178/37. SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Moville on the 3rd March, 1937, of lands in Tullynavin, now or formerly in the occupation of Reps. John Lafferty and Miss Bridget Duffy.

179/37.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th February, 1937, G.8157/37, Dun na nGall., sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft accommodation of £80,000 until the 28th February, 1937.

The Secretary stated that the Department had not yet forwarded £10,000 in respect of Main Road Upkeep Grant for the half-year ended 30th September, 1936, and that he had only received £48,000 of Agricultural Grant as against £56,000 at the same time last year. For these reasons the amount of Overdraft accommodation sanctioned was insufficient for the Council's requirements, and it had been necessary, in order to pay the road workers, to exceed the sanctioned limit as from the 18th February. He suggested that sanction be obtained to overdraft accommodation of £95,000.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft accommodation of £95,000 until the 31st March.

It was also decided to request the Department to make the outstanding payments.

180/37.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 5th February, 1937, E.5709/36, inquiring as to the action taken by the Council regarding the appointment of Temporary Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th February, 1937, E.5709/36, approving of the proposed re-arrangement of the districts of the Temporary Inspectors appointed under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, as set out in the Report of the Meeting of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture enclosing copies of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Order, 1936, which altered the prescribed treatment period, and provided for the monthly dressing of affected animals.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th February, 1937, stating that the Minister had made arrangements for the continuation of ex-gratia payments by way of compensation in respect of the death of cattle following treatment under the Warble Fly Order. Any such cases which occur should be reported immediately to the local Garda Station.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th February, 1937, L.503/37, enclosing copies of Forms for use in connection with the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936.

181/37.

COST OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RATES FOR THE YEAR 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th February, 1937, G.9809/37, regarding the cost of the applotment of the rates for the year 1937/38, and asking to be furnished with a return showing the amount expended on this work during the year 1936/37.

182/37.

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

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th February, 1937, G.9808/37, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the issue of a fresh Paying Order in respect of the overdue account of Messrs. E. Harkin and James McGowan.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th February, 1937, sanctioning the payment of a sum of 10/- to Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Drumcliffe, for services rendered at Meeting of the Tenders Committee in Donegal in February, 1936.

183/37. ADVANCE OF LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS
TO MR. PATRICK MURPHY, CORLEA, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th February, 1937, H.6356/37, Dun na nGall., regarding the application of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Corlea, Ballyshannon, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and stating that the Council's proposal was to make an advance of £200 to Mr. Murphy, the certified market value of whose holding, when the house would be completed, was only estimated at £200. A grant of £80 had been allocated to Mr. Murphy under the Housing Acts. In the circumstances the Minister considered that the proposed advance should be substantially reduced (to say £100). The Council were not empowered to advance more than 90% of the certified market value of the holding.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to reduce the amount proposed to be advanced in this case to £100.

184/37. REMUNERATION OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS FOR ADDITIONAL WORK
PERFORMED OWING TO GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 13th February, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister had nothing to add to his letter of the 11th ultimo in reference to payment of the Assistant Surveyors for work in connection with Employment Schemes.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to request the Department to allow the Council to remunerate the Assistant Surveyors for their extra work out of the Council's contributions to the Schemes.
(47/37 C.C.)

185/37. APPROVAL TO SCHEME SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF EXPENDITURE OF
GRANT OF £9,000 UNDER EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th February, 1937, approving of a Scheme submitted by the Council of works to be carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, and assigning Works Number U.156 to the Scheme. The amount allocated from the Employment Schemes Vote was £9,000, subject to a local contribution of £3,000.

186/37. REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF GRANT ALLOCATED UNDER THE HOUSING
ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1937, enclosing copy of letter addressed to Mr. Edward Sweeney, Meenmore, Dungloe, informing him that the amount of the grant proposed to be allocated to him under the Housing Acts had been reduced by £5.

187/37. DEFECTIVE SAMPLES OF MILK TAKEN UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD
AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th February, 1937, P.H.10875/37, asking to be furnished with the names and addresses of persons from whose supplies defective samples of milk were taken during the quarter ended 31st December, 1936.

188/37. LOAN OF £18,000 IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES
VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing for execution by the Council Engrossment of Deed of Charge in connection with the loan of £18,000 to be raised in connection with the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council unanimously decided to execute Engrossment of Deed of Charge, under Seal.

189/37. PROPOSED LOAN OF £330 TO DEFRAY COST OF BALLYSALLAGH
(RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd January, 1937, S.1457/37, Dun na nGall. Pg., referring to the Council's resolution proposing to raise a loan of £330 to defray expenditure on the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Drainage Scheme, and inquiring as to when the works were completed, the amount of the expenditure, and how it was met. Particulars should also be submitted of any annual payment since received by the Council.

The Secretary stated that this Scheme was completed in February, 1936. The expenditure was £315 :11 :10, and the money had been paid out of the Council's ordinary funds.

190/37. COST OF SHIFTING TELEGRAPH POLE ON ROAD BETWEEN CASHELMORE
AND BALLYMORE.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that a telegraph pole, the property of the Department, required to be shifted to facilitate the widening of a corner of the road between Cashelmore and Ballymore, and inquiring if the road improvements were being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that as the road improvements on the road between Cashelmore and Ballymore were being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant, the cost of the necessary alterations to the telegraphs would be a charge against the Council, and an account would be furnished in due course.

191/37. LICENSING OF PILOTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 2nd February, 1937, concerning a complaint received by the Council regarding the unsuitability of a person acting as Pilot at Donegal Quay, and stating that under Section 16 of the Pilotage Act, 1913, a Pilotage Authority might license pilots for their districts, but in areas where there was no Pilotage Authority, as appeared to be the case at Donegal, there was no regular licensing of pilots, and Masters of ships had to make their own arrangements.

192/37. DESTRUCTION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 2nd February, 1937, C.94.127/1/36, stating that the recent destruction of some ancient burial grounds or cairns for the purpose of obtaining stone for road-making and repairs had been brought to their notice by the National Monuments Advisory Council. They would be glad if the Council would direct that any Officials whose duty it was to select stone for road-making or other works would not make use of cairns or other obviously ancient structures as a source of supply.

193/37. ANNUAL REVISION OF VALUATION.

Councillor Myles proposed:- "That copies of the lists of revised valuations which are published at the County Council Office in March each year be sent to the several Rate Collectors for the County so that the public may have an opportunity of inspecting them and appealing if so desired."

Councillor Baxter inquired if it would be possible to notify each ratepayer individually.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Secretary to make the best arrangements possible in the circumstances.

194/37. REPORT FROM ACTING COUNTY SURVEYORS RE TAKING OVER OF ROADS AS COUNTY ROADS.

Messrs. J. J. Caffrey and T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyors, submitted the following report in connection with a number of items appearing on the Agenda in connection with the taking over of certain roads as County Roads:-

"The Survey Staff are always strongly opposed to all new roads. Every year the traffic which the roads of the County have to bear is increasing, and the amount allowed for their repair has been decreasing. The position is rapidly becoming impossible and the addition of extra new roads year after year is aggravating the state of affairs. We take the view that the main arterics which are used by the whole community are more important than roads serving only a few families, and used by them alone, and we dislike to see these arterial roads starved for the sake of repairing roads to serve the few. If there was plenty of money available we would have no objection whatever to taking over all these New Roads. Some of the roads proposed to be taken over were made by the Board of Works by Minor Relief Grants. It has been the practice of the Board of Works to give some additional money occasionally to repair these roads. Once the roads are taken over, however, by the County Council, the Board of Works flatly refuses to spend any more money on them."

The Council noted the report.

195/37. EXTENSION OF ROAD TO THE DUNGLOE-CULLION ROAD.

Councillor Walsh proposed:- "That 37 perches of an extension to the Dungloe-Cullion Road be declared a County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road did not comply with the conditions laid down in the Local Government Act, 1925.

Councillor Walsh disputed Mr. O'Reilly's statement.

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order.

196/37. ROAD FROM BALLYLOSKEY TO MULLANS THREE ROADS, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That the road from the Three Roads at Ballyloskey to Mullans Three Roads be declared a County Road."

Councillor Lynch seconded.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the road complied with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Secretary reported that the necessary public notice had been given.

The motion was passed unanimously.

197/37. ROAD FROM THE THREE ROADS AT CREGNAHORN TO GLASSALTS, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That the road from the Three Roads at Cregnahorna to Glassalts be declared a County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road was already a County Road, and the motion was, therefore, withdrawn.

198/37. ROAD FROM THREE ROADS AT TIERNALEAGUE TO THREE ROADS AT GLASHA, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Cole withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

"That the road from the Three Roads at Tiernaleague to the Three Roads Glasha be declared a County Road."

199/37. ROAD FROM GOLAN BRIDGE TO GOLAN BOG, CARNDONAGH AREA.

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That the road from Golan Bridge to Golan Bog be declared a County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had been informed that the road did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order.

200/37. ROAD LEADING TO FALDUFF, GLENEGANNON, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Lynch proposed:- "That the road leading from Pat Canny's to Falduff, Glenegannon, be declared a County Road."

Councillor Cole seconded.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had been informed by his Assistant that the road did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Councillor Lynch disputed the statement of the Acting County Surveyor.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and to refer it in the meantime to the Acting County Surveyor for special investigation.

It was decided to request the Assistant Surveyor for the area to attend the next Meeting of the Council.

201/37. ROAD FROM LOGUE'S TO DOHERTY'S OFF THE CRUCKASHANE HILL ROAD, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Lynch proposed:- "That the road from Logue's to Doherty's off the Cruckashane Hill Road be declared a County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was already a County Road, and the motion was, therefore, withdrawn.

202/37. ROAD FROM LOUGHANURE-ANNAGRY ROAD TO JOHN BOYLE'S, MEENDERRYNASLOE, ANNAGRY.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell proposed:- "That 200 perches of the road from Loughanure-Annagry Road to John Boyle's in the townland of Meenderrynasloe, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The motion was ruled out of order.

203/37. ROAD FROM FATHER DAN'S ROAD, RANAFAST, TO MAURICE COLL'S AT STRAND.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell proposed:- "That 100 perches of the road from Father Dan's Road, Ranafast, to Maurice Coll's at Strand, in the townland of Ranafast, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The motion was ruled out of order.

204/37. ROAD FROM MULLAGHDUFF-KINCASSLAGH ROAD TO OWEN SHARKEY'S AT DRUMNACART.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell proposed:- "That 500 perches of road from Mullaghduff-Kincasslagh Road to Owen Sharkey's at Drumnacart, in the townlands of Mullaghduff and Drumnacart, Electoral Division of Annagry, be declared a County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road did not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The motion was ruled out of order.

205/37. DAMAGE DONE TO ROADS NOS. 935 AND 938, AILEACH.

Councillor Michael O'Donnell proposed:- "That the Council agree to pay the Contractors the amount estimated by Mr. Kelly, Surveyor, for damage to Roads Nos. 935 and 938 on the morning of the 22nd January, 1937."

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the matter was being dealt with by him.

206/37.

RE-SURFACING OF MAIN STREET, BALLYSHANNON.

Councillor O'Brien proposed:- "That the part of the Main Street, Ballyshannon, about four feet in width, in which the sewer pipes have been laid by Mr. Grainger, Contractor, be steam-rolled, without tar or cement, in order to give a foot-hold for horse traffic, and that this Council give instructions accordingly."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:- "Mr. Cunningham reports that the County Surveyor expressed his opinion to him that tar macadam should be used in renewing pipe track in Ballyshannon. To this I may add that if pipe track is tar-grouted and not sprayed it will be a more lasting job, and will give an equal foot-hold for horse traffic as waterbound macadam."

The Council instructed Mr. O'Reilly to consult with the local Councillors before deciding on type of re-surfacing.

207/37.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE TO CONNECT CRUIT ISLAND WITH THE MAINLAND.

A letter was read from Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle inquiring if the County Surveyor had yet made a report on the proposed bridge to connect Cruit Island with the mainland, which was referred to him at the June Meeting of the Council.

The Secretary stated that no report had yet been furnished in connection with this matter, and it was decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor.

208/37.

PROPOSAL TO REPAIR CRANE AT MALIN HEAD PIER.

Councillor Cole proposed, Councillor Lynch seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the County Surveyor be asked to report on the necessity of repairing crane at Malin Head Pier, and to submit an estimate of the cost."

209/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BOG ROAD CONNECTING THE MAIN ROADS OF ALTNAPASTE AND THE REELIN.

A letter was read from Councillor McMenamin enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers of the townlands of Tonduff, Ballykerrigan, Bindoo, Cashel, Ballybobaneen, Ballyboe, and Cloghan, for a grant for the repair of the Bog Road which connected the two Main Roads of Altnapaste and The Reelin. This road was the only possible way by which they could gain access to their turf.

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

210/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD LEADING FROM THE ROAD FROM BALLYLIFFIN TO THE ISLE OF DOAGH.

Councillor Friel proposed and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council ask the Board of Works for a free grant of about £80 to make 40 perches of a new road (also a branch) leading from the road from Ballyliffin to the Isle of Doagh (to the residence of Pat Gubbins, Beltra.)"

211/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BOG ROAD BETWEEN COOLEY ROAD AND MONEYDARRAGH, GLENEELY, MOVILLE.

Councillor McDaid proposed and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council apply for a grant to make 138 perches of a new Bog and accommodation road between the White Clay (Cooley) Road and Moneydarragh."

212/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REMOVAL OF BENDS ON ROAD BETWEEN
GLENALLA CHURCH AND HOUSE OF EDWARD DUFFY.

A letter was read from Councillor Baxter enclosing memorial from the residents of Glenalla petitioning for the repair of the contract road between Glenalla Church and the house of Edward Duffy. There were two very dangerous bends on the road which should be removed. The road was at present impassable, and constituted a grave inconvenience to the people of the district.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works and to request them to give a grant for the removal of these bends.

213/37. HEADQUARTERS OF LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

The Council adjourned consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael O'Donnell:-
"That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to have the headquarters of the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. and 'Bus Co. transferred from Derry City to Donegal, and that no further subsidies be granted by the Dail until the removal is effected. The removal of these Headquarters will give much-needed employment to citizens of this County."

The Council also adjourned consideration of the following resolution from Buncrana Urban Council:-
"That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to have the headquarters of the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. and 'Bus Co. removed from Londonderry City to County Donegal, seeing that 95% of their running lines and 'Bus Routes are in this County, and 100% of their business. Being the expressed wish of all Donegal trades and people that this be effected and that the transport arrangements be placed in the hands of the Saorstát Nationals, and further that no further subsidies be granted by Dail Éireann by way of compensation or upkeep, until removal is effected which can be done by the present Company with little expense, thereby giving much-needed employment to citizens of the County."

214/37. APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN G. COLL ON THE CLERICAL STAFF
OF THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commissioners dated 4th February, 1937, L.A.13/17/36, enclosing result of recent Examination for the appointment of a Clerical Officer in the Council Offices, and stating that it would be observed that the successful candidate was Mr. John Gerard Coll, Lackenagh, Burtonport.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Mahony the Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Coll.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th February, 1937, G.10351/37, Dun na nGall., enclosing Query Forms and Medical Report Form for completion in connection with the appointment of Mr. J. G. Coll as Clerical Assistant.

215/37. CONTINUANCE OF MRS. MARY McNULTY AND MR. JOHN F. QUIGLEY
ON THE CLERICAL STAFF OF THE COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the continuance of Mrs. Mary McNulty and Mr. John F. Quigley on the clerical staff of the Council for a period of twelve months as from the 1st April, 1937.
(L.G.D.'s letter dated 21/8/1936, G.165196/36.)

216/37. QUINQUENNIAL REVISION OF VALUATION OF RAILWAY UNDERTAKINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to refer to the Law Committee the question of taking action in connection with the quinquennial revision of the valuation of Railway undertakings under the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931.

It was also decided to give the Law Committee plenary powers to take such action as they considered advisable.

217/37.

ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A certificate dated 6th February, 1937, was submitted from Dr. Harry L. Parker, 20, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey, County Surveyor, was still under his care, and would not, in his opinion, be able to resume his work for at least another month from that date.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Kavanagh it was unanimously decided to continue Messrs. J. J. Caffrey and T. J. O'Reilly as Acting County Surveyors, pending the recovery of the County Surveyor.

218/37.

DAMAGE TO BUNATROOHAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, dated 16th February, 1937, W.14/10/35, referring to the Secretary's letter relative to Bunatroohan Pier, and stating that inasmuch as responsibility for the maintenance of this structure rested with the Donegal County Council, they were at a loss to understand the application now made by the Council for a grant to cover the cost of what would appear to be maintenance repairs.

219/37.

ERECTION OF BUNGALOW WITH LEGAL DISTANCE FROM CENTRE OF ROAD BETWEEN CONVOY AND LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Messrs. David Wilson & Co., Solicitors, Raphoe, stating that Mr. S. McClure, Convoys, had shown them extract from Minutes of the Council's Meeting relative to the removal of a bungalow erected by him, and stating that they were surprised that while this case was the subject of correspondence between Mr. McClure's Solicitors and the County Surveyor, that it should have been brought before the County Council and ruled on without giving them an opportunity of putting their client's views before the Council.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:- "In reply to Messrs. David Wilson & Co.'s letter of the 14th January, 1937, inquiring re removal of Nuisance Notice received by their client, Mr. S. McClure, Convoys, I pointed out that the reference was to a partially-built corrugated iron bungalow within legal limits on road from Convoys to Letterkenny between Convoys Main Street and Tullydonnell Crossroads. I also informed him that we were acting under the powers conferred by the Grand Jury Act, 1836, and the Local Government Act, 1925. On the 23rd inst., I inspected the Bungalow. The building is only 14 feet from the centre of the road, and completely blocks view of corner. I saw Mr. McClure who informed me that he was removing the building as directed by the County Council."

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan stating that Mr. S. McClure, Convoys, had put a slate roof on the bungalow erected by him.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the roof was removed on 23rd February, 1937, when he inspected building.

The Council noted the position in this case.

220/37.

GLENTIES NO. 1 O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Glenties No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, asking to have the vacancy on his Sub-Committee caused by the transfer of Rev. John Cunningham, now P.P., Carrigart, filled.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne it was unanimously decided to appoint Rev. W. J. Sheridan, C.C., Glenties, in place of Father Cunningham.

GLENTIES NO. 3 O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

221/37.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Glenties No. 3 O. A. P. Sub-Committee, asking to have Rev. T. McGinley, C.C., Arrammore, appointed a member of the Sub-Committee, in place of Rev. B. Gallagher, C.C., who had been transferred from the Island.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to appoint Father McGinley.

222/37. COST OF MAINTENANCE OF LIGHT OF WIGHAM TYPE AT RINALLAN POINT, RIVER SHANNON.

A letter was read from the Commissioners of Irish Lights stating that the only light of the Wigham type maintained by them was at Rinallan Point, River Shannon. The attendant in charge of this light was paid £19 per annum, exclusive of oil and other stores necessary for the maintenance of the light.

The Council noted the letter.

223/37. PROPOSED ERECTION OF LEADING LIGHT AT BREAGHY HEAD.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council unanimously decided to request the Commissioners of Irish Lights to take over from the Board of Works a light of the Wigham type which it was proposed to erect at Breaghy Head, and to be responsible for its maintenance and operation.

224/37. OVERGORUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

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 Ballyshannon Road from Donegal Harbour to Magherabeg House.

Permission was unanimously granted 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.

225/37. PAYMENT OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. MURPHY (NEE LOHAN), FORMERLY IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee, stating that his Committee had decided to pay a marriage gratuity of £136 :12 :11 to Mrs. E. M. Murphy (nee Lohan), who had been in its employment for seven complete years as Teacher of Commerce.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to pay the gratuity.

226/37. REPORT RE DAMAGE TO INISHKEERAGH ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 20th January, 1937, stating that the attention of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had been drawn to a report of severe storm damage to the Island of Inishkeeragh off the coast of Donegal. He would be glad to be informed as to the extent of the damage, and whether any special measures were being taken by the Council to relieve the distress caused by the occurrence.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he would endeavour to ascertain the conditions obtaining at this place.

227/37. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

A Notice was submitted of intention to apply for a licence under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of Meenatugart Hall in the Parish of Killynord.

228/37.

CARETAKER OF PORTALEEN PIER, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 26th January, 1937, referring to the Council's decision at their Meeting on 31st March, 1936, No. 329/36, to take over Portaleen Pier for future maintenance. Mr. Denis McKenny had been employed by them as Caretaker of the Pier at remuneration of £2 a year and as Lightkeeper at £2 : 10 : 0 a year, he being responsible for the supply of oil and wick. As the Council were now responsible for the maintenance of the Pier no payment had been made by them to Mr. McKenny since the 13th July, 1936, their last payment being in respect of the half-year ending on that date.

The Council unanimously decided to pay Mr. McKenny as from the 14th July, 1936, at the same rate of remuneration.

229/37.

INISHIRRER ISLAND LANDING-PLACE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 2nd February, 1937, C.87.1.36., referring to the report regarding Inishirrer Island landing-place submitted by the County Surveyor to the County Council on the 25th August last, and stating that a further examination of the slip had now been made. Their Engineer reported that the suggestion that the South Wall, constructed in 1934, was defective as regards its foundation appeared quite unwarranted, and that no sign of cracking was apparent. They would be glad if the Council would intimate that they had taken over the completed works for future maintenance in accordance with their undertaking of the 30th January, 1934.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported that there was nothing to add to the previous report in this matter.

The Council unanimously decided to inform the Board of Works that they could not take over this work until it was properly completed.

230/37.

COMPLAINTS RE CERTAIN PERSONS NOT RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Employment Branch, dated 20th January, 1937, E.B.206704, referring to the Council's resolution at last Meeting on the subject of claims to Unemployment Benefit, and stating that the question of a claimant's eligibility for Unemployment Benefit was decided in the light of the statutory conditions for the receipt of benefit contained in Section 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, and of the statutory disqualifications contained in Section 8 of the same Act. Every case in which the claimant to benefit was a landholder or a resident on a holding was decided on its own merits.

231/37.

WEIGHBRIDGE AT MOUNTCHARLES PIER.

A letter was read from Messrs. Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., 48a, Smithfield Square, Belfast, stating that they had had the weighbridge at Mountcharles Pier examined, but regretted having to report that they found it to be of such an old and obsolete type and so badly worn out as to make it well-nigh impossible to put it into such a state of repair as to meet the requirements of the Inspector of Weights and Measures. The repairs, if attempted, would be bound to prove costly, and, in the circumstances, they thought that it would be unwise to spend any money on it. If the Council decided to re-place the machine, if they must have one at this point, they would be pleased to submit a tender.

On the motion of Councillor Myles it was unanimously decided to instruct the Secretary to invite quotations for a new weighbridge.

232/37. CONTRIBUTION UNDER TOURIST TRAFFIC (DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1937, Circ. No. 29/1937, stating that it appeared from the accounts of the Irish Tourist Association that the financial assistance given by Local Authorities was less than one-sixth of the assistance that could be given if all Local Authorities were desirous of making the maximum contribution under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931. Under that Act County and County Borough Councils could levy a rate up to one penny in the £. The Minister appreciated that the further expansion of the tourist industry would call for special attention to roads and other services availed of by holiday-makers, and, in the allocation of special grants from the Road Fund and other sources in the coming financial year, would give consideration to the interest of the various Local Authorities in the promotion of this industry, particularly in the matter of providing the necessary publicity funds for its continued development.

233/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - MR. JOHN GALLAGHER, FALCARRAGH.

An application was submitted from Mr. John Gallagher, Main Street, Falcarragh, for a loan of £350 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council's Solicitor reported that the applicant's title was one which he would be prepared to advise an ordinary mortgagee to accept.

Mr. Gallagher submitted the names of Messrs. Charles McGinley, Drumnatinney, Falcarragh, and Daniel Gallagher, Upper Killult, Falcarragh, as his sureties.

The Council decided to make inquiries as to the solvency of the sureties before making any advance.

234/37. GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th January, 1937, Circ. 10/36, stating that a further assessment for the purposes of the General Cattle Diseases Fund equivalent to a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £ would shortly be necessary. Appropriate provision should be made in the Estimates for 1937/38.

235/37. EXPENSES OF A GARDA WITNESS AT SWORN INQUIRY INTO CHARGES AGAINST MR. W. J. McFEELY, V.S.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd February, 1937, Ac.2734/37, requesting to be furnished with a Paying Order for 5s/4d being the costs of attendance of a Garda witness at the Inquiry held in October, 1934, into charges made against Mr. W. J. McFeely, former Veterinary Inspector in Ballyshannon District.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

236/37. COUNCIL'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A letter was read from Kenny's Advertising Agency, Dublin, suggesting that, when the Council were issuing any advertisements in future, no matter how small, they be given the opportunity of placing them. There was no extra charge of any kind involved, and their payment came by way of commission from the papers.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

237/37. CINEMA SHOWS IN CERTAIN TOWNS IN DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Cannon, Donegal Cinema Co., Newmills, stating that he intended visiting the following Halls, commencing 31st January, 1937:- Glenties, Dungloe, Annagry, Derrybeg, Creeslough, Rosnakill, Rathmullan, Milford, and Carrigart.

The Council noted the letter.

238/37.

IMPOSITION OF STAMP DUTIES.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the amendment of Article 55 (13) of the Public Bodies Order, 1935, re Stamp Duties, was not discussed on the occasion of the deputation to the Minister for Local Government. They wished to know if the Council desired to have this matter discussed at the Spring Meeting of the General Council.

The Council unanimously decided to request the General Council to have this matter discussed at their next Meeting.

239/37.

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

A letter was read from Mr. John Harley, Gweedore, enclosing two Paying Orders value 1s/6d each, dated 16th June, 1936, which the Bank refused to cash as they were out-of-date.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government for permission to issue fresh Paying Orders.

240/37.

COMPLAINT RE RATE OF WAGES PAID TO RELIEF WORKERS IN MALIN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Joe McLaughlin, Ballynaneal, Balleighan, Malin, stating that he had been instructed by the Relief workers of Malin District to ask to have his letter of the 9th January regarding the rate of wages being paid to relief workers placed early on the Agenda for the February Meeting. They had been informed by the local Councillors that the letter was not read early enough at the last Meeting.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

241/37.

APPLICATION FROM SURFACEMAN FOR INCREASE OF 1/- PER WEEK.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph McEvoy, Ballylast, Castlefin, stating that he had been a surfaceman for six years, and never got the rise of 1/- per week to which surfacemen were entitled after three years' service.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

242/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM MEENTINADEA CROSSROADS TO TULLINTAIN CROSSROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. F. J. McGill, N.T., Meentinadea, Ardara, complaining of the condition of the road from Meentinadea Crossroads to Tullintain Crossroads. The foundation stones of the road were to be seen in many places. The waterways were choked up, and pipes under the road were broken. It would also need to be widened to accommodate present-day traffic.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:- "Mr. Lennon reports that this is the case of a bad Contractor. He has been at him continually to have the Meentinadea end of his road attended to. Mr. Lennon will object to Tender if Contractor submits one for coming year. He will again see him re having necessary repairs effected. The question of widening the road is a desired improvement for which no County Funds are at present available."

The Council noted and approved of the report.

243/37.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Gillespie, Stranabrooey, Derrybeg, applying for a position as Ganger on Roads, as he understood that there was a preference for old I.R.A. men.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

244/37.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF STONES TAKEN FROM QUARRY
OF MR. PATRICK KEENEY, AIGHE, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Louis Walsh, Solicitor, Glenties, claiming £12 : 19 : 6 on behalf of Mr. Patrick Keeney, Aighe, Ardara, for 1038 tons of stones taken from his Quarry at the rate of 3d. per ton. The arrangements permitting the stones to be quarried were made with Mr. Patrick Callaghan, Ganger.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Lennon reports that these stones were quarried early last year, and that he cannot trace any written Agreement. The verbal arrangement the Ganger informs him was that in return for the use of the Quarry the man Keeney was to get regular work. That was effected, but Keeney injured his hand a few weeks after the commencement of the work, and was unable to resume up to completion of work. In view of the fact that the Agreement was only verbal, and that the Council have used the amount of stones for which trespass is claimed, I suggest that trespass at the rate of 3d. per ton be paid to Patrick Keeney, Aighe, Ardara."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the report, and to pay trespass to Keeney.

245/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITIONS IN THE LOWER GRADES OF THE CIVIL
SERVICE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Dublin Trades Union Council, forwarding copy of the following resolution passed by the Dublin Trades Council:-

"That this Council directs the attention of the representatives of the people in the Dail and on public bodies to the appeal of public opinion circulated by the Civil Service Clerical Association; calls attention to the unsatisfactory conditions of employment in the lower grades in the Civil Service, and deplores the attitude of the Minister for Finance in refusing to enter into direct negotiations with the accredited representatives of the Civil Service Staff Organisations."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

246/37.

COMPLAINT FROM ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN RE NOT BEING
PAID FOR CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS.

A letter was read from Messrs. William McCrossan and William McCallion, Engine Drivers, protesting, on behalf of all the Engine Drivers and Flagmen employed by the Council, against the action of the Council in not paying them for 1st January and 6th January, which were Catholic Holidays. They had been paid for these holidays for the last 20 years.

A letter dated 22nd February, 1937, T.I.E. 1542, was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, stating that it had been suggested to the Minister that following the enactment of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, the Council proposed to depart from the terms of an Agreement stated to have been entered into some years ago whereby it had become the practice to pay all Engine Drivers and Flagmen employed by the Council for Catholic Church Holidays on which no work was carried out. It had been further suggested that work should be done now on these days, and that it was intended to substitute Bank Holidays as specified in the Conditions of Employment Act for certain Church Holidays. The Minister presumed that there was some misunderstanding in connection with this matter as he noted from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Law Committee held in July last that it was intended to substitute certain Church Holidays for Easter Monday, Whit Monday, and the first Monday in August as provided for in sub-sections 3 and 4 of Section 7 of the Conditions of Employment Act.

The Secretary stated that in the Agreement referred to no mention was made of payment for Catholic Holidays, and that these men were now being paid as recommended by the Law Committee in July.

Councillor Friel contended that the Engine Drivers and Flagmen, should also be paid for Catholic Church Holidays in addition to the Holidays provided for in the Act.

The Chairman ruled that before this matter could be dealt with, the previous decision of the Council would have to be rescinded.

247/37. REQUEST TO HAVE LAND NEAR BALLYSHANNON KNOWN AS THE
"PULLENS" DRAINED.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the townlands of Lisahully, Killeen, Clontyseer, and Ardlongfield, Ballyshannon, asking to have the flooded land known as the "Pulleens" drained. This pond covers portion of the townlands of Lisahully and Clontyseer, and renders the land useless for any purpose. The County Roads were often flooded to a depth of several feet. It was also very injurious to the health of the people of the district.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The drainage of the "Pulleens" will require the sinking of the stream therefrom for over a mile and the re-building of two road culverts. This is not a matter for the County Council. It could be referred to the Board of Works or to the Irish Land Commission who did other Drainage Schemes in this locality."

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

248/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD LEADING FROM
COUNTY ROAD AT KILL, DUNFANAGHY, TO LISHEAGH, DUNFANAGHY.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Kill, Dunfanaghy, applying for a grant for the making of a new road beginning at the County Road and extending to the townland of Lisheagh, terminating at the residence of Patrick McBride. There was only a lane there at present, and the road would be used by nine families.

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

249/37. REQUEST TO HAVE OLD I.R.A. MEN EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORKS.

A letter was read from the National Association of Old I.R.A., Ballyshannon, forwarding copy of the following resolution passed by the Branch:-

"We, the members of the above Branch, demand that unemployed old I.R.A. men get 33-1/3rd preference when applying for work on local Government Schemes, such as road work, etc., which are introduced for the relief of unemployment, and we would request the members of the County Council to instruct their Surveyors and Road Gangers to accede as much as possible to this demand."

A further letter was read from the National Association of Old I.R.A., Ballyshannon, stating that they had been instructed to request the County Surveyor to appoint one of their members, Mr. M. McCarthy, Kildoney, as Ganger on the construction of a new road running from Kildoney to the Pier.

The Council noted the letters.

250/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McBride, Gortnalough, Downings, stating that he had made ten applications for a position as Ganger, and was always told there were no vacancies. A grant of £2,000 was now being expended in that district. There were three single men, without dependents, employed as Gangers, and two married men who had large farms of land. He had a large family and had to live on the dole.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

251/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON MINOR-RELIEF
SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Cumann De Valera, Glassagh, Derrybeg, inquiring why Manus Gallagher, Glassagh, had not been paid the sum of £3 for gravel supplied to a Minor Relief Scheme at Glassagh.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the matter was being attended to.

252/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF DOONCASTLE RAMPART ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Ummerafad, Croeslough, again complaining of the condition of the Dooncastle Rampart Road. The Council had a responsibility for the upkeep and repair of the beeching. Owing to their neglect the land was almost useless for grazing.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

253/37.

COMPLAINT RE BUILDING OF PIPE ON RIGHT-OF-WAY AT LOUGHMILT, BRUCKLESS.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Haughoy, Loughmilt, Bruckless, stating that a pipe had been built on a right-of-way which belonged to him, and was blocking the way out, and causing him great inconvenience. He wished the Council to compensate him for his loss.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Acting County Surveyor for inquiries into the position.

254/37.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PORCH AT SLIEVE LEAGUE HOTEL, GARRICK.

A letter was read from Mrs. Brigid Maloney, Slieve League Hotel, Garrick, applying for permission to build a porch at the entrance to her Hotel.

The Council decided to grant the required permission, on condition that Mrs. Maloney signs an Agreement undertaking to remove the porch at any time she may be called upon to do so.

255/37.

APPLICATIONS FOR REFUNDS OF DEPOSITS LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAYS.

A letter was read from Rev. T. W. Gallagher, Manager, Industrial School, Killybegs, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged in July, 1935, in connection with road opening.

A letter was also read from Mr. Michael McIntyre, Quay Street, Donegal, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by him in December in connection with the opening of the road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that these deposits had since been refunded.

256/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD IN TOWNLAND OF DOOBIN, KILRAINE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Doobin, Kilraine, applying to have a new road made in the townland of Doobin. It was five years since they first applied for this road. They could not get to Chapel or to town without walking through water to their knees.

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

257/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD IN TOWNLAND OF COOLKENNY, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. John J. Quigley, Coolkenney, Malin, applying to have a new road made in that district. At present the only means of access to that district was by a plank across the river, and a serious drowning accident occurred there recently.

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

258/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD TO LEAD FROM COUNTY ROAD AT MEENACLOY, BRUCKLESS, TO ROAD AT CORKERBEG.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Meenacloy, Bruckless, applying for a grant for the construction of a new road from the County Road at Meenacloy to meet the road now under repair at Corkerbeg, connecting the County Roads at Ballywogs and Meenacloy.

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

259/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO IMPROVE AND WIDEN ROAD LEADING FROM CHURCHILL TO GARTAN, AND TO REMOVE DANGEROUS CORNER.

A letter was read from Mr. James Forrest, Gartan, Churchill, applying for a grant to improve and widen the road leading from Churchill to Gartan, and also to remove a dangerous corner at the entrance to the demesne of Mrs. Johnstone. This was the leading road to Glenveagh Castle, and was a very important tourist road.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

260/37. COMPLAINT RE POOL OF WATER LYING ON MURVAGH-LAGHEY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. James Deery, Murvagh, Ballintra, drawing attention to a pool of water that was lying in the centre of the Murvagh-Laghey Road. This pool had left the road impassable.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road was not a County Road.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

261/37. DAMAGE TO WHITEPORT BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean O'Gallagher, Cloughbee, Ardara, stating that the recent storms had torn away a portion of Whiteport Boatslip. The matter should be attended to as further damage might be done.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that 7 or 8 yards of slip at head of Pier had been undermined, and that he estimated the cost of repairs at £4.

The Council decided to authorise the expenditure of £4 on this Boatslip.

262/37. APPLICATION TO HAVE FOOTPATH MADE NEAR EDENINFAGH CHAPEL.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Edeninfagh applying to have about 70 perches of a footpath made between the Chapel Gate and the Graveyard Gate. There was a lot of traffic at that spot on Sundays, and it was dangerous for pedestrians to walk on the road at present.

The Council decided to take no action in this matter.

263/37. COMPLAINT RE HEDGE ON ROAD FROM CRAIGADOES TO BALLINDRAIT.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. McClintock, Craigadoes, St. Johnston, drawing attention to a high hedge on the road from Craigadoes to Ballindrait. This hedge was on the verge of the Letterkenny Road, and it was impossible to see a car approaching from the Letterkenny direction, when emerging on to the Main Road. At present it was a death-trap, and should be attended to immediately.

Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had served the owner of the hedge with the usual notice to cut down the hedge, and he expected it would be removed during that week.

264/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT ROOSKEY, CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Rooskey, Creeslough, again complaining of the condition of the Rooskey, Ballyboes, and Creesloughbeg Road. The water-tables on this road had not been cleaned for ten years. A grant should be allocated for the repair of this road immediately.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road was being repaired by Direct Labour as far as possible with the money available.

265/37. PIER AT SALTHILL, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Mountcharles, stating that Mountcharles Pier required some gravel. None had been put on it for some years.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this matter was having his attention.

266/37. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. James Gallagher, Stranabrooey, Derrybeg, stating that there was a new road being made through the townland of Lunnyagh, crossing part of his land. His sons had lost the Unemployment Benefit which they were receiving, and he thought they were entitled to get work on this new road. He did not see why his land could be taken and torn up for a road, on which he dare not ask a day's work.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Gallagher, Stranabrooey, Derrybeg, applying for work on the new road being made in the townland of Lunnyagh, which crossed part of his mother's land.

The Acting County Surveyor explained that the Board of Works only allowed persons to be engaged other than through the Labour Exchanges, when these persons were giving land for the work which would be of benefit to the public generally and not to themselves alone.

267/37. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Harkin, Pound Street, Carndonagh, withdrawing his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and asking for a refund of his deposit.

The Council unanimously decided to refund Mr. Harkin his deposit, less any expenses incurred.

268/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF NEW ROAD BETWEEN McATEER'S, ANNEY, AND THE MAIN ROAD AT CARNGARROW, GLENVAR.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Glenvar drawing attention to the state of the new road between McAteer's, Anney, and Main Road at Carnгарrow, Glenvar. The road was impassable at present, but if properly repaired it would be one of the most beautiful tourist roads in Ireland. A grant of about £100 would complete the road properly.

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

269/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PROTECTION WALL ON ROAD AT BALLINLOUGH, DRUMFRIES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Bradley, Ballinlough, Drumfries, applying for permission to erect a protection wall at his residence on the road between Buncrana and Carndonagh.

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

270/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN GILDONAGH AND MANORCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Lyons, ~~Glenmaquin~~, Letterkenny, complaining of the condition of the road running from Galdonagh to Drumoghill and Manorcunningham. He had broken three springs of his car and the wheel of a threshing-mill owing to the condition of the road. The repairs had cost him £7, which the Council should pay. The road was far too narrow for the traffic using it.

The Assistant Surveyor reported that the road was having his attention.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

271/37.

GLENFINN STREET, BALLYBOFEY.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that a grant of £170 had been apportioned from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, (Towns), for lowering and re-surfacing Glenfinn Street, Ballybofey. The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

272/37.

DAMAGE TO PROTECTION WALL ON ROAD BETWEEN ROSBEG AND KILTOORISH.

In connection with Minute No. 137/37, Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"On the 22nd February, 1937, I inspected Protection wall between Rosbeg and Kiltloorish, which was damaged by recent severe storm. Two hundred yards of dry-built protection wall has been torn away by exceptional high tide. The wall, which is two feet thick, varies in height from 2'.6" to 6'.6". I agree with Mr. Kearney's estimate of £80 for repair of damages, provided wall is pointed and coping set in cement mortar. In view of the present state of the Contingency Fund the proposed repair could be adjourned until April of this year when the Contingency Fund for 1937/38 will be available. Mr. Kearney has had all loose stone removed from road leaving it clear for vehicular traffic."

The Council noted and approved of Mr. O'Reilly's report.

273/37.

BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported that he intended breaking the following Road Contracts:-
Ballyshannon.

Map No. 2047, No. 17, April 1934.
Map No. 2046, No. 16, April 1934.
Map No. 2051, No. 20, April 1934.
Map No. 2051, No. 21, April 1934.
Map No. 2043, No. 14, April 1934.

Donegal.

Map No. 2033, No. 212, April 1934.
Map No. 1802, No. 42, April 1934.

Glenties.

Map No. 1860, No. 12, April 1934.
Map No. 1961, No. 74, April 1934.

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

274/37.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COUNTY SECRETARIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th February, 1937, Circ. No. 22/1935, stating that the Annual Conference of County Secretaries would be held on the 2nd and 3rd March, 1937, at eleven a.m. in the Board Room of the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin. The Minister would be glad if the County Secretary would arrange to attend.

The Secretary was authorised to attend.

275/37.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT SIGNS NEAR DRUMBEG HOTEL, INVER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th February, 1937, IR/39/7, referring to an entry in the Minutes of the Council of the 26th January regarding the erection of signs near Drumbeg Hotel, and pointing out that only authorised danger and direction signs may be erected on public roads. Private signs on lands adjoining roads were dealt with in Part III of the Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926.

The Council decided to instruct Mr. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor, to call with Mr. Hammersback, and point out the regulations governing the erection of private signs. (119/37 C.C.)

276/37.

PROPOSED RAISING OF LOAN OF £3,000 TO MEET THE COUNCIL'S SHARE OF A SCHEME OF ROAD WORKS PROPOSED TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th February, 1937, RU/203/7, enclosing application form for completion in connection with the proposed loan of £3,000 to meet the Council's share of a cost of a scheme of road works proposed to be carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37. A resolution should be passed by the Council in the terms set forth on the accompanying form.

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

"That the Donegal County Council make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a grant towards the cost of carrying out a scheme of road and/or footpath works which is being undertaken by the Council with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and it is further requested that the Minister in pursuance of Section 6 (1) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, will issue a certificate to that effect so that any money borrowed for the carrying out of the work shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the Council for the purposes of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing."

277/37.

GRANT OF £2,000 FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES IN CERTAIN GAELTACHT AREAS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th February, 1937, RU/203/7. T., stating that with a view to relieving unemployment in certain Gaeltacht Areas a further grant of £2,000 had been made available for road works in the following Electoral Divisions:- Carthage, Dunaff, Fanad North, and Illies. A scheme of road works for these areas, prepared by the Acting County Surveyor in anticipation of the supplemental grant, had been approved, and work should be put in hands as soon as possible. Works Number U.159 had been assigned to the Scheme.

The Council noted the letter.

278/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN CALHAME OR CASTLETOWN NATIONAL AND URBAL NATIONAL SCHOOL, DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from Rev. Thomas M. Edwards, Methodist Manse, Dunkineely, complaining of the condition of the road between Calhame or Castletown National School and Urbal National School.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:- "Mr. Lennon reports that this road has suffered through having a bad and careless Contractor. A sum of £15 has been allocated for the road this year, and the work is being carried out by Direct Labour."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

279/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF RIVER AT STRANABROOEY, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Ferry, Stranabrooy, Derrybeg, stating that his land had been destroyed by flooding from the Stranabrooy River. The river needed to be cleaned and straightened, and there was no use in repairing the road until this was done.

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

280/37.

CONTINUANCE OF SYSTEM OF GIVING RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND BY WAY OF CREDIT NOTES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to continue the system of giving relief of rates on Agricultural Land by way of Credit Notes for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

281/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO MEENDERRY N.S.,
FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Miss Mary Gallagher, Meenderry N.S., Falcarragh, complaining of the condition of the road leading to that School. No notice had been taken of previous complaints, but she intended to hold the Council responsible for any accidents that might occur by her endeavouring to bring a car over an impassable road.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

282/37. COMPLAINT RE BULGING OF GABLE WALL OF HOUSE AT DERRYHASSEN,
DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McBride, Derryhassen, Downings, again complaining of the bulging of the end wall of his house. The bulge was steadily increasing and was becoming a greater menace than ever. When the roller began to operate the wall would probably collapse as a result of the concussion.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

283/37. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PROPERTY AT "THE BRIDGE",
CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mrs. B. Simpson, The Bridge, Carndonagh, complaining of damage to her property owing to overflow of water from the County Road. On several occasions she had goods damaged through the same cause.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor O'Neill stating that Mrs. Simpson's complaint about damage to her property was receiving attention.

284/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF DIRLAUGHT ROAD, LETTERMACAWARD.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Dooley and Dirlaught, Lettermacaward, complaining of the condition of the Dirlaught Road. The matter was before the Council in November, and the County Surveyor stated that it was having attention, but nothing had since been done. Pipes were bursted, and the gravel had been washed off it with the heavy rains.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported:-
"Mr. Kearney reports that this is a County Road, the foundation of which is large flat boulders which extend for almost a mile of road. The metal surface in between these flat boulders gets worn down from time to time, consequently leaving the road unlevel for vehicular traffic. This year the estimate for this road has been increased from £12 to £20, and the tonnage from 50 tons to 95 tons. This was probably what the County Surveyor had in mind when he reported in November that the matter was having attention. It would take close on £400 to remove these boulders by blasting, and thus effect a permanent cure."

The Council noted the report.

285/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM McELHINNEY'S GARAGE,
VIA SESSIAGH LAKE, TO THE BOTTOM OF FRIEL'S HILL IN THE
DUNFANAGHY AREA.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Woodhill and Rockhill, Dunfanaghy, requesting that the road from McElhinney's Garage via Sessiagh Lake to the bottom of Friel's hill be put in good repair. The surface had been badly damaged and there were pot-holes and loose stones scattered over it.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the matter was having his attention.

286/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON CRANFORD ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John McBride (Pat), Devlinreagh, Carrigart, applying for the position of surfaceman on the Cranford Road, as he heard that John Connor was going to be put off.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

287/37.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS CARTER ON ROADS IN DOWNINGS AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Donie Carr, Murlough, Downings, applying for work as a carter on the roads in that area. He had to pay heavy rates, and other people who paid no rates at all got constant employment. The Gangers in that district were acting very unfairly.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that all workers were recruited through the Labour Exchanges.

288/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM JOHNSTON'S SHOP AT GROUSEHALL TO THE COUNTY BOUNDARY AT TIEVENAMENTA.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward J. McNally, Grousehall, Tievenmore, Pettigo, complaining of the condition of a piece of road leading from Johnston's shop at Grousehall to the County Boundary at Tievenamenta. This road was coated all over with loose rolling stones, and it was impossible to walk on it. It should be repaired immediately, and rolled. He also complained of the condition of Tyban Lane, Pettigo, to which nothing had been done, although it was before the Council on several occasions.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"Five-sixths of the length of the above road would not bear up the weight of a roller, and even if it would the Northern Customs Authorities would have to be approached for permission to get to this section, owing to a steep hill near Grousehall and that the roller could not travel over. The road is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length and 50 tons is not too much to keep it in repair. The class of stone in the neighbourhood is limestone and soft sugary sandstone, and I think that the quality of the stone is a matter for the Surveyor to determine. Tybane Lane is not a County Road."

The Council noted the report.

289/37.

OUTBREAK OF SHEEP SCAB AT GORTNALECK, CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from Veterinary Inspector McIlhargoy reporting an outbreak of sheep scab on the lands of Mr. Joe Sweeney, Gortnaleck, Creeslough. There were about 400 sheep on a common grazing ground, and they would all need to be dipped. He suggested the re-appointment for one month of the local Dipping Inspector.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to re-appoint the local Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector for a period of four weeks at £2 per week to deal with this outbreak!

290/37.

COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. James Breslin, Glengesh, Ardara, complaining of the unfair allocation of work on the Minor Relief Schemes in that district. He only got three days' work on the Scheme one week, and three days' another week.

Mr. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor, reported that neither of the three men mentioned in Mr. Breslin's letter were in receipt of Unemployment Assistance. James Breslin was taken on when Unemployment Assistance men were all employed in the district. According as these Unemployment Assistance's men's jobs finished they were taken on this job, and any man not actually drawing Unemployment Assistance had to go off.

The Council noted Mr. Lennon's report.

291/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING THROUGH TOWNLAND OF EXTEVLIN, BURNFOOT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Crislaghmore, Burnfoot, complaining of the condition of the road leading through Extevlín, Burnfoot. The Contractor failed to do anything on the road last year, and it was in a very bad state.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported that this road only served a few families, and that it should never have been a County Road. If the complainants had any interest in the road they would tender for it when put out to Contract.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was decided to put this road into the Acting County Surveyor's hands.

292/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM MINAWARD TO DOULAGH, DRUMFRIES.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Minaward, Drumfries, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Minaward to Doulagh. It was impossible to cart on it at present.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road.

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

293/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW BOG ROAD IN DUNMORE, KERRYKEEL.

A letter was read from Mr. William F. Logue, Dunmore, Kerrykeel, applying for a grant for the making of a new Bog Road in Dunmore, which was very badly needed.

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

294/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD FROM "THE RAMPART", CROLLY, TO THE SEA.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the townlands of Crollly, Meenaleck, Dore, and Derrynamansher, applying for a grant for the making of about 300 yards of a road from where the County Road terminates at a place locally known as "The Rampart" to the Sea. The road would be very useful for bringing gravel, seaweed, and fish from the shore.

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

295/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF NEW ROAD BEING MADE FROM DUNWILEY TO CREGGAN UNDER A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. William J. Doherty, Ballinaglack, Ballybofey, stating that the grant allocated for the making of a new road from Dunwiley to Creggan was not sufficient for the completion of the road, as a bridge had to be constructed. A further grant of about £100 would be necessary.

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

296/37. CONTINGENCY FUND.

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

To repair Road, Map No. 934, damaged by cloud-burst.....£2 : 10 : 0.
To repair Road, Map No. 935, damaged by cloud-burst.....£5 : 0 : 0.

The application was granted unanimously.

297/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING THROUGH MALINBEG VILLAGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Christopher O'Byrne, Malinbeg, stating that he had got a front side spring in his car broken owing to the condition of the road leading through Malinbeg village. The Council would have to pay the cost of repairing the spring, as nothing had been done to this road since he reported it before.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"The amount allowed on this road last year was £22 : 17 : 0. The length of this road is nearly 3 miles. This money was spent in June-July last year by Direct Labour after the contract was broken. When these complaints were coming in, I visited the road, accompanied by the Chairman. I do not say the road is good, but I say we cannot improve it without funds. I have provisionally allocated a sum of £300 for the improvement of this road out of the Gaeltacht Grants."

The Council noted and approved of the report.

298/37. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT PORTRONAN PIER, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 29th December, 1936, C.87.90/1/36, referring to previous correspondence regarding proposed improvements at Portronan Pier, Malin Head, and stating that the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, had indicated that any expenditure exceeding £500 would not be justified in the fishery interests. It would be noted that the County Surveyor's proposal as modified by their Engineer was unacceptable locally. In the circumstances it was suggested that the County Surveyor should prepare a Scheme meeting local requirements as far as possible, and within the £500 limit of cost. When this had been done their Engineer would be prepared to meet the County Surveyor on the site, if necessary, to discuss the new Scheme. They were at the same time to inquire what amount the Council would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the proposed works, and if they would accept responsibility for their future maintenance on completion.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"I visited Portronan Pier with Father McNamee, C.C., and Mr. P. O'Doherty, Malin Head Hotel. In view of the statement by the Board of Works that "your County Surveyor's proposal as modified by our Engineer is unacceptable locally" I went there expecting that some proposals would be put forward which would be acceptable locally. Each person to whom I spoke had a different suggestion as to what ought to be done, and I would not think it advisable to recommend any of the suggestions made."

It was decided to refer the matter back to Mr. Caffrey to see if he could prepare a modified or partial Scheme. (78/37 C.C.)

299/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF RIVER IN THE TOWNLAND OF GLENMALIN, MALINMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Cunningham, Glenmalin, Malinmore, applying for a grant for the cleaning of a river flowing through the townland of Glenmalin, which was at present destroying his land. He would pay no more rates until this river was cleaned.

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

300/37. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph P. Martin, Garveross, Glencolumbkille, stating that he had been paid off work after only getting 4½ days' work. There were four and five members of some families working, and he had a wife and family to support, and he thought he had been treated unfairly.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that his Assistant had informed him that this man was not in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, and could not, therefore, be employed on Minor Relief Schemes, while men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance were available.

301/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-COMPLETION OF MINOR RELIEF SCHEME AT AUGHRA, TEELIN.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Aughra, Teelin, Carrick, stating that they understood that a grant was given for the making of a road to Slieve League through the townland of Aughra. Work was begun on the road at the far end of the townland, but was never finished. They could not understand why the work was started at the wrong end and not finished.

Mr. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor, reported that consents were refused for this road construction on the Slieve League end in 1933/34. Consents were refused on the near or Clogher end in 1934/35, in 1935/36, and again this year. The name of the man who refused to sign was Condy Byrne.

The Council noted Mr. Lennon's report.

302/37.

COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Gavigan, Meenakillow, Ardara, stating that he had been refused employment on roads because he was not in receipt of dole. He wished to know the reason for this.

The Council decided to inform Mr. Gavigan that only men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance could be employed on Minor Relief Schemes, and to refer him to the Board of Works.

303/37.

COMPLAINT RE PIPE ON ROAD AT SALLOW, LETTERBARROW.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Boyle, Sallows, Letterbarrow, stating that there was a pipe on the Main Road in Sallows between the Main Road and Pat Boyle's house, which was in danger of collapsing, owing to the large amount of traffic on this road. The Surveyor should inspect it and advise what should be done.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the pipe would be repaired as soon as possible.

304/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT BACKLANDS, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McLaughlin, Backlands, Malin Head, applying for a grant for the making of a new road into his land. There were two right-of-ways there at present, and one of them which was used by about twenty farmers could be improved.

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

305/37.

QUESTION OF PURCHASE OF NEW LIGHT ROLLER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th February, 1957, R/IR/20, stating that it was understood that the Council contemplated the purchase of a Road Roller, and pointing out that before any definite steps were taken the proposal should be submitted for sanction in accordance with instructions issued in May, 1925, and in April, 1933.

The Secretary stated that the proposal had been submitted for sanction, and the necessary particulars furnished.

306/37.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh O'Donnell (David), Drumlaghdrid, Lettermacaward, applying for the position of **Flagman on one of the Council's rollers.**

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

307/37.

STONES TAKEN FROM LANDS AT EDEN, ROSBEG - PAYMENT OF TRESPASS MONEY.

A letter was read from Miss G. H. Johnstone, Lough Veagh House, Churchill, stating that she understood that several quarries had been opened up for the past few weeks on her lands at Eden, Rosbeg. No one ever asked her permission. She wished to know how many tons had been lifted, and what price per ton would be paid.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-
"Mr. Kearney reports that Miss Johnstone must have been misinformed when she states that several quarries have been opened on her lands at Eden, Rosbeg. The only interference with Miss Johnstone's land was that the Ganger, without permission from Mr. Kearney, quarried about 10 tons of building stone to make a new County pipe. So far this building stone has not been used, and in view of Miss Johnstone's letter will not now be used. The Ganger in question is not a permanent County Council Ganger. He was temporarily employed on an Employment Grant."

The Council decided to instruct the Assistant Surveyor to pay Miss Johnstone for the stones taken.

308/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF
CORNAGILL, ELECTORAL DIVISION OF CASTLEWRAY.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, enclosing memorial from seven ratepayers in the townland of Cornagill, Electoral Division of Castlewrays, drawing attention to the wretchedly bad state of the road giving access to their lands. The roadway was about one mile in length and branched off the road leading to Oakpark-Castlewrays District at a point near the Church at Aughanunshin. The condition of the road was such that in the harvest and early spring months it was utterly impossible to traverse the road with a horse and cart.

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

309/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING TO
CORLEA BOG, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. Edmund Pierce-Condon, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers of Corlea, Ballyshannon, for the improvement and re-construction of a Bog Road leading from the County Road at John Kerrigan's in the townland of Corlea to the Bog, known as the Corlea Bog, which was at present in an impassable condition.

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

310/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM DOOBIN N.S.
TO TIEVELOUGH, KILRAINE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Gillespie, Tievelough, Kilraine, Glenties, asking to have the road from Doobin N.S. to his house repaired. The road served at least thirteen tenants, and was formerly repaired by the Council. Part of the road ran beside a cliff, and was very dangerous at all times for stock and also for people. Some 40 or 50 yards of the cliff should be removed.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

311/37.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF GARDEN AT BRIDGE COTTAGE,
CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Harkin, Gort Cottage, Carndonagh, complaining of the flooding of his garden at Bridge Cottage, Carndonagh, by water flowing off the County Road. The matter could be remedied by diverting the water into the river at the foot of Bridge Street, Carndonagh.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for special investigation.

312/37.

ILLNESS OF MR. O'REILLY, ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate dated 8th February, 1937, was submitted from Dr. J. Browne, Strabane, certifying that Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, was suffering from tonsillitis, and would be unable to carry on his professional duties for a week.

The Council noted the Certificate.

313/37.

INCREASE IN THE COUNTY SECRETARY'S SALARY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th February, 1937, G.9806/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had re-considered the question of the increase in the County Secretary's salary, and in deference to the Council's representation, was prepared to approve of Mr. McLaughlin entering the scale (£750 - £25 - £850) already sanctioned at £800 per annum as from the 1st November, 1936. Mr. McLaughlin would be eligible for two further increases of £25 and his salary would, therefore, be £825 from 1st November, 1937, and £850 (maximum) from 1st November, 1938.

314/37.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. J.G. McIVOR AS ASSISTANT SURVEYOR
FOR THE DUNFANAGHY AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commissioners dated 23rd February, 1937, L.A.17/17/36, recommending Mr. James Gerald McIvor, 29, Denny Street, Tralee, as Assistant Surveyor for the Dunfanaghy Area, and giving a summary of the recommended candidate's qualifications. The appointment would be subject to the terms of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders, 1928 - 1932.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. McIvor.

315/37.

CONTINUANCE OF MR. E. K. McLAUGHLIN AS ASSISTANT
SURVEYOR IN THE DUNFANAGHY AREA.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"I would suggest that Mr. E. K. McLaughlin's services be retained for some time, as well as the newly-appointed Assistant Surveyor. There is more Relief work in this District than in any other Assistant Surveyor's District in the County. The Roads (Rural) Relief Grants amount to over £13,000, and Main Road Upkeep Grant to £4,000, along with a larger than average amount of Minor Relief Schemes. The ordinary road inspections, etc., in connection with the half-yearly payments to Road Contractors will have to be made during the next two months. For a man who knows the district, to deal with all this work is difficult enough, while for a new man it would not be possible for him to carry it out satisfactorily. I would recommend, therefore, that Mr. McLaughlin be continued until the Relief Grants are completed, and that he works in conjunction with the new Assistant Surveyor."

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to continue Mr. McLaughlin's services until 31st May, 1937.

316/37.

APPOINTMENT OF GANGERS ON RELIEF SCHEMES IN THE MOVILLE
AREA.

Councillor McIvor referred to the appointment of Gangers on Relief Schemes in the Moville Area, and he stated that a complaint had been made to him that two Gangers were appointed, and the appointments afterwards cancelled.

Councillor McDaid stated that he was consulted about these appointments, and he recommended the appointment of certain men.

The Council decided to refer this matter to the Acting County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

317/37.

LOAN OF £10,209 FOR ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME IN
WEST DONEGAL.

Councillor Baxter inquired if the Department had yet sanctioned the loan of £10,209 to cover the Council's contribution to the Road Re-Construction Scheme being carried out in West Donegal in accordance with the recommendations of the County Donegal Transport Commission.

On the Secretary replying in the negative, it was unanimously decided to request the Department to expedite sanction in this case.

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Confirmed.

Mr. W. J. Madden

Chairman of County Council.

30th March, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 1937.

318/37.

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, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, McMenamin, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McDaid, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), O'Neill, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

319/37.

CONDOLENCE - THE LATE MR. J. J. MCCARROLL, M.P.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council extended their sympathy to Mrs. McCarroll on the death of her husband, the late Mr. J. J. McCarroll, M.P.

320/37.

CONDOLENCE - THE LATE MR. BRIAN DOUGLAS, EX-CO.C.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Brady, the Council extended their sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Brian Douglas, Inishaneal, Garndonagh, a former member of the County Council.

321/37.

ABSENCE FROM THE MEETING OF MR. O'REILLY, ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The Secretary submitted an apology from Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for his absence from the Meeting owing to the serious illness of his mother.

322/37.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Blaney the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 24th February, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

323/37.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Blaney the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 24th February, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

324/37.

REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Blaney the Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings held on the 24th February, 1937, and the 16th March, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

325/37.

RECOUPMENT CLAIMS UNDER BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd February, 1937, asking to be furnished with claims for recoupment of compensation paid for animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926.

326/37.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ACTING COUNTY SURVEYORS IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 17th February, 1937, R/RS/7, inquiring the arrangements made in connection with the sum of £50 allocated by the County Council for the provision of clerical assistance in connection with the Employment Schemes.

327/37.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Baxter proposed the adoption of the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 16th March, 1937.

Councillor Scott seconded the proposal.

Councillor McIvor proposed, as an amendment, that the Report be referred back to the Scholarships Committee with a view to the deletion of the recommendation allowing a boy to sit for the Scholarships Examination whose parents' means were admittedly over £600 per annum.

The matter was put to a vote, and the following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Byrne, Cole, Friel, Gallen, Kavanagh, Lynch, McMenamin, McCrea, McDaid, McIvor, and O'Neill. Total 11.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Crerand, Houston, Kelly, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McFadden, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh. Total 19.

The amendment was declared defeated, and the motion was put to the Meeting, and carried by the same voting.

328/37.

EXPENDITURE ON RATE WORK, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th February, 1937, G.12186/37, Dun na nGall., regarding the applotment of the rates for the coming financial year, and asking to be furnished with details of the actual expenditure incurred on the 1936/37 applotment.

329/37.

EXPENDITURE ON RATE WORK, 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th March, 1937, G.16533/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister would raise no objection to expenditure not exceeding £800 in connection with the preparation of the Rate Books and the applotment of the rates for the service of the financial year 1937/38. The actual expenditure incurred should be notified to the Department in due course.

330/37.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 26th February, 1937, E.5709/36, sanctioning the appointment of thirteen temporary Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, with remuneration at £2 per week, subject to their giving an undertaking to devote their whole time to their duties during the treatment period, i. e. 1st March - 7th July.

331/37.

SHEEP DIPPING ARRANGEMENTS, 1937 SEASON.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 26th February, 1937, L.674-37, stating that the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915 was at present under revision, and the Council should not enter into any commitments or make any definite arrangements for the next dipping season pending the receipt of a further communication from the Department in the matter.

352/37.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th February, 1937, Circ. 10/37, regarding the making of advances for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The object of providing such monies was to give an impetus to the provision of new houses. While advances under the Acts might be made for the purchase of houses already built or the purchase of houses in course of erection, the monies available from the Fund must be conserved for augmenting the supply of new houses, and the Minister was only prepared to give his approval to the making of advances for the purchase of houses erected since the 15th April, 1932.

353/37.

DAMAGE TO POULTRY BY FOXES.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 3rd March, 1937, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 2nd February regarding damage to poultry by foxes, and stating that the matter was being accorded attention. (127/37 C.C.)

354/37.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd March, 1937, G.14911/37, Dun na nGall., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 3rd November last regarding the provision of Courthouse accommodation at Dungloe, and inquiring what further action was taken by the Council in the matter.

355/37.

SALE OF LANDS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notice was submitted from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Ardara on the 24th March, 1937, of lands in the townland of Lagunna, now or formerly in the occupation of Madge Heenah (Widow.)

356/37.

VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES STANDARDS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas and Weights and Measures Section, 6, Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, dated 4th March, 1937, 44517, stating that the periodical verification of the standards under the Weights and Measures Acts, 1878 to 1936, was now proceeding, and the standards of County Donegal had been forwarded by the custodian to that Office for examination. Standard weights would be adjusted, and the time occupied by the adjuster would be charged to the Local Authority, and tenders would be obtained for the re-placement of obsolete standards.

357/37.

SLATE DEPOSITS AT MEENTIAGHS AND GLASSALTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, dated 5th March, 1937, T.I.M.14/207, referring to the Council's resolution relative to slate deposits at Meentlachs and Glassalts, which was forwarded to that Department by Deputy Hugh Doherty. The deposits were inspected by the Department's Assistant Economic Geologist, and were found to be flagstone deposits. The question of the suitability of the Meentlachs deposit for roofing purposes was under consideration.

358/37.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. J. G. McIVOR AS ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th March, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that it was noted that the Council had appointed Mr. James G. McIvor as Assistant Surveyor for the Dunfanaghy Area upon the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

359/37.

ADVANCES UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th March, 1937, H.216863/36, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had sanctioned the making of an advance of £350 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Eamonn Ward, Mountcharles. The Minister considered the proposed loan of £250 to Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Glenties, excessive, and it should be reduced to £200.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Glenties, stating that a loan of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts would be sufficient for his requirements.

360/37. APPOINTMENT OF CORONER IN PLACE OF MR. JAMES BOYLE,
DECEASED.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th March, 1937, G.15979/37, Dun na nGall., regarding the appointment of a coroner in place of Mr. James Boyle, deceased, and stating that the Minister had approved of a salary at the rate of £90 per annum for the post. A Statutory Request should be addressed to the Local Appointments Commissioners for the recommendation of a suitable person for the vacancy.

361/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING OF TOWN OF GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th March, 1937, 18481/37, Dun na nGall., acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution No. 171/37 relative to the Area of Charge for the public lighting of the town of Glenties. The Area of Charge was fixed by Order dated 22nd January, 1937, No. 205,551/36. The Area of Charge fixed by the Minister was that suggested by the Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance.

362/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR MOUNTCHARLES WATERWORKS SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th March, 1937, P.H.11032/37, Dun na nGall. Pg., transmitting copy of a Sealed Order determining the County Health District of Donegal as the Area of Charge for the purpose of carrying out improvements and maintaining the same at Mountcharles Waterworks.

363/37. CONTINUANCE OF CREDIT NOTE SYSTEM.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th March, 1937, G.18482/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the proposal of the Council to continue the system of giving relief of rates on Agricultural Land by way of Credit Notes had been noted.

364/37. MAINTENANCE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th February, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £3,855 : 17 : 9, being balance payable in respect of cost of maintenance of Mental Hospital patients for the year ended 31st March, 1936.

365/37. AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th March, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £31,136 : 0 : 0 in respect of final instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1937.

366/37. ALLOWANCES TO SURVEYORS FOR GRANT WORK FROM THE ROAD FUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 24th February, 1937, RGS/7, stating that a payment of £223 : 2 : 1 in respect of allowances to Surveyors from the Road Fund for the half-year ended 30th September, 1936, was made to the County Treasurer on the 22nd February.

367/37. RECOUPMENT IN RESPECT OF COST OF PREPARATION OF FOURTEENTH
REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance dated 26th February, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £776 : 2 : 1 being the amount re-payable to the Council in connection with the preparation of the Fourteenth Register of Electors under the Electoral Act, 1923, and the Juries Act, 1927.

368/37. DEDUCTIONS FROM ESTATE DUTY GRANT IN RESPECT OF UNPAID LAND ANNUITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd February, 1937, stating that the draws upon the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts in respect of arrears of annuities in Donegal for the May/June, 1936, and November/December, 1936, gales exceeded the re-payments to the Guarantee Fund of arrears of annuities at previous gales by a sum of £1068 :19 : 4, and there would accordingly be a deduction of this amount from the payment on account of Estate Duty Grant for the present financial year.

369/37. ESTATE DUTY GRANT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1937.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th March, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £2,085 :10 : 3 in respect of Estate Duty Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1937.

370/37. ISSUE OF FRESH PAYING ORDERS IN LIEU OF OUT-OF-DATE PAYING ORDERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th March, 1937, R/RM/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the issue of two fresh Paying Orders to Mr. John Harley, Gweedore, in lieu of two which have gone out-of-date.

371/37. RE-CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSE AT CARRICKBOY, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th March, 1937, H.1654/37, Donegal (HBF)., inquiring if the house at Carrickboy, Ballyshannon, being re-constructed by Mrs. Lizzie Shcerin was situate in a Clearance Area under the Housing of the Working Classes, etc. Acts.

372/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were submitted from the Board of Works of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Cornagill; Coolkenney; Backlands; Glenalla; Cooley; Moneydarragh; Dunwiley-Creggan; Minaward; Dunmore; Doobin; Altnapaste; The Reelin; Ballyliffin; Croll; Meenacloy; The Pullens; Kill-Lisheagh; Corlea; Stranabrooy; Carnagarrow; and Glenmalin.

373/37. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTOR KELLY TO DEAL WITH OUTBREAK OF SHEEP SCAB.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th March, 1937, S.41., approving of the re-employment for a period of four weeks at £2 per week of the local Sheep Dipping Inspector for the purpose of supervising the dipping of 400 sheep grazing on Muckish Mountain.

374/37. COMMITTAL OF A CHILD NAMED PHILOMENA BRADY, DRUMACHRIN, BUNDORAN, TO AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Ballyshannon, stating that an application would be made at Ballyshannon District Court on the 15th March, for the committal of a child named Philomena Brady to an Industrial School.

A further letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Ballyshannon, stating that at Ballyshannon District Court on the 15th March a child named Philomena Brady, Drumachrin, Bundoran, was committed to St. Laurence's Industrial School, Sligo, until the 11th July, 1949.

375/37. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN NAMED BERNARD AND WILLIAM CANNON,
BUNCRANA, TO AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from the Sergeant, Garda Siothchana, Buncrana, stating that at Buncrana District Court on the 8th April, 1937, two boys named Bernard and William Cannon, aged 15 years and 11 years, would be charged with housebreaking, and an application would be made for their committal to a Reformatory or Industrial School.

Councillor Friel strongly opposed the committal of the children named, on the grounds that this was a case where the First Offenders' Act should apply.

Councillor Scott supported Councillor Friel, and it was eventually decided, after a discussion, to authorise Councillors Scott and Friel to attend the Court and submit their views.

376/37. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th March, 1937, G.16258/37, Dun na nGall., sanctioning the continuance of Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £95,000 until the 31st March, 1937.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, G.21259/37, Dun na nGall., sanctioning Overdraft accommodation of £83,459 during the month of February, 1937.

The Secretary stated that Overdraft accommodation of £35,000 would be required until the end of April.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for continuance of Overdraft accommodation of £35,000 until the 30th April, 1937.

377/37. CONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT OF MRS. MARY McNULTY AND MR.
JOHN F. QUIGLEY UNTIL 31ST MARCH, 1938.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th March, 1937, G.18486/37, Dun na nGall., sanctioning the continued employment of Mrs. Mary McNulty and Mr. J. F. Quigley as Temporary Clerks during the year ending 31st March, 1938, at the rate of remuneration already approved.

378/37. REQUISITIONS FOR PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF GRANTS UNDER THE
EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 27th February, 1937, RU/203/201, referring to schemes of road works being carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, and stating that arrangements should be made to submit requisitions for payments on account of the grants in respect of the estimated expenditure on the works up to the 31st March next.

379/37. APPROVAL OF SCHEMES SUBMITTED FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
GRANTS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 4th March, 1937, RU/203/7, approving of the scheme submitted for the expenditure of the grant of £4,700 under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37, (Gaeltacht), (Tourist), and assigning Works Number U.157 to the Scheme.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 4th March, 1937, RU/203/7, approving of the scheme submitted for the expenditure of the grant of £2,000 for the Glendowan-Doochary Road, and assigning Works Number U.158 to the Scheme.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th March, 1937, RU/203/7, approving of the scheme submitted for the expenditure of a grant of £4,000 on Roads of Tourist importance, and assigning Works Number U.160 to the Scheme.

380/37.

SALARIES OF CHIEF LIBRARIANS.

A letter was read from the Library Association, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, enclosing for the information of the Council a pamphlet on the salaries of Chief Librarians.

381/37.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT, 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th February, 1937, Circ. No. 27/2/37, stating that the amount of Agricultural Grant for the coming year would be the same as in the current year. The grant would be applicable to the relief of rates in the same manner as in the current year. The last date for receipt of Employment Allowance Claims was 31st March next.

382/37.

PROPOSED LOAN OF £20,000 FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A WATER SUPPLY FOR THE ROSSES DISTRICT.

At the request of Councillor Gallen, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was adjourned until next Meeting:-
"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £20,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply in the Rosses District of County Donegal."

383/37.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF LANE KNOWN AS "KEIRAN LANE", CASHEL, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Councillor Brady enclosing petition from a number of residents of the townland of Cashel, Ballyshannon, requesting the Council to repair the lane known as "Keiran Lane", and to have same put on the County, as it was in very bad repair, and almost impassable.

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

384/37.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING TO ROWANTREEHILL BOG, CARRICKBOY ELECTORAL DIVISION.

A letter was read from Councillor Brady enclosing petition from a large number of ratepayers for the construction of a Bog Road leading to Rowantreehill Bog in Carrickboy Division, Ballyshannon Area.

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

385/37.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AT ALTNAPASTE.

A letter was read from Councillor McMenamin enclosing petition from the residents of Aughaveagh and Altnapaste requesting the Council to take over from William Kee, Altnapaste, the right-of-way through his lands at Altnapaste leading from the public highway at Altnapaste to the public highway at Meenagrave. This right-of-way was largely used by the general public, and with very little outlay could be made into a good road.

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

386/37.

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF MINOR RELIEF SCHEME NO. 277 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT LEGLAND, KERRYKEEL.

Councillor Loughrey proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council request the Board of Works to reinstate Minor Relief Scheme No. 277 for the construction of a bridge at Legland, Kerrykeel, which was for some reason suspended. The work should be proceeded with immediately, as the place is very dangerous, and there are a considerable number of unemployed on the Register in the immediate neighbourhood."

387/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF NEW ROAD AT KILLEN, MALIN.

Councillor Lynch proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council request the Board of Works to have a new road made from Killen, Malin, to David Colhoun's house, Malin."

388/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR DRAINING OF THE BOG KNOWN AS "THE CANAL", CARROWMORE, GLENTOGHER, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Lynch proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council request the Board of Works to allocate a Grant for the draining of the Bog known as "The Canal", Carrowmore, Glentogher, Carndonagh."

389/37. EMPLOYMENT OF CARTERS.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell proposed:- "That Gangers on all road works under the supervision of the Council be requested to employ carters from lists of registered carters, which can be obtained from the Labour Exchange, before employing carters who are not eligible for Unemployment Assistance, and, furthermore, to be fair and impartial in their discrimination when only a limited number of carters are required."

Councillor O'Boyle seconded the resolution.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that instructions had been given to the Assistant Surveyors to employ carters from the Labour Exchanges, and it was only when these lists were exhausted that further persons were engaged.

390/37. SCALE OF PAY FOR CARTERS.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell proposed:- "That this Council revise their scale of pay for carters from 8/- maximum to 10/-, and lower grades accordingly, taking into consideration the hours of attention that a horse requires for the seven days of the week, cost of shoes, cost of oats, hay, depreciation of cart from abuse of work such as carting stones, long journeys to work on some cases, etc."

Councillor Houston seconded.

Councillor McIvor proposed, as an amendment, and Councillor Scott seconded that the Council make no change in the existing scale. On a show of hands, sixteen voted for the amendment, and nine against the amendment.

The Chairman declared the motion defeated by the same voting.

391/37. PROPOSED ERECTION OF SECTIONAL HUTS ON ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell proposed:- "That this Council request the Department concerned to allow sectional huts to be erected on the Rosses Road Scheme for the accommodation of the workers while enjoying their meals, and again for storage purposes; cost of same to come out of the Grant; the Engineer-in-Charge to specify the number and size."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Hackett, Engineer-in-Charge of the West Donegal Road Scheme.

392/37. LOAN CHARGES BEING PAID BY COUNCIL AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES.

At the request of Councillor Gallen, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was adjourned until next Meeting:-
"That this Council take into consideration the question of the Loan Charges at present being paid by the County Council and the other local bodies in the County."

393/37. PROPOSED DECLARATION OF ROAD LEADING FROM PAT CANNY'S, TO FALDUFF, GLENEGANNON, TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

Councillor Lynch proposed:- "That the road leading from Pat Canny's to Falduff, Glenegannon, be declared a County Road."

The Secretary stated that the required public notice had been duly given.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road did not comply with the conditions prescribed in Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Councillor Lynch contended that this road was already a County Road, and had been under Contract.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and, in the meantime, it was decided to ascertain, if possible, the name of the last Contractor, and the date of the Contract.

(200/37 C.C.)

394/37. PROPOSED DECLARATION OF EXTENSION TO DUNGLOE-CULLION ROAD TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

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

"That 37 perches of an extension to the Dungloe-Cullion Road be declared a County Road."

395/37. HEADQUARTERS OF LONDONDERRY & LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO.

Councillor Michael O'Donnell proposed:-

"That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to have the Headquarters of the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. and 'Bus Co. transferred from Derry City to Donegal, and that no further subsidies be granted by the Dail until the removal is effected. The removal of these headquarters will give much-needed employment to citizens of this County."

Councillor Friel seconded the motion.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Buncrana, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Buncrana Urban Council:- "That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to have the headquarters of the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. and 'Bus Co. removed from Londonderry City to County Donegal, seeing that 95% of their running lines and 'Bus Routes are in this County, and 100% of their business. Being the expressed wish of all Donegal trades and people that this be effected, and that the transport arrangements be placed in the hands of the Saorstát Nationals, and further, that no further subsidies be granted by Dail Éireann by way of compensation or upkeep until removal is effected, which can be done by the present Company with little expense, thereby giving much-needed employment to Citizens of the County."

After a lengthy discussion the motion was passed by eleven votes to seven on a show of hands.

396/37. APPOINTMENT OF GANGERS ON RELIEF SCHEMES IN THE MOVILLE AREA.

In connection with a discussion at the last Meeting of the Council regarding the appointment of Gangers on Relief Schemes in the Moville Area, Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported that the work in this area was now proceeding satisfactorily.

(316/37 C.C.)

397/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT PORTRONAN PIER, MALIN HEAD.

Councillor Cole proposed and Councillor Lynch seconded:-
 "That the County Council be asked to provide for a loan of £300 in addition to the £500 already granted to complete the improvements at Portronan Pier, Malin Head."

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"I again visited Portronan as instructed at last Meeting with a view to finding a partial or modified scheme for the improvement of the Pier or landing-place. The Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture had stated the largest sum that would be justified in the fishery interest was £500. They also stated that the first proposal of constructing a basin to the landward side of the Pier was objectionable on the grounds that it would not be accessible at all stages of the tide. I would point out that while tide work increases the cost of any job, to carry out work in deep water where the tide never leaves increases the cost enormously. The task that I have been set is to plan an artificial safe harbour on an exposed part of the coast capable of being used by large motor boats at all stages of the tide, and at the same time the cost of which is not to exceed £500. This is an impossible task and any modifications of it would be open to many objections. Some improvements might be made which would facilitate the landing of boats in rough weather by the construction of a wall or breakwater on the sea side of the present Pier and making a cut through the rocks to whatever depth. I would be prepared to discuss such a Scheme with the Engineer of the Board of Works as suggested in their letter, but at the same time I would like to stress the fact that such a scheme would be very far from being entirely satisfactory."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works, and, in the meantime, to adjourn consideration of the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Cole.

(C.87.90/1/36, 29/12/1936.) (78/37 and 298/37 C.C.)

398/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN GALDONAGH AND MANORCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Lyons, Glenmaquin, Letterkenny, complaining of the condition of the road running to Galdonagh and Manorcunningham. He had broken three springs of his car and the wheel of a threshing-mill owing to the condition of the road. The repairs had cost him £7, which the Council should pay. The road was far too narrow for the traffic using it.

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

"When I inspected the road from Galdonagh to Manorcunningham recently it was in fair order. It appeared, of course, to have been very recently repaired. The surface was in reasonably good order for a third-class road. The road is very narrow, being in places only eight feet wide. This, however, could not be remedied without the expenditure of a very considerable sum of money. At its narrowest part it runs on a bank which sits up above the land on each side, and at other parts it is bordered by deep drains. This bank would have to be cut away and a new road made at the level of the adjoining land, if any appreciable widening is to be effected."

The Council noted the report. (270/37 C.C.)

399/37.

ROAD AT DRUMBOE, BALLYBOFEY, ON ESTATE OF SIR E. F. HAYES, DECEASED.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 8th March, 1937, A. & R.1207/37, referring to the Council's resolution No. 1393/36 regarding the road through Drumboe Estate, and stating that the Land Commission considered this road was in good condition, and they regretted they could not see their way to incur any further expense in the way of additional fencing or the removal of bends thereon. They requested the Council to re-consider the question of taking over this road and providing for its maintenance.

The Council unanimously decided to adhere to their previous decision in this case. (1393/36 C.C.)

400/37. GRANT OF £43,600 FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES IN DONEGAL DURING THE YEAR 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th March, 1937, RU.204/201, stating that the Government had decided to make provision for further monies for the relief of unemployment in the coming financial year, and, subject to the necessary funds being provided by An Dail, it was proposed to allocate Grants to County Councils for road and footpath works in Rural Areas and non-urbanised towns. The amount provisionally determined for allocation to Donegal was £43,600, subject to a local contribution of £4,000, towards works costing £47,600. The works were to be completed by the 31st March, 1938, and the local contribution was to be raised by rate in the financial year 1937/38. The amount of the local contribution had been kept low in relation to the total expenditure proposed so as to enable the amount to be met from revenue. The Minister would not be able to entertain any application to raise the local contribution by way of loan or overdraft.

Councillor McClafferty proposed that the Council accept the Grant on the conditions stated.

Councillor Mahony seconded the proposal.

Councillor Baxter proposed, as an amendment, that consideration of the matter be adjourned for twelve months.

Councillor Byrne seconded.

After a lengthy debate in which the following members took part:- Councillors McIvor, Gallen, Scott, Myles, O'Donnell (Michael), and Blaney, the matter was put to a vote, and the following members voted for the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Byrne, Cole, Friel, Kavanagh, Loughrey, McMenamin, Myles, McIvor, O'Brien, and Wagentreiber. Total 11.

The following members voted against the amendment:- Councillors Blaney, Crecrand, Hannigan, Houston, Kelly, Lynch, Mahony, McClafferty, McDaid, McFadden, McGrenra, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), O'Neill, Scott, and Walsh. Total 18.

The Chairman declared Councillor Baxter's amendment defeated, and the motion was then put to the Meeting, and carried by the same voting.

401/37. WEST DONEGAL ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME, AND LOAN OF £10,209 TO MEET THE COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 8th March, 1937, IR/81/2, referring to previous correspondence relative to the improvement of certain roads in the Rosses Area at an estimated cost of £30,625, and stating that the scheme submitted had been approved. Works No. S.U.151 had been assigned to the Scheme. In connection with the proposed loan of £10,209 to meet the Council's share of the cost of the Scheme a loan application form was enclosed for completion.

402/37. WEST DONEGAL ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME - ROAD FROM CROLLY, VIA ANNAGRY, TO KINCASSLAGH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th March, 1937, RV/221/21, referring to the Department's letter of the 8th March notifying approval of scheme of road improvement for Rosses Area, and stating that it was desirable that the road from Crollly, via Annagry, to Kincasslagh should receive early attention so as to render it suitable for omnibus traffic. The road from Gweedore to Burtonport, via Dungloe, was being approved for use by omnibuses, and subject to the use of 20-seater vehicles the road from Kincasslagh to Dungloe, via Kincasslagh Road Station.

The matter was referred to Mr. Hackett, Engineer-in-Charge of this Scheme.

403/37.

QUESTION OF PURCHASE OF A SIX-TON ROLLER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th February, 1937, RB/7, referring to the proposed purchase by the Council of a light roller, and stating that the Minister was advised that the purchase of a six-ton roller was inadvisable in view of the number of light rollers already in County Donegal. Unsatisfactory road work was frequently due to insufficient consolidation by light rollers. A roller of a minimum weight of 8 tons was suggested, and the usual course of advertising should be followed. A specification should be prepared and submitted for approval before issuing the advertisement.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the Council had no use for a further eight-ton roller, and that at the moment he had a light roller hired.

The Council decided to refer the matter back to the Department for further consideration.

404/37.

RESIGNATIONS OR DISQUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL THROUGH NON-ATTENDANCE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 19th February, 1937, P.H.9804/37, Dun na nGall. (A.), referring to the Council's Minute No. 90/37 on the subject of resignations of members or disqualification through non-attendance, and stating that the contingencies referred to in the instructions of the Council were dealt with by Article 10 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, and they could not be directly dealt with in a bye-law. They wished to know what action the Council proposed to take as regards the draft bye-law referred to in the second paragraph of the Department's communication of the 5th December, 1936.

The Council decided to point out to the Department that it was very important to reduce the fines in the cases of resignations or disqualifications through non-attendance, and that if there was no legislation dealing with the matter at the moment, it was desired to have such introduced at the earliest opportunity.

It was also decided to approve of the draft bye-law in so far as it went.

405/37.

PAYMENT OF CARETAKER OF PORTALEEN PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 15th March, 1937, C.87.37/1/36, stating that it was noted that the Council had decided to pay Mr. Denis McKerny, Portaleen, Malin Head, as from the 14th July last in connection with his services as Caretaker of Portaleen Pier, and as Lightkeeper at the same rate of remuneration as formerly paid by them.

406/37.

PORTALEEN PIER, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 15th March, 1937, C.87.37/1/36, stating that a report dated 28th February had been received from the Caretaker of Portaleen Pier to the effect that the light was in good order but that the "sea wall where the river empties into the sea has become undermined (part of the foundation being carried off) and may be in danger of falling if this great storm continues."

A report was also submitted from Mr. Denis McKerny, Caretaker, dated 23rd March, 1937, stating that the river wall was undermined by the sea.

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

407/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT BUNDORAN HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 26th January, 1937, C.87.47/1/36, stating that a grant of £385 had been sanctioned for improvements to Bundoran Harbour, as set out on the plan, specification, and estimate enclosed. The works would only be undertaken by them subject to the terms of an Agreement, the acceptance of which by the Council should be indicated by the passing by them of a resolution agreeing to the conditions set out therein, and to the plan, specification, and estimate.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no revenue from this Pier.

Councillor McShea proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Council agree to the terms of the Agreement, and approve of the plan, specification, and estimate for the proposed works.

408/37.

WIDENING OF PUBLIC ROAD WAY AT RATHMULLAN FORT GREEN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 17th February, 1937, Ar.21.39/2/36, stating that it had been reported to them that the Council had cut a roadway through the Rathmullan Fort Green, and that they had widened the public roadway along the length of the Green without seeking their prior consent. Such action constituted a trespass on State property, and they wished to be furnished with an explanation in the matter as soon as possible.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor was under the impression that the Rathmullan Town Improvement Committee had received permission to make this road, as they had been in communication with the Board of Works on the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor McClaflerty it was unanimously decided to apply now for the necessary permission.

409/37.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF LEADING LIGHT AT BREAUGHY HEAD.

A letter was read from the Irish Lights Office, 28, D'Olier Street, (Box 73), Dublin, C.5., regarding the proposed erection of a leading light at Breaughy Head, and stating that inasmuch as the proposed light would appear to be of local interest only and not for the use of shipping in general, the Commissioners of Irish Lights were not in a position to undertake responsibility for its maintenance.

410/37.

SALVAGE OF BUOY AT THE ENTRANCE TO BURTONPORT HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 2nd March, 1937, C.87.56/2/36, enclosing copy of a letter received by them from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, claiming compensation on behalf of Messrs. Frank and Patrick O'Donnell, Eighter Island, Burtonport, for their trouble in connection with the salvage of a buoy at the entrance to Burtonport Harbour.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that Burtonport Pier had not yet been taken over by the Council, and that the buoy was a mile from the shore.

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

411/37.

WEIGHBRIDGE AT MOUNTCHARLES PIER.

Tenders were submitted from Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., and Messrs. Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., for the erection of a new weighbridge on Mountcharles Pier.

The Council adjourned consideration of the matter until next Meeting.

412/37. REGISTERING OF LAND BONDS IN COUNCIL'S NAME.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission stating that they had directed the National City Bank, Ltd., to register £6 4% Land Bonds in the Council's name, and a letter was read from the National City Bank, Ltd., asking to be furnished with specimen of the Council's Seal.

It was unanimously decided to supply the National City Bank, Ltd., with a specimen of the Council's Seal, and on completion of the transfer, it was decided to dispose of the Bonds.

413/37. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application for a renewal of a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was submitted from Mr. Patrick O'Callaghan, Rathmullan.

Applications for licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were submitted from Mrs. E. M. O'Doherty, Malin, and Mr. C. J. Herron, Carrickatlieve, Ardara.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the required licences.

414/37. ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate dated 6th March, 1937, was submitted from Dr. Harry L. Parker, 20, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey, County Surveyor, was still under his care, and would be unable to resume his duties for at least a month from that date.

The Council unanimously decided to continue sick leave to Mr. Caffrey.

415/37. ILLNESS OF MR. LENNON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

Medical Certificates dated 24th February and 5th March, 1937, were submitted from Dr. J. J. Walsh, Killybegs, certifying that Mr. E. Lennon, Assistant Surveyor, was suffering from Influenza, and would be unfit to resume duty before the 8th March, 1937.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Lennon had resumed duty.

416/37. ILLNESS OF MISS McLAUGHLIN OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. P. Rock, Bayview Terrace, Derry, certifying that Miss Elizabeth McLaughlin of the County Surveyor's Office would be unfit for duty for one week from the 9th March, 1937.

The Secretary stated that Miss McLaughlin resumed work on the 15th March, 1937.

417/37. PROPOSED ALTERATION OF LETTERKENNY URBAN BOUNDARY.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Letterkenny, acknowledging receipt of the Law Committee's Minute in reference to the proposed alteration of the Letterkenny Urban Boundary, and stating that he had been requested by the Urban Council to request the County Council to re-consider their decision in the matter, and to inquire what would, in their opinion, constitute a prima facie case for alteration of the boundaries. He wished to inquire further what steps had been taken by the Council to satisfy themselves that a prima facie case did not exist, and whether they would not consider using their powers under Article 26 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, in this respect.

The Council decided to adhere to their former decision in this matter, and to inform the Town Clerk that the constitution of a prima facie case was not a matter for the County Council.

418/37. COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture of the 16th February, from which it would be observed that payment to the Committee of a grant of £3,163 by the Department of Agriculture would be conditional on the County Council's paying to the Committee the proceeds of a sum equal to not less than two pence in the £. at the beginning of the financial year, 1937/38.

The Council noted the letter.

419/37. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTRESS IN POULTRY-KEEPING AND BUTTER-MAKING.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract as follows from the Minutes of the Meeting of his Committee of the 16th March, 1937:-

"The Department's communication of the 13th March, 1937, E.4819/37, was read.

On the proposal of Mr. Blaney seconded by Mr. McClaafferty, the Committee unanimously decided to request the County Council to give the necessary approval for the creation of the Office of Permanent Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making under Section 22 (3) of the Agriculture Act, 1931, at the scale of salary therefor as set out in the Committees of Agriculture (Salaries of Officers) Regulations, 1936."

The Chief Agricultural Officer in his letter stated that the salary applicable to the position was £100 by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £200 per annum, with appropriate cost-of-living bonus thereon.

On the motion of Councillor McClaafferty seconded by Councillor Cole the Council unanimously decided to approve of the appointment of an additional Instructress in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making.

420/37. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT MUCKROSS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 18th March, 1937, stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had been informed that there was urgent need for the provision of improved landing facilities at Muckross. Their Engineer had carried out an inspection and estimated the cost of the proposal, which included the construction of a breakwater and approach road, at £515. The Parliamentary Secretary was disposed to recommend a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote towards this cost provided the Council would make a contribution, and guarantee to maintain the work when completed.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Baxter, it was unanimously decided to contribute 25% of the cost, and to agree to maintain the works when completed.

421/37. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council stating that the next Meeting of the General Council would be held during the week, May 4th - 8th, and any matters which the Council desired to be placed on the Agenda should be forwarded before the 22nd April.

The Council decided to refer the question of Interest charges on Loans being paid by the County Council and other local bodies in the County to the General Council for consideration.

422/37. LEAGUE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

A letter was read from the National Secretary, League for Social Justice, enclosing for adoption by the Council the following resolution passed by the Corporation of Dun Laoghaire Borough:-
"That we request the Government to give careful consideration to the proposals to end unemployment put forward by the League for Social Justice."

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

423/37. APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF HORSE.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, stating that they had been requested by Mr. John Coll, Pollett, to state that his horse and cart were being used on road work during the very cold weather. The horse got a founder and died. It was valued about £35. Whilst they realised that the Council was in no way liable their client wished them to put the matter before the Council for their sympathetic consideration, and perhaps they might see their way to make an ex-gratia payment.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works, for whom this man was working when his horse took ill.

424/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD GOING THROUGH TOWNLAND OF KINNAKILLEW, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. James M. McGinley, Kinnakillew, Glencolumbkille, complaining of the condition of the road going through the townland of Kinnakillew. There was a lot of motor traffic on the road, and only recently an ambulance sunk on it. The bridge on the road also required to be repaired.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road, and it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Grants.

425/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF BOG ROAD GOING THROUGH KINNAKILLEW MOUNTAIN, GLENCOLUMBKILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. James M. McGinley, Kinnakillew, Glencolumbkille, applying to have a Bog Road made through Kinnakillew Mountain. About 33 families could not get home their turf except by trudging through the mud.

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

426/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT BALLYHEERIN.

A letter was read from Mr. John McLaughlin, Ballyheerin, drawing attention to the bad and dangerous condition of the road at Ballyheerin on the road leading between the Moross Ferry and Ravross Ferry. The pipe at the place locally known as "Tobar Fionn" had become useless, and the road was badly flooded at that spot.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

427/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO DOON WELL, KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Rev. J. McDaid, P.P., Termon, asking that something be done to widen and improve the road leading from the so-called Main Road, Kilmacrenan to Dunfanaghy, at Brian Murray's and Doon Well. Owing to the large amount of traffic on this road during the summer months it was necessary that the road be put in proper repair. A sign-post should also be erected directing Pilgrims to the Well.

Mr. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the matter was having his attention.

428/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BRANCHING OFF THE MAIN ROAD TO CARRIGART.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Gallagher, Creevy, Glen, calling attention to the condition of the road which branched off the Main Road to Carrigart. It turned off at David Speer's to Aughadachor, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long. It was so narrow that two cars could not pass, and there was a lot of traffic on it.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

429/37. COMPLAINT RE ERECTION OF HOARDING AT PORT ROAD,
LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. E. C. McCambridge, Secretary, A. C. Cinemas (Ireland), Ltd., Letterkenny, stating that about 14 months ago a hoarding was erected outside premises adjacent to those owned by his Company at Port Road, Letterkenny. This hoarding was very unsightly, and was obstructing the view of premises let to Miss Tedd. He wished the Council to have the hoarding removed.

The Assistant Surveyor reported that the hoarding referred to was private property, where a house was being re-constructed.

It was inside the footpath, which was eight feet wide.

If action was necessary to have the hoarding removed, he considered that A. C. Cinemas (Ireland), Ltd., should take such action.

The Council decided to refer the Assistant Surveyor's report to Mr. McCambridge.

430/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR NEW ROAD FROM BALLEIGHAN ROAD TO
BALLEIGHAN BOG.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGonagle, Balleighan, Malin, applying to have a new road made branching from Balleighan Road to Balleighan Bog. This road would be used by about twenty ratepayers for bringing home their turf.

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

431/37. COMPLAINT RE EMPLOYMENT OF SINGLE MEN AS GANGERS ON
RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Lyons, Currin, Glencolumbkille, again complaining of the employment of single men as Gangers on Relief Schemes in preference to married men with families.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this matter had already been fully reported on.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

432/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CROAGHS - CROAGHUBRID ROAD.

A letter was read from a number of residents of the townlands of Croaghbrid, Tangaveane, Clogher, Meenasrone, and Lacroagh, complaining of the condition of the road leading from the Main Road at Glasheydevitt, Glenfinn, and joining the road that leads from the Main Road at Edeninfagh, Glenties. The road was very narrow and should be widened.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

433/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD ON
TORY ISLAND.

A letter was read from Rev. Charles McFadden, C.C., Tory Island, applying on behalf of the Islanders for a grant of £50 to repair a road leading to Pier in East end of Tory Island.

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

434/37. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., stating that the Eleventh General Meeting of the Company would take place at an early date, and the Council was entitled to appoint one of its members or Officers to attend and vote at such Meeting.

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

435/37. CARROWCANNON AND PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 22nd February, 1937, enclosing forms on which should be submitted annual reports in connection with the Carrowcannon and the Portsallon and Duntinny Drainage District.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

436/37. BALLYSHANNON SEWERAGE SCHEME.

A Notice was submitted from the County Board of Health regarding the Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme, and stating that the Board proposed to enter upon certain lands and premises, the Council's property, for the purpose of making and laying sewerage pipes.

The Council noted the matter.

437/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AT CULKENNY, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick John McDaid, Bunn, Glengad, Culkenny, Malin, applying for a grant for the construction of a road to enable the residents of that locality to get home their turf. Two years ago a road was made half-way, and if a grant was given for the completion of that road it would suffice.

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

438/37. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McGeehin, Ballinacarrick, Doochary, stating that other people in that locality were getting work for five days per week on the Boyoughter-Doochary Road, while he was only getting three days' work per week.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that it was only men through whose lands roads were being made who were employed for five days per week.

439/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM MAIN DONEGAL - KILLYBEGS ROAD TO DARNEY, DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from Rev. J. C. Canon Steele, Dunkineely, complaining of the condition of the road from the Main Donegal - Killybegs Road to Darney. It was the only means of approach from the Main Killybegs Road to a district containing seven houses. One part of it was continually flooded through a defective pipe.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

440/37. COMPLAINT RE DEFECTIVE PIPE AT LEABGARROW, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Neil P. Boyle, Leabgarrow, Arranmore, applying to have a pipe built under the Leabgarrow - Lighthouse Road near Leabgarrow Bridge. The pipe that was there was now closed in, and the stream flowed over the road into his land, leaving about five acres of it unfit for use.

Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, stated that there was no pipe there, and that the owner of the land objected to the construction of a new pipe on the grounds that his lands would be flooded.

441/37. RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Rathmullan, stating that the S.S. Wythburn while berthed at Rathmullan Pier on Monday, 1st March, broke the top of one of the mooring bollards. The bollard was very much decayed prior to the accident, and as this was the second to be broken steps should be taken to have them repaired.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for an estimate of the cost.

442/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Moses Lynch, Ballcighan, Malin, stating that he put out 24 tons of side-filling in October, 1935, for which he had not yet been paid.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"In reply to your letter re the above-mentioned person's claim, I wish to inform you that I have never made any arrangement with this man to supply stone. I have been informed that he quarried the 9 or 10 tons of stone - a poor quality - from an obstruction in his field, and expected if he deposited same on the roadside that he would be paid for it. Therefore, I am in a position to state that I have not made any agreement with this man to supply either bad or good stone, as the small amount will verify my statement."

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

443/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - MR. JOHN GALLAGHER, FALCARRAGH.

The Council again considered the application of Mr. John Gallagher, Main Street, Falcarragh, for a loan of £350 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council decided to ask Mr. Gallagher to submit a new surety in place of Mr. Daniel Gallagher, Upper Killult, Falcarragh. (233/37 C.C.)

444/37. COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION OF £4,000 TO SUPPLEMENT GRANT OF £43,600 FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES IN DONEGAL DURING THE YEAR 1937/38.

Following the Council's decision (Minute No. 400/37) to contribute a sum of £4,000 to supplement Grant of £43,600 for Relief of Unemployment Schemes in Donegal during the year 1937/38, it was decided to make up the Council's contribution from (a) the amount saved by "cuts" in the Road Contracts; (b) a sum of £2,085 in respect of Estate Duty Grant for the years ended 31st March, 1934, and 31st March, 1937, which had been received since the Estimates were prepared, and which was not included; and (c) the balance to be added to the amount necessary for roads in the Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

It was also decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government for sanction from such departure from the terms of Articles 78 and 79 of the Public Bodies Order as would enable the Council to make the necessary alterations in the Estimates for 1937/38.

445/37. PLOT OF GROUND IN RAPHOE OCCUPIED BY CARAVAN DWELLERS.

A letter was read from the County Board of Health inquiring if the County Council owned the plot of ground in Raphoe which was occupied by caravan dwellers.

Mr. Kelly, Assistant Surveyor, reported that as far as he knew the plot was owned by the Council.

It was also stated that this plot adjoined property of the Railway Co.

The Council decided to make inquiries from the County Donegal Railway Co. as to the ownership of the plot.

446/37. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Louis Walsh, Solicitor, Glenties, dated 5th March, 1937, asking to have cheque for stones taken from quarry of Mr. Patrick Keeney, Aighe, Ardara, forwarded to him in settlement of Mr. Keeney's claim.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this claim had been paid.

447/37.

ROAD METAL OBTAINABLE AT EDEN, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Miss G. H. Johnstone, Lough Veagh House, Churchill, stating that if the Council required any road metal she would be pleased to let them have it from her quarries at Eden, Glenties, at whatever price they pay.

The Council noted the letter.

448/37.

REMOVAL OF IMPORT DUTY INTO GREAT BRITAIN ON GREYHOUNDS.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Cobh, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Cobh Urban District Council:- "Following the Trade Agreement with England re the removal of the import duty on live horses into that country, the Council is unanimously of the opinion that a similar Agreement should be negotiated to cover the export of greyhounds from the Free State into Great Britain, or in the alternative that the Free State Government should pay a Bounty, equal to the Horse Bounty, on all exports of Greyhounds, which must now be regarded as a National Livestock Industry."

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

449/37.

ERECTION OF GARAGE BY THE LONDONDERRY & LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO. WITHOUT THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Kearney reporting that the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. had erected a Garage beside the Main Road, Crolly to Kincasslagh, at Mcenaleck, without the permission of the Council.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Railway Co. in the matter.

450/37.

ERECTION OF WALL AT STRAID, CLONMANY, WITHOUT THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Doherty reporting that Miss Bessie Doherty, Straid, Clonmany, had built a wall in front of her house, slightly on the road side of the proper boundary. He suggested that she be required to sign the usual Agreement.

The Secretary was instructed to call on Miss Doherty to sign the usual Agreement.

451/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING INTO UPPER ARDBANE, DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from Mr. Barney Duffy, Upper Ardbane, Downings, drawing the Council's attention to the state of the road into the townland of Upper Ardbane. The road was all cut up and was practically impassable.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road.

452/37.

COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Lunniaghbeg, Derrybeg, stating that a road was being made through his lands under a Minor Relief Scheme, and that he had been denied work on it, although he was in very poor circumstances.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road in this case was being made through a common, and as Mr. Doherty had not given any land and was not in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, he was not, therefore, entitled to employment.

453/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOG ROAD AT
CLEENGORT, LETTERMACAWARD.

A letter was read from Messrs. Patrick McLoone and Thady Gallagher, Cleengort, Lettermacaward, asking that a grant be given for the construction of a Bog Road leading to the "Derkmore" property. The tenants of that area were paying for turbary plots on that property, but could not use them owing to the want of a road.

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

454/37. COMPLAINT RE DELAY IN COMMENCING WORK ON GRANT AT
BALLYWEEL, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Ewing, Ballhill, Donegal, complaining of the dangerous state of the road at Ballyweel. A grant was given for this road and work was to commence for the last two months, but nothing had yet been done.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this grant was now being expended. The consents were only recently obtained.

455/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD THROUGH THE TOWNLANDS OF
KINBALLYCROWIE AND CLOGHERDILLER, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Ward, Kinballycrowie, Burtonport, asking the Council to take over for future repairs a stretch of road through the townlands of Kinballycrowie and Clogherdiller, Burtonport. The road was 400 perches long.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

456/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ON ROAD
AT GREENHILL, LINSFORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McGrory, Sharagore, Linsfort, applying for a grant for the construction of a Bridge on the road at Greenhill, Linsfort.

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

457/37. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Deery, Drumbriskin, Ballintra, stating that he was allocated for work at Foyagh Bridge, but had no bicycle and the distance was too far to walk. Mr. Cunningham had refused to give him a card saying that the distance was too far, and he had been ten weeks without work or dole.

Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Michael Deery, a young man (apparently in his thirties), of a very robust build, is, in my opinion, well able to go to Foyagh to work there.

When he first called with me, he tried to make a deal by offering to go if I would promise him carting work when carting was available. I replied I wouldn't commit myself to anything, that his case would come up in due course, and would be dealt with under the regulations governing the employment of carters.

The Employment Exchanges have regulations regarding distance, etc., and it is a matter for them to decide as to whether Mr. Deery is shirking work or not."

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

458/37. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary applied for a further sum of £200 to cover clerical assistance in connection with Road Grants.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty the application was granted unanimously.

459/37.

ARREARS OF HOUSING ANNUITIES OWING BY MR. CHARLES J. COYLE, LURGANBOYCE, RATHMULLAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan, regarding the amount of arrears that he owed in respect of Housing Annuities, and inquiring if the Council would accept any of the following methods of payment:-

(1) He proposed to pay the Interest on the Principal and also arrears of Insurance if the Council would extend the term of his purchase by four years, and carry forward the arrears of Principal. He would then discharge same by same way and rate of his present loan.

(2) He would pay along with his present half-yearly instalment £1 : 6 : 4 to the end of his present purchase term, and thereby discharge the amount he owed.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to consider Mr. Coyle's offers, without prejudice, subject to his paying all legal costs also; and to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor to take the necessary steps to safeguard the Council's interests, and to advise which offer should be accepted.

460/37.

APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS AS SURFACEMEN.

Letters were read from Messrs. John R. Doherty, Carnmalin, Malin Head; Charles Monagle, Backmountain, Ballygorman; and Philip Farren, Templemoyle, Culdaff, applying for positions as surfacemen in the Malin District.

A letter was also read from Mr. John Campbell, Castlecar, Kilcar, applying for a position as a surfaceman in that area.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there were no vacancies.

461/37. ARREARS OF HOUSING ANNUITIES OWING BY MRS. ANNIE BRADLEY, DRUMSKELLAN, TURE.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 8th March, 1937, enclosing cheque which he had received from Mr. J. P. McIvor for £6 on account of the arrears of Housing Annuities owing by Mrs. Annie Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture. He wished to receive further instructions in this case.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to accept the offer, provided Mrs. Bradley paid all legal expenses incurred; and to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to take the necessary steps to safeguard the Council's interests.

462/37. QUESTION OF TAKING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DEFAULTING HOUSING ANNUITANTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 22nd March, 1937, stating that in the following cases of defaulting Housing Annuitants he had obtained Judgment and Execution Order, but he had not received any payment or acknowledgment of the proceedings:-

Daniel Coyle.

Charles Joseph Coyle.

Daniel Ward.

Edward Shiels, Jun.

He wished to know if he was to proceed to levy execution. In the case against John Doherty (Hollow), the Mortgagor had died before any of the present arrears accrued due. In view of this it would be necessary to proceed against all parties who had been in occupation in the meantime.

Councillor Baxter handed in £2 on behalf of Mr. Daniel Coyle, and he asked that he be given an opportunity of paying the arrears by instalments as was done in the case of Mr. Charles J. Coyle.

Councillor Cole, on behalf of the Repts. John Doherty (Hollow), applied to pay £1 per month.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was decided to defer levying Judgment and Execution Orders, and, in the meantime, to accept offers made, without prejudice, subject to the parties concerned paying all legal costs incurred. In the cases of those from whom no offers had been received, it was decided to give them an opportunity of paying the arrears by instalments before proceeding to further action; the Solicitor to take the necessary steps to protect the Council's interests.

463/37. LOAN TO COVER COST OF BALLYSALLAGH (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th March, 1937, S.18480/37, Dun na nGall. Pd., regarding the expenditure of the sum of £315 :11 :10 on the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Drainage Scheme, and stating that it was noted that the Scheme was completed a year ago and the expenditure met out of the Council's ordinary funds. In the circumstances, it did not appear necessary that the amount already met out of the current funds of the County Council should now be charged to the loan.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Department that the expenditure was only temporarily met out of the Council's funds, pending the raising of a loan when the total cost of the Scheme was ascertained, and to point out also that the amount was not provided for in the Council's Estimates.

464/37. USE OF HALL AT FALCARRAGH FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duggan, Falcarragh, enclosing account for £5 :10 :0 for the use of his Hall for the annual verification of Weights and Measures during the years 1931, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, and 1937.

The Council decided to offer Mr. Duggan a sum of 10/- per annum.

465/37. REMOVAL OF BUNGALOW ERECTED AT CONVOY WITHIN LEGAL LIMIT.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan reporting that Mr. S. McClure, Convoys, had now removed the bungalow, which he had erected within the legal limit.

The Council noted the position.

466/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT CORRUGATED IRON SHED AT ST. JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from Mr. E. J. White, St. Johnston, stating that he intended erecting a corrugated iron shed at St. Johnston on the left-hand side of the Derry-Raphoe Road (when proceeding towards Raphoe), and on east side of Customs hut, and he wished to apply for the necessary permission from the County Council.

The Council unanimously decided to grant Mr. White the necessary permission, on condition that he signs an Agreement undertaking to remove the building at any time he may be called upon to do so; the Agreement to be drawn up by the Council's Solicitor, and the costs to be borne by Mr. White.

467/37. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING EMPLOYED ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Barney McPaul, Stranarva, Crolly, complaining that he had been refused road work on schemes in that area, and he would pay no more rates until he got work.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this man was not on the Register of unemployed.

468/37. COMPLAINT RE DELAY IN CARRYING OUT MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Barney McPaul, Stranarva, Crolly, inquiring why the grant of £100 which had been allocated for a road in the townland of Stranarva had not been spent.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this Grant was now being expended.

469/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON DOWNINGS - DOOEY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Gallagher, Gortamore, Downings, applying for a position as surfaceman on the Downings - Dooey Road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

470/37. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH
REQUEST FOR ADVANCE UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Harkin, Ourt, Gleneely, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 : 2 : 0 which he lodged some years ago in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He also wished the Council's Solicitor to return his documents of title.

It was decided to make the refund, less any costs incurred by the Council's Solicitor.

471/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR ST. JOSEPH'S HALL,
MILFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. O'Leary, Solicitor, Milford, stating that the required alterations had now been made to St. Joseph's Hall, Milford, and applying for a Cinematograph Licence for it on behalf of Mr. Peoples.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licence, subject to a further inspection of the Hall.

472/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR PAROCHIAL HALL,
DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall, Dungloe, stating that the required alterations had now been made to Dungloe Parochial Hall, and applying for a Cinematograph Licence.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licence, subject to a further inspection of the Hall.

473/37. APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

A letter was read from Mr. Alex. Agnew, Inspector, Irish Land Commission, Donegal, applying for permission to store explosives on behalf of the Irish Land Commission at rear of Mr. Patrick Doherty's premises, Main Street, Dungloe. He enclosed a sum of 5/- for the necessary licence.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licence, subject to compliance with the Order-in-Council governing construction of building, etc.

474/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO PUT BUS OF INCREASED WEIGHT
ON ROAD FROM KILLYBEGS TO CARRICK.

A letter was read from Mr. John O'Donnell, Bogagh, Carrick, applying for permission to run a bus of increased weight on the road from Killybegs to Carrick.

The Council decided to refer Mr. O'Donnell to the Local Government Department.

475/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD IN
TOWNLAND OF TULLYCLEAVE LOWER, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, applying for a grant for the construction of a new road in the townland of Tullycleave Lower, Ardara.

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

476/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW
BRIDGE NEAR FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. James Harkin, Meencarrick, Falcarragh, applying for a position as Ganger at the construction of a new Bridge at Moyra, near Falcarragh Station.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

477/37. DANGEROUS CORNER NEAR BUNCRAHA RAILWAY STATION.

A letter was read from Messrs. Hugh C. O'Doherty & Son, Solicitors, Derry, stating that they had been requested by the Buncrana Urban Council to take up the matter of the dangerous condition of the Railway Crossing at Buncrana Station. They wished the County Council to get in touch with the Railway Co. at once.

It was stated that this matter had already been referred to the Railway Co.

The Secretary was instructed to inquire from the Railway Co. what they proposed doing in the matter.

478/37. APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR FLOODING OF PROPERTY AT CARROWBLAGH, PORTSALON.

A letter was read from Miss Jane Carr, Leverock, Rossnakill, stating that she had been awaiting compensation for damage of a continuous nature inflicted on her property through road improvement schemes carried out in 1934. Her land was situate in Carrowblagh, Portsalon, and owing to the road operations two drains were closed, with the result that the property was periodically flooded.

Mr. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, stated that this work had been carried out under a Minor Relief Scheme on behalf of the Board of Works, and that there was no flooding.

The Council decided to refer Miss Carr to the Board of Works.

479/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION FOR ERECTION OF HOARDING IN MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Martin, Malin Road, Moville, applying on behalf of the "Kennedy Cup Committee" for permission to erect a hoarding along the top of a fence running alongside the County Road. The Committee had a cup which they put up for competition every year, and the proceeds of the match went to charity. People stood on the road watching the game, and often there were more people on the road than in the field.

Permission was unanimously granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

480/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANTS FOR MAKING OF ROADWAYS ON INNISCOO AND EIGHTER ISLANDS.

A letter was read from a number of Islanders of Inniscoco and Eighter applying for grants to have roadways made through the Islands. They had no roadways at present and the conditions were appalling.

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

481/37. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR - BALLYSHANNON AREA.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Letterkenny, asking to have Garda Bernard Garvey, Ballyshannon, appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector in place of Garda J. Markey, who had been transferred from the district.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda Garvey.

482/37. NOTIFICATIONS RE HOLDING OF CINEMA SHOWS.

Letters were read from Mr. Charles Cannon, Main Street, Letterkenny, stating that he intended holding Cinema shows in the following towns:- Annagry, Derrybeg, Milford, Rathmullan, Rossnakill, Carrigart, Dungloe, Glenties, Glendowan, and Dunlewey.

483/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN-DOWNINGS-ARDBANE ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McGinley, Derryhasson, Downings, applying for a position as surfaceman on the Downings - Derryhasson - Ardbane Road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

484/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE.

A letter was read from Lr. William Deeney, Clondallon, Rathmullan, stating that he had not been paid for four days' labour and three days' carting done in the fortnight ending 6th February, 1937.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

485/37. DATES OF MEETINGS IN CONNECTION WITH PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The Council decided to fix the following dates for the half-yearly Meetings in connection with payments to Road Contractors:-

Aileach.....Thursday, 29th April, 1937.
 Ballyshannon...Saturday, 1st May, 1937.
 Donegal.....Wednesday, 28th April, 1937.
 Dunfanaghy.....Saturday, 1st May, 1937.
 Dungloe.....Wednesday, 28th April, 1937.
 Glenties.....Thursday, 29th April, 1937.
 Kilcar.....Tuesday, 4th May, 1937.
 Inishowen.....Monday, 26th April, 1937.
 Letterkenny...Tuesday, 4th May, 1937.
 Lifford.....Wednesday, 28th April, 1937.
 Milford.....Wednesday, 28th April, 1937.
 Stranorlar...Saturday, 1st May, 1937.

486/37. CONTINGENCY FUND.

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

Map No. T.73-428. Re-build 30 yards of retaining wall. £100.

Map No. 14194.... Repair damage by flood.....£2:10:0.

The application was granted unanimously.

487/37. BREAKING OF CERTAIN ROAD CONTRACTS.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the following Contracts had been broken in Inishowen Area:-

No. 180, April 1936; Map No. 95.

No. 214, April 1936; Map No. 67.

The Council noted the matter.

488/37. DAMAGE TO LORRY AT INCH, CAUSED BY TOPPLING OVER EMBANKMENT.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Bankend, Inch Island, stating that on the 15th March his son was proceeding by motor lorry along the Main Road leading from Mill Bay to Benault. The lorry toppled over the roadside and tumbled down the embankment to the shore, a depth of 30 or 40 feet. The lorry was smashed and the engine entirely destroyed. The road was without any kind of protection and was an absolute death-trap. He considered that the Council should compensate him for his loss, as the accident would not have occurred had there been any kind of a fence on the road.

A letter was also read from Father O'Mullan, P.P., Fahan, enclosing copy of letter which he had published in the "Derry Journal" concerning this road, and the accident to Mr. Gallagher.

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

"Where the accident happened the road is straight, and there is a grass margin about five feet wide. There are many similar places where a vehicle getting out of control would come to grief on leaving the carriageway, and if you admit liability in one you must accept it in the thousands of other similar places.

It would take a very considerable sum to protect the many miles of unfenced roads in the County."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

489/37. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR DUMPING OF STONES AND GRAVEL ON
PROPERTY OF MR. JOHN McLAUGHLIN, LENAMORE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. M. D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. John McLaughlin, owner of certain property at Lenamore, Collin, Carndonagh, with reference to the action of the Council in dumping stones and gravel on Mr. McLaughlin's property, which adjoined the public road. His client approached the Ganger, Mr. James J. Doherty, who promised him £1 to allow him 14 days to remove the stones and gravel, but this had not been done, and he now claimed £2 : 10 : 0 as compensation for trespass and disturbance, together with 10/- costs.

It was decided to instruct Mr. O'Neill to pay Mr. McLaughlin at the same rate for the extra time for which the stones were dumped, and to request him to have the stones removed as soon as possible.

490/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE.

A letter was read from Mr. Fred Shovelin, Ganger, stating that Mr. Owen McBride, Clontallagh, Downings, had not been paid for six days' work done in the fortnight ending 6th March, 1937.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

491/37. CONTINUANCE OF MR. E. K. McLAUGHLIN AS ASSISTANT SURVEYOR
IN THE DUNFANAGHY AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd March, 1937, R/RS/7, inquiring the probable period during which it was considered necessary to retain the services of Mr. E. K. McLaughlin as Assistant County Surveyor.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Department that Mr. McLaughlin's services would be required until the 31st May, 1937.

492/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK AND MATERIAL SUPPLIED
TO A ROAD ROLLER.

A letter was read from Mr. James O'Donnell (John), Meenderrynasloe, Annagry, stating that he had not been paid for work and material supplied by him to a road roller in December, 1936.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

493/37. ROAD LEADING FROM DOHERTY'S PUBLIC-HOUSE, BARNES ROAD,
BALLYBOFEY, TO THE LEVEL CROSSING ON BALLYBOFEY-GLENTIES ROAD.

A letter was read from Captain J. S. Hamilton, Brownhall, Ballintra, stating that he understood that Grants were to be spent on roads of Tourist importance. He wished to suggest the widening and improving of the road from Doherty's public-house (about two miles from Ballybofey) to the level crossing on the Ballybofey-Glenties Road. This would mean a saving of time to anyone going to Glenties, and it would also cut off several bad turns.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

494/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Matthew McEnaney, Ray, Falcarragh, stating that Mr. Charles Harkin supplied 200 tons of gravel for the road from Glasserchoe Three Roads to Main Road at Derryconnor School. His account for £2 was entered on Pay-sheets for week ending 13th February, but he had not yet received any payment.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this matter was now in order.

495/37. CONTRACT ON ROAD, MAP NO. 370.

A letter was read from Mr. William Coyle, Tullynavin, Redcastle, inquiring if there was a Grant on Road, Map No. 370, for 170 tons of stones.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

496/37. APPLICATION FROM CERTAIN ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN FOR INCREASED SCALE OF PAY.

A letter was read from Messrs. Peter McMonagle, Patrick Gallagher, John McDermott, and Joe Shiels, Engine-drivers; and Messrs. Patrick O'Donnell, Michael McCarron, Willie McLaughlin, Charles Doherty, Patrick Peoples, and Patrick Wright, Flagmen, asking to have the present scale of pay for Engine-drivers and Flagmen removed, and have them raised to the status of £3 per week for Drivers, and £2 per week for Flagmen. They were all doing the same work, and had no hesitation in applying for the same pay. Their present scale of pay was unable to cope with the cost-of-living.

The Council decided to adhere to the scale already in force.

497/37. COMPLAINT RE ALLOWING FLAX REFUSE TO ENTER A BURN SKIRTING THE COUNTY ROAD.

A letter was read from Miss Johnston, Rockfield, Stranorlar, Ballybofey, stating that the owners of the flax mill had put the refuse of the flax down the burn skirting the County Road. This stopped the water flow and undermined the banks. There were three culverts on the stream which were likely to be stopped. The owners should be warned against this practice.

The Council unanimously decided to warn the parties concerned against this practice.

498/37. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR PIPE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN REPAIRED IN JULY, 1936, ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE LATE MR. M. J. DAWSON.

A letter was read from Mr. James McCay, Pollins, Trentagh, stating that in July, 1936, on the instructions of Mr. Dawson, now deceased, he repaired a pipe which had been torn away. He was never paid for the work and he now claimed the sum of £2 : 4 : 0.

Mr. Patrick Dawson stated that he had acted in this district for two months after the death of his son, and never heard of this claim.

It was decided to instruct Mr. E. K. McLaughlin to make inquiries, and, in the meantime, to deny liability.

499/37. APPLICATION FOR A FEW LOADS OF STONE CLIPPINGS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bushe, Drumalla, Rathmullan, applying for a few loads of stone clippings from the stone crusher for her rock garden.

It was decided to inform Mrs. Bushe that the Council had no stone clippings for sale.

500/37. COMPLAINT RE BREAKING OF CONTRACT ON ROAD NO. 1875, WHITE HOUSE TO COMMONS SCHOOL, KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from Mr. William Gallagher, Carricknamohill, Killybegs, stating that on the 5th December last Mr. Lennon informed him that his contract on Road No. 1875, White House to Commons School, had been broken. He had a lot of stones quarried, and he considered it unfair that he should have been deprived of the contract. He estimated that he had £10 : 16 : 0 expended in labour, and he wished the Council to compensate him for his loss.

A report was read from the Acting County Surveyor in the matter, The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

501/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD FROM MEENCORWICK TO CRONAGUIGGY, CROLLY.

A letter was read from Mr. John Sweeney (John), Meencorwick, Crollly, applying for a grant for the completion of the road from Meencorwick to Cronaguiggy, Crollly. The amount given would only be sufficient to make about half the road that was required, and they would be grateful if a further grant were given.

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

502/37.

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

A letter was read from Dr. J. P. McGinley, Letterkenny, enclosing Paying Order dated 30th June, 1936, which the Bank refused to cash as it was out-of-date.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Department for permission to issue a new Paying Order to Dr. McGinley.

503/37.

APPLICATION BY ASSISTANT SURVEYORS FOR REMUNERATION FOR
ADDITIONAL WORK CAUSED BY ROAD GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Assistant Surveyors employed by the Council applying for remuneration for the extra work which they had performed in connection with the expenditure of the different Grants for the Relief of Unemployment.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Surveyors be granted additional remuneration at the rate of £2 per cent.

Councillor Scott, in seconding the resolution, stated that it should be pointed out to the Department that the Council had no power to insist on their Surveyors doing this extra work.

504/37.

FOGRAI A FOILLISIGHTHEAR TAObh AMUIGH d'ARUSANNA AN GHARDA
SIOTHCHANA SA GHAEDEALTACHT.

Leigheadh litir o Ard-Cheannphort, Garda Siothchana, Leitir Ceannainn, ag iarraidh ar na Comhairle Conndae fograi agus leitreacha atá le foillsiú taobh amuigh d'Arusanna an Gharda Siothchana sa Ghaedhealtacht a chlo-bhualadh i nGaedhilg amháin.

Socrúigheadh a dheanamh mar a d'iarr an Ard-Cheannphort.

505/37.

UIRNEISI LE h-AGHAIDH CIGIRI BLADH AGUS DRUGANNA.

Leigheadh litir o Ard-Cheannphort, Garda Siothchana, Leitir Ceannainn, ag cur chuig an Comhairle Conndae liostai na h-uirneisi atá le dhith le h-aghaidh Cigiri Bladh agus Druganna i rith na bliadhna seo chugainn.

Socrúigheadh an Comhairle Conndae na h-uirneisi a cheannuigh.

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Confirmed

W. M. J. J. J.

Chairman of Co. Council

27th April, 1937.

THE ADJOURNED ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF ~~MARCH~~, 1937.

506/37.

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, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, McMenamin, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McDaid, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), O'Neill, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

507/37.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on Tuesday, the 14th January, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

508/37.

CONTRACTS NOS. 4 AND 22, GLENTIES DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McGlynn, Teevedeevin, Ballinamore, stating that at the Glenties Tenders Committee Meeting on the 17th February he tendered for three roads. One of his Tenders was accepted, but although his Tender for the Meenadoan-Cumirk Road was £53 a Tender for £60 was accepted. For the Larna-larkin Road he tendered £5 : 7 : 0, but a Tender for £6 was accepted.

Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, explained the circumstances.

The Council decided to accept the Tenders of Mr. Charles McGlynn for Contracts Nos. 4 and 22, Glenties Area.

509/37.

CONTRACT NO. 14, DUNGLOE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Bonar, Lower Keadue, Burtonport, stating that at Dungloe Tenders Committee Meeting he tendered for Proposal No. 14 for the full amount, £10. The Tender of another man was accepted, although his work for the last three years was satisfactory.

Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, explained the circumstances.

The Council decided to confirm the decision of the Tenders Committee accepting the Tender of Mr. Owen McGinley.

510/37.

CONTRACT NO. 16, GLENTIES DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Manus O'Donnell, Classey, Doochary, stating that at Glenties Road Meeting on the 17th February he tendered for Proposal No. 16, and had in the lowest Tender, but it was turned down by the Assistant Surveyor.

The Assistant Surveyor stated that the sureties in this case lived seven miles from the road, and that O'Donnell was not a ratepayer.

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor Kavanagh seconded that the Contract be given to the lowest Tenderer.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, and Councillor Houston seconded that the decision of the Tenders Committee be confirmed.

The Secretary pointed out that if the lowest Tender was not accepted the Council were liable to be surcharged.

The Assistant Surveyor stated that the Committee had that in mind, but that on several occasions Contractors who were not ratepayers had left the country to work in England, and the Council had no redress.

The matter was put to a vote, and the following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Brady, Cole, Crerand, Houston, Kelly, Mahony, McMenamin, Myles, McCrea, McFadden, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (B.), O'Donnell (M.), O'Neill, Wagentreiber, and Walsh. Total 21.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lynch, McDaid, McClafferty, MacCreadie, and Scott. Total 12.

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

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

511/37. CONTRACT OF ROAD BETWEEN GRANSHA THREE ROADS AND THREE ROADS
AT GRANSHA ARD, BUNCRAHA.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGilloy, Trillick, Buncrana, inquiring why his Tender for the road between Gransha Three Roads and Three Roads at Gransha Ard was not accepted.

Mr. Coffey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that in this case McGilloy was declared the Contractor. Another Tender was afterwards found on which the Map No. appeared on the Envelope instead of the Contract No. This Tender was discovered to be lower than McGilloy's, and the Committee, therefore, decided to accept it. The Council decided to confirm the decision of the Committee.

512/37. CONTRACT OF MR. WILLIAM GRANT, MAGHERAMORE, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. William Grant, Magheramore, Clonmany, stating that he considered the amount allowed for his Contract too low, as he had to put out 90 tons of stones. He wished the Council to allow £30 for the road.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

513/37. CONTRACT OF MR. DENIS KELLY, CROSSCONNELL, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis Kelly, Clough, Clonmany, stating that when he took the contract for the Tullagh Road, Crossconnell, Clonmany, it was for a three-year period, and he put it £2 : 5 : 0. As it was now for one year only he wished to be allowed the full amount, i.e. £12 : 0 : 0.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

514/37. REDUCTION AT ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING OF AMOUNT ALLOWED
FOR MAIN ROADS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd February, 1937, R/RGM/7, referring to the Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting, and stating that it was observed that two resolutions were passed reducing by £15 per mile the amount allowed for the maintenance of Main Roads, and allocating the total amount allowed to each Assistant Surveyor's District according to the mileage. The adoption of these resolutions was contrary to the regulations governing the preparation of a Scheme. The Minister trusted the Council would revise the decisions with a view to increasing the amount allowed for upkeep, and to allocating the amounts in accordance with the needs of the roads in the different Districts.

The Council unanimously decided to inform the Department that it was only the total amount which had been reduced in the way stated. The actual allocations to each road were made by the Assistant Surveyors in accordance with the needs of the roads and the traffic on them.

515/37. CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACTS FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL,
1937.

The Council considered seriatim the decisions of the Tenders Committees, and, on the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to confirm all those Contracts which were not invalidated by informalities, and, in the cases of those Contracts under £50, which had been accepted for three years, to confirm them for one year only, where the Contractors had accepted this condition.

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Confirmed.

W. M. J. J. J.

Chairman of County Council

27th April, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DOUGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL, 1937.

516/37.

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, Lynch, McMenamin, Mahony, Nyles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreadie, McDaid, McFadden, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), Scott, and Walsh.

517/37.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Councillors Loughrey and O'Neill.

518/37.

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 the Chairman, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 30th March, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

519/37.

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

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty the Minutes of the Adjourned Road Works Meeting held on the 30th March, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

520/37.

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 30th March, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

521/37.

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 McClafferty the Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings held on the 30th March, 1937, and the 20th April, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

522/37.

R E P O R T O F S H E E P D I P P I N G 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 Scott, the Report of the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on the 20th April, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

Councillor McIvor inquired if any further instructions had been received regarding the Sheep Dipping Scheme for the coming Season.

The Secretary replied in the negative.

523/37.

Q U A R T E R L Y L I S T O F P A Y M E N T S.

The List of Payments for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1937, was submitted, and payment ordered as recommended by the Finance Committee.

524/37.

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

An invitation was submitted to the Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to be held in Bristol in July, 1937.

525/37.

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

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th March, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £175 : 0 : 2 in respect of balance payable of proportion of expenditure incurred by the Board of Health upon salaries of Sanitary Officers during the year ended 30th September, 1936.

526/37.

SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th March, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £1,358 : 12 : 7 in respect of balance payable of proportion of expenditure incurred by the Board of Health upon salaries of Medical Officers, etc., during the year ended 30th September, 1936.

527/37.

EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th March, 1937, Circ. Letter No. 27/3/1937, transmitting a memorandum setting out the procedure to be followed in obtaining information from the National Health Insurance Society for the purpose of checking Employment Allowance Claims.

528/37.

ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1937/1938.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th March, 1937, G.21466/37, Dun na nGall., asking to be furnished with a copy of the Rate Estimates for the financial year 1937/38.

529/37.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th March, 1937, asking to be furnished with a reply to their letter of the 22nd January regarding the application of Mr. James McLaughlin, Malin Road, Moville, for a Grant under the Housing Acts.

530/37.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED IN ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 3rd April, 1937, R/RGM/7, requesting to be furnished with Tables A. and B. relative to the summary of expenditure approved in the Road Works Scheme for 1937/38.

531/37.

INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH FISHERIES.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 5th April, 1937, R.1/36/36, enclosing Notice of a Meeting to be held at Ardara on the 21st April in connection with a suggested alteration in the Close Season for Salmon and Trout in the tidal portions of the Rivers Owenea and Owentocker and in Loughrosmore and Loughrosbeg Bays.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 5th April, 1937, B.1/27/37, enclosing Notice of a Meeting to be held at Dungloe on the 22nd April in connection with the suggested alteration in the mesh of nets used in the sea off that part of the coast of Co. Donegal extending from Bloody Foreland to Rossan Point.

532/37.

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE TO DR. M. J. MCCOLGAN WHILE ACTING AS COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd April, 1937, P.H.21952/37, Dun na nGall. Ae., stating that the Minister had approved of the payment of a subsistence allowance of 15/- per night to Dr. M. J. McColgan, Acting County M.O.H., in respect of each night on which she was obliged to remain in an outlying area in connection with the discharge by her of the duties of Dr. Bastible during September last, where it would be more expensive for her to return to her residence and re-visit the district.

533/37.

PAYMENT OF £5 TO THE RATE INSPECTOR FOR CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th April, 1937, G.24705/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had sanctioned the payment of a sum of £5 to the Rate Inspector in respect of the employment of extra clerical assistance in connection with the work of checking Credit Notes.

534/37. REFRESHER COURSES ON CLEAN MILK PRODUCTION FOR VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd April, 1937, P.H.Circ. 60/37, enclosing copy of Circular Letter issued to all Veterinary Inspectors for the supervision of the Milk Supplies in connection with a proposed Refresher Course on Clean Milk Production and Legislation governing the milk supply. The Minister trusted that Local Authorities would facilitate their Veterinary Inspectors in attending the Course.

A letter was read from Mr. L. McIlhargey, V.S., Milford, applying for permission to attend the Refresher Course being conducted under the Milk and Dairies Acts. He would be absent from the 20th to the 24th April, and Mr. McGlinchey would carry out his duties during that period.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 16th April, 1937, L.1459/37, stating that the Minister offered no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. McGlinchey in the Milford Area from the 20th to the 24th April during the absence of Mr. McIlhargey who was attending a Refresher Course.

A further letter dated 24th April, 1937, was read from Mr. McIlhargey stating that he could not be accommodated in the Lectures until the 11th May, and applying for leave from the 10th to the 16th May, 1937. Mr. McGlinchey would carry out his duties during his absence.

A letter dated 24th April, 1937, was read from Mr. F. McShane, V.S., Donegal, applying for leave to attend Refresher Course commencing on 4th May and lasting for three or four days. Mr. McClintock, V.S., Dungloe, would carry out his duties during his absence.

A letter dated 24th April, 1937, was read from Mr. T. A. McClintock, V.S., Dungloe, applying for leave to attend Refresher Course commencing on May 10th, and lasting for four days. Mr. McShane, V.S., Donegal, would carry out his duties during his absence.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Blaney, the Council decided to grant the required leave to Messrs. McIlhargey, McShane, and McClintock.

535/37. CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th April, 1937, G.21466/37, stating that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, the Minister had sanctioned such departure from the terms of Articles 78 and 79 of that Order as would enable the Council to comply with the terms of these Articles by a date not later than the 30th idem.

536/37. LOANS ADVANCED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS, 1924 - 1929.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th March, 1937, Circ. No. H.44/37, forwarding for completion a return showing the operations of the Council in regard to local assistance loans advanced under the Housing Acts, 1924 - 1929, up to the 31st March, 1937.

537/37. LOANS ADVANCED UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th April, 1937, Circ. No. 41/37, forwarding for completion a return showing the operations of the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts up to 31st March, 1937.

538/37. FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH CASES OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th April, 1937, asking to be furnished with Form T. 2. in connection with a suspected case of Bovine Tuberculosis on 3 the premises of Mr. G. W. McCaul, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny.

539/37.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Raphoe, stating that at Raphoe District Court on the 27th April an application would be made for the committal to an Industrial School of three children named Gallagher residing at Drumcairn, Manorcunningham.

A letter was read from Councillor Crerand stating that he considered the Council should not oppose the application for the committal of the Gallagher children to an Industrial School.

540/37.

LOAN FOR THE PROVISION OF NEW VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AT STRANORLAR AND ANNAGRY.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 8th April, 1937, C.92.43/3/36, regarding the request for the issue of an instalment of £500 from the loan of £6,500 sanctioned for the provision of new Vocational Schools at Stranorlar and Annagry, and inquiring how the sum required would be apportioned between the Schools.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd April, 1937, C.92.43/2/36, enclosing Payable Order for the sum of £177 : 18 : 7 in connection with the loan for the provision of new Vocational Schools, and stating that instalments of this loan would only be issued to cover expenditure which had actually been incurred.

541/37.

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF IMPORT DUTY ON GREYHOUNDS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 15th April, 1937, T.I.C.23495, acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution regarding the removal of import duty on Saorstát greyhounds on importation into Great Britain.

542/37.

CONTINUANCE OF MR. E. K. McLAUGHLIN'S SERVICES AS ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th April, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the retention up to 31st May, 1937, of Mr. E. K. McLaughlin as extra Assistant County Surveyor.

543/37.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th April, 1937, E.5709/36, enclosing 50 copies of Form W.F.2. in connection with the Warble Fly Order.

544/37.

THE LATE MR. J. J. MC.CARROLL, M.P.

A letter was read from Mrs. McCarroll, "Derryowen", Coshquin, Derry, thanking the Council for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of her husband, the late Mr. J. J. McCarroll, M.P.

545/37.

AMOUNT PROVISIONALLY ALLOCATED FOR UPKEEP OF MAIN ROADS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th April, 1937, RCM/201/37, stating that a sum of £11,791 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads for the year 1937/38.

546/37.

LOAN OF £3,000 TO DEFRAY COUNCIL'S PORTION OF EXPENDITURE ON RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th April, 1937, S., sanctioning the raising of a loan of £3,000 to defray the Council's portion of expenditure on a road works scheme undertaken for the relief of unemployment.

547/37. ARDUGHADH GREIDIUITE O'N BHAINNG DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roimh Rialtais Aitiula agus Slainte Puiblí faoi dhata an 12adh Aibhreain, 1937, ag radh go gceaduaigheann an t-Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar tríocha is cuig míle punt i gcoir costaisí reatha sealadacha.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £25,000 riachtanach go dtí an 31adh Bealtaine, 1937.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrfadh Cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £25,000 go dtí an 31adh Bealtaine, 1937.

548/37. ISSUE OF LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS TO MR. PATRICK MURPHY, CORLEA, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th April, 1937, H.26387/37, Dun na nGall., sanctioning the making of an advance of £100 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Patrick Murphy, Corlea, Ballyshannon.

549/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Cleengort, Lettermacaward; Tory Island; Balleighan; Culkenny; Kinnakillew; Meencorwick; Killen; Inniscree and Eighter Islands; Altnapaste; Rowantreehill; Keiran Lane; Tullycleave; and Greenhill.

550/37. BALLYSALLAGH (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th April, 1937, S.28641/37, Dun na nGall., regarding the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Drainage Scheme, and requesting a reply to their letter of the 23rd January last as to any annual payment received by the Council. A loan application form was also enclosed.

551/37. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th April, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the Council's proposal to allow the Secretary a further sum of £200 to cover clerical assistance in connection with Road Grants.

552/37. ISSUE OF A FRESH PAYING ORDER IN LIEU OF ONE WHICH HAD GONE OUT-OF-DATE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th April, 1937, G.29135/37, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the issue of a fresh Paying Order for £2 : 2 : 0 in favour of Dr. J. P. McGinley, Letterkenny, in lieu of the original which was out-of-date.

553/37. LICENCE UNDER EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875, FOR PREMISES IN DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 16th April, 1937, 65/57/5, regarding the application of Mr. Alex. Agnew for a licence under the Explosives Act, 1875, for premises in Dungloe, and stating that the Inspector of Explosives was dealing with the question of the suitability of the building.

554/37. LOAN CHARGES BEING PAID BY THE COUNCIL AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES.

Councillor Gallen moved the following resolution which was unanimously accepted:-

"That this Council take into consideration the question of Loan Charges at present being paid by the County Council and other local bodies in the County."

He then stated that the outstanding loans owing by the County Council, including Vocational Education Loans; was £50,053; Board of Health Loans, £668,678; and Mental Hospital, £24,542; making a total of £743,273, with total annual charges of £45,930. If these Loans, where the annual charges exceeded 4%, were re-payable at an annuity of 4%, the annual savings would be, approximately: County Council Loans, £6,830; Board of Health, £12,100; and Mental Hospital, £2,636; making a total saving of £21,566.

Councillor Gallen alleged that the Minister for Local Government was wrongly informed on the fundamental question of the proportion of taxation borne by farmers, and he stated that in their case it was indirect taxation that pressed most severely. He also alleged that the Conference of County Secretaries had been summoned for the purpose of gentle pressure in the matter of taking measures to compel farmers to pay rates, whether they were able or not.

The Secretary denied that there was any question of harassing ratepayers at the recent Conference in Dublin.

In supporting the resolution, Councillor MacCreadie suggested that a statement be submitted to the Minister for Local Government with a request that, if possible, all loans be amalgamated, and a reduction in the rate of interest obtained.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to appoint a Committee to go into the matter at the next Meeting of the Council, and, in the meantime, to have the matter discussed by the County Councils' General Council.

555/37. LOAN FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY IN THE ROSSES.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Gallen was adjourned:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £20,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply in the Rosses District of County Donegal."

556/37. ROAD LEADING FROM PAT CANNY'S TO FALDUFF, GLENEGANNON.

Councillor Lynch proposed:- "That the road leading from Pat Canny's to Falduff, Glenegannon, be declared a County Road."

The Acting County Surveyor reported having found that 120 perches of the road between William Farren's of Gortinney and Mrs. Doherty's of Falduff had been repaired by the County Council (Rural District Council) in 1922.

Councillor Lynch agreed that this was portion of the road referred to by him.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that he would have some repairs effected on this section of the road.

557/37. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROADS.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Cole seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That a direction be, and is hereby, given to any two members of the Council to execute under hand, on behalf of the Council, Agreements for the maintenance of certain roads in the County for a period of one year."

558/37.

WAGES OF ROAD LABOURERS AND CARTERS.

A memorial was submitted from a number of owners of horses and carts in the Lower Rosses demanding 9/- as the rate of wages per day of eight hours for man, horse, and cart in any work for the County Council. Any employer in that district, except the County Council, paid 11/- per day. They considered that when an ordinary labourer got 4s/4d per day the balance of 3s/8d per day was too little for use of horse and cart, depreciation, repairs, and food for horse.

A letter was also read from Mr. Charles Ward, Secretary, Roshine North Cumann, Burtonport, stating that he had been requested by the Cumann to press for an increase of road workers' wages from 4s/4d to 5/- per day, owing to the present cost-of-living.

Councillor Walsh proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

"That this Council should unanimously agree to an increase of pay from 4s/4d to at least 5/- per day for all road work, also carters' pay advanced from 8/- to 9/- per day."

Councillor Scott pointed out that a decision had been made by the Council at their last Meeting in connection with the pay of carters, (Minute No. 390/37), and that it was out of order to raise it again so soon.

Councillor Walsh agreed to withdraw that part of his motion relating to carters.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, that the matter be adjourned sine die, and Councillor McIvor seconded.

After a discussion, the amendment was put to the Meeting, and the following voted for it:-

Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Byrne, Cole, Crerand, Gallen, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacGreadie, McDaid, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, and Scott. Total 19.

The following voted against the amendment:-

Councillors Brady, Friel, Houston, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), and Walsh. Total 8.

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

A further amendment by Councillor Brady that the matter be adjourned to the Annual Road Works Meeting was withdrawn.

559/37.

WAGES OF WORKERS ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

Councillor Walsh proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council request the Board of Works to increase their rate of pay to at least 5/- per day on all Minor Relief Schemes."

560/37.

DUMPING OF RUBBISH ON MOVILLE-GREENCASTLE ROAD.

Councillor McDaid proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have a quantity of rubbish removed off the Merville-Greencastle Road."

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

561/37.

STREETS OF MOVILLE.

Councillor McDaid proposed:- "That no sand or gravel be put on the streets of Merville during the summer months, and that any tarring of streets be finished before 1st June."

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

562/37.

ILLNESS OF MR. FRANCIS CALLAGHAN, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. Gormley dated 3rd April, 1937, certifying that Mr. Francis Callaghan was suffering from Influenza, and unable to perform his duties.

The Council noted the Certificate.

563/37.

ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A further Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. Taylor, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, W.5., dated 6th April, 1937, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey was still under his care, and would not be able to resume his work for at least one month from that date.

The Council noted the Certificate.

564/37.

PORTALEEN PIER.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council at their last Meeting, the Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The damage complained of by the Caretaker of this Pier consists of some partial undermining of the training wall of the river which flows adjacent to the Pier. Some of the shingle on which the wall was built has been washed away by the sea, and exposed part of the foundations. There are some rust blisters on the jib of the crane, and it would be advisable to have it chipped and tarred.

A sum of £10 would cover both these works."

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the Acting County Surveyor to expend a sum of £10 on the necessary works. (406/37 C.C.)

565/37.

ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGES AT MOVILLE AND MOUNTCHARLES.

Tenders were submitted from Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., and Messrs. Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., for the erection of a new weighbridge on Mountcharles Pier.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, stating that at a recent Meeting of the Board it was suggested that a weighbridge should be erected at Moville for the purpose of weighing coal, etc. The Local Government Department had informed the Board that in view of Section 10 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, the Board should communicate with the Council in the matter.

The Secretary pointed out that under Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, and the Order made thereunder, weighbridges erected by the Council must be of a minimum capacity of 20 tons.

Councillor Myles suggested that inquiries be made as to the repair of the weighbridge at Mountcharles Pier.

566/37.

LEAGUE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

A letter was read from the National Secretary, League for Social Justice, enclosing for adoption by the Council the following resolution passed by the Corporation of Dun Laoghaire Borough:-
"That we request the Government to give careful consideration to the proposals to end unemployment put forward by the League for Social Justice."

The Council adjourned consideration of the matter.

567/37.

MAKING OF RATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1938.

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 McClafferty, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, 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 March, 1938, 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.

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568/37. CHANGES OF NAMES OF OCCUPIERS IN THE RATE BOOK.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh 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, 1938.

569/37. SIGNING OF RATE COLLECTORS' WARRANTS.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh it was unanimously resolved to sign and seal the Rate Collectors' Warrants authorising the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1938, and the warrants were thereupon duly signed, and the Seal of the Council affixed thereto.

570/37. DRAINAGE WORKS PROPOSED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE TOWNLAND OF CRUICKAGHMORE BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 24th March, 1937, P.26421/36, regarding Drainage works proposed to be carried out in the townland of Cruickaghmore, and referring to Minute No. 367/36 in which it was stated that the Council decided to give the Land Commission permission to underpin the Bridge on condition that they be responsible for its safety, and any accidents which might arise. The Land Commission now proposed to underpin the Bridge in question provided that they would not by the carrying out of this work and the deepening of the channel incur any responsibility for future maintenance, repairs, or accidents, and they wished an assurance to this effect. They would, as far as possible, meet the requirements of the Co. Council, but they could give no undertaking in the matter.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:- "The conditions laid down by the County Council in 1936 were quite reasonable at the time, and nothing has happened since to leave them unreasonable. It is only proper that the Irish Land Commission guarantee their own work and give an undertaking to indemnify the County Council against any accidents that may occur during or arising out of the work they propose carrying out."

The Council decided to adopt the report, and to send a copy of it to the Irish Land Commission.

571/37. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF CARROWNAMADDY BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 13th April, 1937, A. & R., stating that they were at present taking steps to repair a road in the townland of Carrownamaddy on the Estate of the Irish Land Commission (Stewart-Bam), and Estate of Nixon, as marked on an attached tracing. They wished to know if the Council would be prepared to take over the road and provide for its future maintenance.

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

572/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel O'Donnell, Dunegard, Malin Head, complaining of not being paid for four days' work done on the Drimaskey new road.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

573/37. "AUTHORISED COMMITTEES" UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor McCrea it was unanimously decided to have the following Committees made "Authorised Committees" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925:-

Finance Committee.
Sub-Finance Committee.
Law Committee.
Scholarships Committee.
Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.
Weekly Wages Committee.

574/37. SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES .

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th April, 1937, F.9563/37, Donegal Co., referring to the Scheme for Polling Districts and Polling Places formulated by the Donegal County Council, and stating that the Minister was prepared to confirm the Scheme subject to the following amendments:-

- (1) The townlands of Cronaslieve, Loughnabrogue, and Meenacahan, situate in the Binbane D.E.D., Donegal Co. Electoral Area, should be taken out of the Drumnacross Polling District, Glenties Co. Electoral Area, and restored to Binbane Polling District.
- (2) The townlands of Croaghanarget, Binbane D.E.D., and Doocrow, Lough Eask D.E.D., comprised in the Donegal Co. Electoral Area of the West Donegal Constituency should be removed from the Croaghs Polling District, Glenties Co. Electoral Area, and re-placed in the Binbane and Lough Eask Polling Districts respectively.
- (3) In the Milford County Electoral Area of the East Donegal Constituency the townland of Gortflugh (Rathmullan D.E.D.) was divided into two parts, Gortflugh East and Gortflugh West, which were comprised, respectively, in the Rathmullan and Killygarvan Polling Districts. This townland should not be divided, but should be included entirely in the Killygarvan Polling District.
- (4) In the Glenties County Electoral Area of the West Donegal Constituency a portion of the townland of Meenbanad (Rutland D.E.D.), locally known as "Meenbanad Mountain" was included in the Annagry Polling District, and the remainder of the townland was comprised in the Belcruit Polling District. This townland should not be divided, but should be included in its entirety in the Belcruit Polling District.

Final copies of the draft Scheme amended accordingly should be forwarded to the Department.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Houston it was unanimously decided to request the Returning Officer for West Donegal to arrange for the polling in the Croaghs Polling District of the voters in the townlands of Croaghanarget and Doocrow, as polling at Binbane and Lough Eask would necessitate their travelling upwards of thirty miles.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to request the Returning Officer for East Donegal to arrange for the voters in Gortflugh East to poll in the Rathmullan Polling District.

In view of the administrative difficulties which have always arisen in the townlands of **Croaghanarget** and Doocrow through their being in the District Electoral Divisions of Binbane and Lough Eask, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, to request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to transfer these townlands to the District Electoral Division of Greffy.

Councillor Byrne stated that the Ecclesiastical Authorities had recognised the anomaly some years ago, and had transferred these townlands from the Parish of Killymard to the Parish of Inishkeel.

575/37. CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th April, 1937, R/RM/7, stating that the Minister had been informed that there was much delay in the provision of an approach road to the boatslip constructed by the Office of Public Works at Poolawaddy. The Minister would be glad to be informed as to any difficulties being experienced, and as to when it was expected the road would be completed.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"There was £25 included in the 1936/37 Estimates for the construction of this road. The Tenders Committee in 1936, on the advice of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle, did not accept Tenders for this work, as the landowner's consent could not be obtained. The consent has not been obtained since, and the money was "struck off" in Form 22 for the half-year ended 31st March, 1937."

The Council decided to send a copy of Mr. O'Reilly's report to the Department.

576/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, MILFORD.

In accordance with the Council's instructions at last Meeting (Minute No. 471/37), Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported that the operating box of Milford Hall did not comply with the regulations.

The Council decided to postpone the issue of the licence until the regulations had been complied with. (471/37 C.C.)

577/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR PAROCHIAL HALL, DUNGLOE.

In accordance with the Council's instructions at last Meeting (Minute No. 472/37), Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"I inspected Dungloe Hall on 25th March, 1937, re application received for Cinema Licence. Although the Secretary of the Hall Committee wrote in to say that the Hall was ready for inspection, the necessary re-construction work was only in progress at that date. I will re-inspect when I get word that these re-construction works are completed."

The Council decided to postpone the issue of the licence until the regulations had been complied with. (472/37 C.C.)

578/37. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUE OF CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that when inspecting Halls in connection with applications for Cinematograph Licences, it was very difficult to decide whether sufficient egress was allowed, as the regulations did not define the term.

The Council decided to ask the Department of Justice to define the term more clearly.

579/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL SUPPLIED TO MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Harkin, Derryconnor, Gortahork, claiming a sum of £2 for gravel supplied to a Relief Grant on the Derryconnor Road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the amount had been paid.

580/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON DOWNINGS ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. James Gallagher (A.), Derryhassen, Downings, applying for the position of surfaceman on the Downings - Dooley Road.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

581/37. PAYMENT OF ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN FOR CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, dated 31st March, 1937, T.I.E.1542, regarding payment for Catholic Holidays of Engine-drivers and Flagmen. The only reference to these holidays in correspondence with that Department was contained in the Minutes of the Law Committee of the 7th July, 1936, which stated that certain Church Holidays were substituted for the public holidays mentioned in Section 7 (1) of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936. The Minister wished to know if it was the practice of the Council to pay their Engine-Driver and Flagmen for Catholic Holidays on which no work was done; whether this practice had been discontinued; and, if so, whether the enactment of the Conditions of Employment Act influenced the County Council in coming to the decision.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Department that Engine-Driver and Flagmen, prior to the passing of the Conditions of Employment Act, received full pay for all the Catholic Holidays, on which no work was performed, and that they now received full pay for five Catholic Holidays and St. Stephen's Day, together with six days' annual leave.

582/37. COMPLAINT RE PIPE AT CLOUGHHERNA, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Miss Bridget Toland, Clougherna, Clonmany, stating that the County Council had changed a pipe near her residence, and she wished the Council to repair the pipe, or build a new pipe in the place where the old one was.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-
"The pipe in question takes very little except the seepage of Miss Toland's manure heap. It was probably made a very considerable time ago by some of the previous owners of the same property. I cannot see that the manner in which Mr. Doherty had the repairs effected did any damage to anyone, or is the concern of anyone except the Road Authorities."

The Council decided to send a copy of the report to Miss Toland.

583/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR THE DERRYBEG HALL.

A letter was read from Mr. P. O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, applying for a Cinema Licence for the Derrybeg Hall.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported that the Hall did not comply with the regulations made under the Cinematograph Act.

584/37. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT BUNANINVER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 19th April, 1937, referring to previous correspondence relative to the proposed improvement of landing facilities at Bunaninver, and to the Council's undertaking to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the works when completed. A grant not exceeding £385 had been sanctioned for this work. The proposed works would only be undertaken by them subject to the terms of an Agreement enclosed with their letter, and to approval of the plan, specification, and estimate for the works, one copy of which should be signed by the County Surveyor and returned to them.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed, Councillor Walsh seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to approve of the plan, specification, and estimate for the works, and of the terms of the Agreement.

585/37. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DAMAGES TO BOAT AT PORTALEEN PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Houton, Portaleen, Culkenny, Malin, claiming damages for the loss of his boat at Portaleen Pier on the 16th December last during a storm.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

586/37. COMPLAINT RE COVERING IN OF DRAIN AT KILTOAL, CONVOY.

A letter was read from Messrs. David Wilson & Co., Solicitors, Raphoe, stating that they had been instructed by Mr. James Douglas, Tullydonnell, to state that when repairs were being carried out to the old Raphoe-Convooy Road at the townland of Kiltal, a drain in front of their client's premises had been covered in. The person who did the work took down a low wall beside the drain, and used some of the stones for covering it in. They wished to have the wall restored to its original condition. They also wished to point out that the manner in which the covering of the drain had been finished off left two dangerous places on the road where accidents were likely to occur.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"The work in question was done by the Board of Health at the request of Mr. Douglas, who was present when it was being done, and who made no complaints at the time. No wall was interfered with except the side wall of the drain which was re-built and covered in. The road is not more dangerous as a result of the work."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

587/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR EXTENSION OF DRAIN AT
TEMPLEMOYLE, CULDAFF.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Templemoyle, Culdaff, applying for a grant for the extension of Gortanarn Drain, so that 150 acres of land, at present flooded, might be saved.

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

588/37. PIPE ON LEABGARROW-LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Jack Bonner, Scragatoke, Arranmore, stating that Mr. Kearney had authorised the opening of a pipe on the Upper Leabgarrow-Lighthouse Road, which had been closed for thirty years. The water was now allowed to flow down on the houses in the valley below, and in the event of this enormous flow of water coming down all this property would be carried away.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"The pipe referred to is an existing County pipe which Mr. Kearney had cleaned. In this he was acting quite within his powers as Assistant Surveyor."

The Council noted the report.

589/37. APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF
OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. A. McLoone, Glenties, enclosing three Paying Orders which she **cashed** for the Council's workmen:- No. 7227 for 10/-; No. 7209 for £3 : 9 : 2; and No. 7210 for £2. The Paying Orders were dated 7th July, 1936, and her Bankers now refused to cash them as they were out-of-date.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry Cullen, Carrigart, enclosing Paying Order for 9s/2d which was issued to him in April, 1934, and which he omitted to cash.

A letter was read from Mr. Anton McEleney, Annagh, Clonmany, enclosing Paying Order for £1 : 11 : 11 which was issued to him in August, 1936, and which he omitted to cash.

The Council decided to apply to the Department for permission to issue fresh Paying Orders in each of the foregoing cases.

590/37.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was received from Messrs. William Thompson & Co. (Donegal), Ltd., Letterkenny.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licence.

591/37. COMPLAINT RE ALLEGED DISMISSAL FROM POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Kearney, Magherindreen, Gleneely, Moville, stating that on Saturday, 6th March, he was handed a Ganger's Book by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and instructed to start work on Monday, 8th March. About 11 o'clock on the Monday, Mr. O'Neill arrived on the scene accompanied by a rival candidate for the position of Ganger, and without assigning any reasonable cause, dismissed him from the position. He was advised that the Council was legally liable for Mr. O'Neill's action in wrongfully dismissing him, and he wished an explanation of the position.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"On Saturday, 6th March, Bernard Kearney called here as he was at that time employed on M.R.S. 231, Aughaglasson, and asked me if I would appoint him as a second Ganger on U.151, No. 52, Gleneely. He informed me that M.R.S. 231 was finished. I told him I would call with him on Monday, 8th March, and make arrangements. I visited M.R.S. 231 on Monday, 8th March, and found that the work was not completed, and a balance of almost £30 was still unspent. I then visited U.151, No. 52, Gleneely, and I found that Kearney had commenced work without orders, and had a gang composed of the men who were previously employed on M.R.S. 231. He had no authority from me to withdraw a gang from M.R.S. 231. He did not go back to complete M.R.S. 231, as I ordered him to do. He was not dismissed by me, and if he had carried out my instructions to complete M.R.S. 231, I would then have appointed him on U.151, No. 52, Gleneely.

His assertion that I was accompanied by a rival candidate for the Gangership, and that I handed the Gangership to that rival is incorrect, as only one Ganger has ever been employed on that Grant, and the present Ganger, John V. Faulkner, Tullyally, Redcastle, commenced work on the 2nd February, 1937.

Kearney was given a Time-Book on the 30th November, 1936, when starting M.R.S. 231, and he asked for a new Time-Book on 6th March, and I gave him one."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

592/37. DANGEROUS CORNER AT BUNCRANA RAILWAY STATION.

A letter was read from the Manager, Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co., dated 9th April, 1937, regarding the level crossing at Bunrana Railway Station, and stating that if the County Council desired to carry out any alterations to the roadway at this point, the Company would be quite willing to facilitate them in the matter.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint a deputation, consisting of Councillors Scott, Kavanagh, Cole, Lynch, and Friel, to interview the Railway Authorities in the matter, together with the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. J. J. Doherty, and the Acting Co. Surveyor for the District, Mr. J. J. Caffrey.

593/37. ERECTION OF GARAGE AT MEENALECK WITHIN LEGAL DISTANCE FROM CENTRE OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from the Manager, Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co., dated 10th April, 1937, stating that they regretted that they had unwittingly transgressed the law governing the erection of buildings by the erection of a Garage at Meenaleck. The structure in question was a small Garage constructed of corrugated iron to accommodate the 'Bus which was kept at Meenaleck overnight. It was a temporary arrangement, and would in course of time probably be removed to another site. They would be glad if the Council could see their way to express approval of the erection referred to.

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

594/37.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING AT BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Ballybofey stating that they were frequently subjected to severe flooding from the River Finn. The Railway embankment formed a barrier between the river and almost the whole area affected, but a road bridge over the water lane admitted the flood to pass, and they thought floodgates should be fitted and maintained at this point, probably with the consent of the Railway Co. Further down, and near the Railway Bridge, an existing floodgate at the culvert needed repair and maintenance. Some clay banks should also be repaired and extended.

On the motion of Councillor McMenamin, the Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Grants.

595/37.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - MR. JOHN GALLAGHER, MAIN STREET, FALCARRAGH.

An application was submitted from Mr. John Gallagher, Main Street, Falcarragh, for a loan of £350 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Gallagher submitted the names of Messrs. Charles McGinley, Drumnatinney, Falcarragh, and Dan McFadden, Upper Dunmore, Falcarragh, as his sureties.

The Council's Solicitor reported that the title was in order, and the local Councillors approved of the sureties proposed.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the loan, which would be re-payable over a period of 20 years.

596/37.

PROPOSAL TO CLEAN DRAIN AND ERECT EMBANKMENT ALONG THE ROAD AT CORVEEN, DERRYBEG.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 9th April, 1937, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th January forwarding a proposal submitted by Mr. Charles McGeehan, Corveen, Derrybeg, for the cleaning of a drain and the erection of an embankment along the side of the County Road at Corveen, and stating that their Inspector estimated that this work would cost £150. They wished to know what contribution the Council would be prepared to make in the event of a Grant being made available for the work from the Employment Schemes Vote.

It was decided to inform the Department that the Council was not prepared to make any contribution.

597/37.

EXCHANGE OF MEMBERS OF STAFF ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESS HOUSES.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Howard Thomas, Co-Ordinating Manager, Empire Staff Exchange, Valley View, Hillhead, Higher Brixham, stating that a movement was on foot for the exchange for periods of six months of members of Staff Organisations and Business Houses in the British Isles. Employees would travel simultaneously during their holiday periods at their own expense, each employer paying his own employee his usual salary. The object of his letter was to ascertain, in principle only, whether the Council viewed this movement with general sympathy so far as their own Staff was concerned.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council unanimously decided to approve of the principle.

598/37.

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING - MR. D. WATTERS, PORTSTEWART.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Watters, Inishtrahull Villa, Millbank Avenue, Portstewart, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 : 0 : 0 lodged in connection with the opening of a roadway at Kerrykeel.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the amount had been refunded.

599/37. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING - MR. A. B. EWING, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. A. B. Ewing, Ballybofey, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 : 0 : 0 lodged by him in connection with the opening of a roadway.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:- "This matter is having attention. The opening of roadway is of recent date, and Mr. Gallagher, Assistant Surveyor, is anxious to see that filling is properly consolidated before refund of deposit is made."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

600/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT MEENCORWICK, CROLLY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Gillespie, Stranarva, Croll, applying for a grant for the completion of a road at Meencorwick. He wished to have the road extended to the river, a distance of about 400 yards.

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

601/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ACCOMMODATION ROAD AT DRIMANAUGHT, NEWMILLS.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Drimanaught, Newmills, applying for a grant for the construction of one hundred perches of a Bog and Accommodation Road leading from the end of Drimanaught New Bog Road to Gallagher's and McMenamin's.

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

602/37. PIPE ON ROAD LEADING TO DUNAFF POST OFFICE, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Friel, Dunaff P.O., Clonmany, stating that when repairs were being carried out to Dunaff and Leenan Fort Roads a pipe was broken by the roller. This pipe was on the road leading to his house. It had since been repaired, but it was left in such an unsatisfactory state that he was compelled to complain.

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

"At the time this letter was written, work on the pipe was not completed. It has since been completed. A better job could have been made if the pipe could have been extended, but the writer of the letter refused to give a few feet of land required."

The Council noted the report.

603/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF STREAM NEAR ROSSNOWLAGH.

A petition was submitted from a number of residents of the townlands of Killynangle, Rossnowlagh, Rathfragan, and Durnish, asking to have a grant allocated for the cleaning of a stream through these townlands. It discharged into Durnish Lake, and the outlet was completely choked by silt and weeds.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Irish Land Commission, on the motion of Major Myles.

604/37. SALE OF £6 4% LAND BONDS.

A letter was read from Messrs. Butler & Briscoe, Stockbrokers, 17, College Green, Dublin, enclosing Transfer Deed for sealing in connection with the sale of £6 4% Land Bonds.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Transfer Deed under Seal.

605/37.

PUBLICATION OF TOURIST GUIDES.

A letter was read from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Cheltenham, England, inquiring if the permission given to them some time ago for the production of a Guide to Donegal still held good. They had not been able to prepare the Guide earlier, as they had not a representative available for some time.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Messrs. Burrow that sole rights for the publication of a Tourist Guide for the years 1937 to 1940, inclusive, had been given to the Irish Tourist Association.

In this connection, it was decided to request the Irish Tourist Association to include a map of the County in the Guides.

606/37.

PROVISION OF WORKSHOPS FOR INDUSTRIOUS BLIND.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Dublin City Council enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Dublin City Council on the 5th April:-

"That this Corporation request the Minister for Local Government to initiate such inquiries or take such other steps as he may deem necessary to bring about, under the aegis of the State, and independently of the powers conferred upon Local Authorities under Section 2 of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, a modernised system of workshops for the industrious blind of the Saorstát with provision for technical training and other matters incidental to the establishment of such workshops."

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor O'Boyle, the Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

607/37.

GLENTIES NO. 3 O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Glenties No. 3 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that his Committee wished to have Messrs. Con O'Donnell, Aphort, Arranmore, and Hugh O'Donnell, Leabrannagh, Arranmore, appointed as members in place of Messrs. Dan Green, Scragatoke, and Hugh O'Donnell, Illion, who had not attended for over six Meetings.

The Council unanimously decided to make the required appointments.

608/37.

COMPLAINT RE BREAKING OF CONTRACT ON ROAD FROM WHITE HOUSE, KILLYBEGS, TO COMMONS SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Mr. Louis Walsh, Solicitor, Glenties, stating that Mr. William Gallagher, Carricknamohill, Killybegs, had consulted him regarding the breaking of the Contract on the road from White House, Killybegs, to Commons School. His client had completed two years of his Contract, and in October, 1936, he was instructed to put out 220 tons of stones. He had to the end of March to put out the stones, but on the 5th December the Assistant Surveyor gave him ten days' notice of the termination of the Contract. His client had expended a sum of £10 : 15 : 0 in labour, and unless the Council were willing to compensate him he would have no option but to institute proceedings for breach of contract.

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

"This matter came before the Co. Council at March Meeting when it was decided, on Mr. Lennon's report, to deny liability. Mr. Walsh, in his letter, points out that his client had to the end of March to put out the stones. This is not so. The annual quantity of broken stones relating to a contract must be ready for measurement by the 1st September in each year.

I will be examining Mr. Lennon's half-yearly reports for payments to Contractors this week, and will again go fully into the matter with him, and see what amount, if any, this Contractor should be paid."

The Council decided to send a copy of Mr. O'Reilly's report to Mr. Walsh.

609/37. REQUEST TO HAVE ROAD AT DERRYFAD, GREESLOUGH, TARRED.

A letter was read from Mr. Augustine Curran, Derryfad House, Greeslough, applying to have the road in front of his house tarred, owing to the large amount of motor traffic during the Summer months, when much annoyance was caused by dust. The late Mr. Michael Dawson promised to have this road tarred last August, but nothing had since been done.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

610/37. ALTERATION OF TELEGRAPH POLES ON ROAD BETWEEN BUNCRANA AND CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that in accordance with the request of the Assistant Surveyor the work of shifting two telegraph poles on the road between Buncrana and Carndonagh would shortly be put in hands. As the road improvements were being carried out with the aid of a Government Grant the cost incurred in the removal would be charged against the Council.

The Council noted the letter.

611/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE FOR THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Blaney, Gortward, Inver, enclosing account for £6 for lighting and lifting lamps at the Sea Wall, Doorin Road, from 18th December, 1936, to 22nd February, 1937. He was employed by Ganger Patrick Callaghan to do this work during the period stated.

The Acting County Surveyor reported that this claim had been settled by agreement for £3 : 10 : 0.

612/37. WAGES OF MR. WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN, CLONBEG, BUNCRANA, FLAGMAN, ROLLER NO. 4.

A letter was read from Mr. William McLaughlin, Clonbeg, Buncrana, Flagman, Roller No. 4., applying to have his wages increased from 35/- per week to £2 per week. He started as a Flagman in May, 1923, and was then paid £2 per week. From July, 1927, to September, 1935, he was driving the Sentinel Waggon. He was now Flagman in the Southern Division, and 35/- per week was too little to keep a wife and five children, when he was away from home himself.

The Council decided to instruct the Acting County Surveyor to restore McLaughlin to a wage of £2 per week.

613/37. APPLICATION FROM MR. P. O'DONNELL, FLAGMAN, BREAKER NO. 17 FOR INCREASE IN WAGES.

A letter was read from Mr. P. O'Donnell, Flagman, Breaker No. 17, Ardara, applying to have his wages increased. He now received 30/- per week, and he had a wife and family to support, and he only got home every two months himself as he resided in Carndonagh.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor to deal with Mr. O'Donnell in accordance with the scale of wages fixed by the Council.

614/37. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR ATTENDANCE ON INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Hegarty, Caretaker, Carndonagh Courthouse, applying for 2/- per day for five days during which he was in attendance on Sergeant McMackin at the verification of Weights and Measures.

The Council decided to refuse the application.

615/37. APPLICATION FROM MR. J. J. GALLAGHER OF THE COUNCIL'S STAFF
FOR PERMISSION TO LIVE IN STRABANE.

A letter was read from Mr. James J. Gallagher of the Council's clerical staff stating that he was at present unable to find a suitable house in Lifford or district, and he wished to apply to the Council for permission to live in Strabane until he could find suitable accommodation in Lifford.

Councillor Mahony informed the Council that one of the Board of Health houses in Lifford was vacant.

The Council unanimously decided to inform Mr. Gallagher that it was open to him to apply for the vacant Board of Health house. If his application were refused, he could renew his application for permission to live in Strabane.

616/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Shields, Leatbog, Ballyheerin, Carrigart, applying for a position as surfaceman on the road leading from Kindrum to the Ferries at Ballyheerin to Mulroy. His only income was 4/- per week Unemployment Assistance, and he had a mother and sister to support.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

617/37. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR USE OF HALL AT FALCARRAGH FOR
VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th April, 1937, G.28640/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of a sum of 10/- per annum for the use of a Hall at Falcarragh for the verification of Weights and Measures for the six years 1931 - 1937.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duggan, Falcarragh, stating that he considered it very unfair to allow him only 10/- per year for the use of his Hall for the verification of Weights and Measures, when 10/- per day was paid in other cases. He should get the same as his neighbours.

The Council agreed to offer Mr. Duggan 10/- for the first day of each Session, and 5/- per day for each additional day.

618/37. APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF RENT OF FALCARRAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duggan, Falcarragh, applying to have the rent of his Hall at Falcarragh used for Court purposes increased from £12 to £20 per annum. His arrangements with the Council were for Court purposes only, but for some time past Road Meetings were held there, and he had to provide lighting and heating.

The Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Mahony, to offer Mr. Duggan a rent of £15 per annum; this to cover all purposes including Road Meetings, verification of Weights and Measures, etc.

619/37. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR FURNITURE SUPPLIED TO RAPHOE
COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Messrs. John Woods & Son, Raphoe, enclosing account for £1 : 19 : 0 for a table and four chairs supplied for Raphoe Courthouse. They also wished to apply for payment for the cleaning of the Courthouse since 1st January, 1935.

The Secretary stated that he had made inquiries from Messrs. Woods as to who ordered this furniture.

The Council adjourned consideration of the matter, pending hearing from Messrs. Woods.

620/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO MEENDERRY N.S.,
FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Miss Mary Gallagher, Meenderry N.S., Falcarragh, again complaining of the roads leading to Meenderry School. These roads were a perfect disgrace in any district where the people were civilised. They had not been contracted for for years, and something must be done in the matter immediately.

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

"Miss Gallagher has recently got a motor-car, and since then she has been continually writing regarding the state of the road. The road in question is a Bog Road. All the available money was spent by Direct Labour in repairing the road, and Miss Gallagher's brother was in charge of the work."

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

621/37.

DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGeever, Downings, regarding the improvements being carried out at Downings Pier. If there was any surplus funds left after the erection of the three iron ladders, the Pier Committee decided that the face of the Pier should be plastered. He also enclosed copy of a letter received by him from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture in reference to the construction of a safety basin. The Department suggested that the matter be examined by the County Council as the Harbour Authority, with a view to having a scheme prepared and an indication given as to the extent to which they were willing to finance it. Mr. McGeever wished the Council to consider the matter, and he pointed out that the construction of this basin would not incur any expense out of public funds, as there would be upwards of 60 boats using the basin, and they could be taxed at the rate of £1 per boat, and in a short time the Council would recover the moneys expended.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. McGeever that the work on the steps and iron ladder was being carried out by the Board of Works, and that the Council had contributed one-third of the cost. They were not prepared to enter into any further commitments at present.

622/37.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report re Rathmullan Pier:-

"The Bollards on Rathmullan Pier are formed of the top ends of the piles. Along with the bollard pile that was broken in the Autumn there are three others so badly decayed as to be useless for mooring purposes. This means that of the eight bollards on the Pier only four are at present capable of use. Although the remaining part of the bollard piles below the decking are comparatively sound (with the exception of the recently broken one), to make a completely satisfactory job, these piles should be renewed. This, however, would cost approximately £300 for the four piles, and such an expenditure is not warranted in my opinion owing to the age of the structure. A patched job might be made of them that would serve its purpose for about £80."

The Council decided to refer the matter back to Mr. Caffrey with a request that he re-examine the position.

623/37.

CONTINGENCY FUND.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, applied for a sum of £10 out of the Contingency Fund to repair a breach on Road, Map No. 69, Inishowen Area.

The Council granted the application.

624/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGES TO ROOF OF HOUSE AT LOUGHANURE, ANNAGRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. Patrick O'Donnell (Charles), Loughanure, Annagry, to complain concerning damages done to his house at Loughanure as a result of blasting by the Council's workmen in the Loughanure Quarry. On the 18th February and the 24th March blasts were discharged and slates were broken on the roof of his client's house. The mastic and slates were damaged, and the cost of repair was estimated at £12. Unless this amount, together with 6s/8d costs, was paid before the 26th April, proceedings would be instituted.

Mr. Hackett, Engineer-in-Charge, reported as follows:-

"With reference to the claim made by Mr. Patrick O'Donnell (Charles), Loughanure, through his Solicitor for compensation for damage done to his house:-

I wish to report that quarrying has been going on at Loughanure Quarry, which is opposite the house mentioned, for over two months past. All Quarry Gangers have instructions to take precautions against damage in the use of explosives, but I understand that during the daily blasting operations at Loughanure, the roof of Mr. O'Donnell's house was struck twice, unfortunately, by quarry splinters.

The slates on roof were broken when I inspected the damage to house, but Mr. O'Donnell would not accept offer to have the damage made good during the continuance of quarry operations.

With regard to the claim for compensation, I consider that £2 : 10 : 0 would be a fair estimate of cost of repairs necessitated by the damage to house, and the owner may, on further consideration, consent to the work being done, when I shall at once have the repairs carried out."

The Council decided to authorise Mr. Hackett to have the required repairs carried out.

625/37. CONVEYANCE OF SAMPLES OF FOOD AND DRUGS TO DISTRICT HOSPITALS.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, applying for permission to incur expenditure in having samples of Food and Drugs conveyed to the nearest District Hospitals.

The Council decided to give the required permission.

626/37. CLAIM IN RESPECT OF DEATH OF HORSE OWING TO FALL ON ROADWAY AT DRUMCONNOR, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Patrick Meehan, Drumconnor, Mountcharles, with reference to an accident to his horse on the roadway at Drumconnor on the 27th January last when he was returning from his work at repairing the road at Mountcharles Pier. It appeared that the horse slipped and was so severely injured that it died that night. There would have been work for Meehan with his horse at the Shore Road, Mountcharles, up to the end of February and since then in Drumconnor Quarry, which as he had no horse he was unable to do and had to be content with manual labour. They were instructed to apply for a sum of £25 for their client's loss.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and, in the meantime, to request the Assistant Surveyor to report on the matter.

627/37.

CONFERENCE OF COUNTY AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th April, 1937, IR/113, stating that the Minister proposed to arrange a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin from the 4th to the 6th May to enable the Surveyors to confer with the Department's Officials on matters relating to their work, and to exchange views with one another on these matters. The Council might consider the advisability of enabling some of their Assistant Surveyors to attend the Conference if the County Surveyor was satisfied that suitable arrangements could be made for carrying on local services in their absence.

The Council decided to authorise the two Acting County Surveyors, together with Assistant Surveyors Patrick Dawson and Edward Lennon, to attend the Conference.

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Confirmed.

N. W. Blaney

Chairman of Co. Council.

25th May, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF MAY, 1937.

628/37.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Blaney (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Byrne, Cannon, Cole, Crerand, Friel, Gallen, Hammigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, McEnamin, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacGreadie, McDaid, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

629/37.

CONDOLENCE WITH MR. GEORGE DUNNION, RATE INSPECTOR.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council extend their sympathy to Mr. George Dunnion, Rate Inspector, on the death of his wife.

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

630/37.

CONDOLENCE WITH MRS. ELLEN DORRIAN, RATE COLLECTOR.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council extend their sympathy to Mrs. Ellen Dorrian, Rate Collector, on the death of her father.

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

631/37.

CONDOLENCE WITH COUNCILLOR LYNCH.

Councillor Cole proposed that the Council extend their sympathy to Councillor Lynch on the death of his sister.

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

632/37.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 27th April, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

633/37.

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 27th April, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

634/37.

REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th April, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Cole the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 12th May, 1937, 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 May, 1937, was adopted unanimously, with the exception of Minute No. 541/37 dealing with the remuneration of the Acting County Surveyors, which was referred back to the Sub-Committee for re-consideration.

635/37.

REPORTS OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Reports of the Law Committee Meetings held on the 27th April and the 12th May, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

636/37. REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Mahony proposed the adoption of the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 12th May, 1937. Councillor Scott seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

637/37. MOTOR LICENCE DUTY ON VEHICLE I.H.3740.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 21st April, 1937, MT.209/7, requesting to be furnished with file and certificate under Section 7 of the Finance (Customs and Excise Duties) Act, 1933, in connection with Vehicle I.H.3740.

638/37. RESIGNATIONS OR DISQUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL THROUGH NON-ATTENDANCE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th April, 1937, P.H.28642/37, on the subject of the resignations or disqualifications of members through non-attendance, and stating that the attention of the Council might be drawn to Article 10 (3) in the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

639/37. SUBMISSION OF FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH SUSPECTED CASES OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 21st April, 1937, asking to be furnished with Form T. 2/3. in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Samuel G. Craig, Keelogs, Ballindrait; Mrs. Robert King, Glensmoil, Lifford; John Oliver, Callan, Ballybofey; and John Floyd, Lismullyduff, Killygordon.

A further letter dated 20th May, 1937, was read from the Department of Agriculture asking to be furnished with Form T.2/3. in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of David Ramsay, Magherinann, Letterkenny; Dominick O'Donnell, Glassaghmore, Ballinamore; and Patrick McMenamin, Boreagh, Letterkenny.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Veterinary Inspector concerned, Mr. P. McGlinchey, Letterkenny.

640/37. PAYMENT OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. E. MURPHY (NEE LOHAN), A FORMER OFFICIAL OF THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th April, 1937, G.31906/37, Dun na nGall., enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee regarding the proposed Grant of a Marriage Gratuity to Mrs. E. Murphy (nee Lohan), and stating that the correct amount payable was £136 :12 : 6, and the Minister, accordingly, sanctioned the payment of this sum to Mrs. Murphy.

641/37. MR. WILLIAM J. DOHERTY, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR - SUCCESS IN IRISH EXAMINATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th April, 1937, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Mr. William J. Doherty, Assistant Surveyor, intimating that he had passed the recent Examination held by the Local Appointments Commissioners for the purposes of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders, 1928 - 1936.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Council congratulate Mr. Doherty on his success.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

642/37. REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF HOUSING GRANT PROPOSED TO BE ALLOCATED TO MR. DANIEL BLEE, ST. JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, dated 29th April, 1937, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Daniel Blee, St. Johnston, informing him that the amount of the Housing Grant allocated to him had been reduced by £5 as imported fire-grates had been installed in contravention of the Department's regulations.

643/37. COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN NAMED GALLAGHER RESIDING AT DRUMCAIRN, MANORCUNNINGHAM, TO AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Raphoe, stating that at Raphoe District Court on the 27th April, 1937, three children named Gallagher, residing at Drumcairn, Manorcunningham, were committed to Industrial Schools.

644/37. EMPIRE HEALTH WEEK, 1937.

A letter was read from the Royal Sanitary Institute, London, inviting the Council to take steps in connection with the celebration of Empire Health Week, 1937.

645/37. STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th May, 1937, Ilgh. S. & R. Circ. 20/1937, enclosing form for statistical particulars.

646/37. ABSENCES OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS AT REFRESHER COURSES.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 13th May, 1937, L.1749/37, stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. T. A. McClintock, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Donegal District, with remuneration at the rate of £105 per annum, during the absence from duty of Mr. F. McShane, M.R.C.V.S., who was attending a Refresher Course under the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th May, 1937, L.1459/37, stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. P. McGlinchey, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Milford District, with remuneration at the rate of £105 per annum during the absence from duty of Mr. L. McIlhargey, M.R.C.V.S., who was attending a Refresher Course under the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 21st May, 1937, L.1833/37, stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. F. McShane, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Glenties District, with remuneration at the rate of £140 per annum, during the absence from duty of Mr. T. A. McClintock, M.R.C.V.S., who was attending a Refresher Course under the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

647/37. APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN G. COLL ON THE COUNCIL'S CLERICAL STAFF.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th May, 1937, G.21052/37, Dun n- nGall., sanctioning the appointment on a whole-time pensionable basis of Mr. John Gerard Coll as Clerical Officer in the Offices of the Council at a salary of £104 per annum, increasing by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £174 per annum, in accordance with the conditions as advertised, and subject to compliance with the terms of the Local Offices and Employments (Geoltecht) Orders, 1928 - 1936.

648/37. LOAN OF £10,209 TO SUPPLEMENT GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF
ROADS IN WEST DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd May, 1937, IR./81/3, sanctioning the raising by the Council of a loan of £10,209 to supplement the Grant for the improvement of roads in West Donegal. The loan may be re-payable over a period of ten years, and be obtained from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny.

649/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Corveen, Meencorwick, Ballybofey, Drimenaught, and Templemoyle.

650/37. PROPOSED COMMITTAL OF A CHILD NAMED THERESA AGNES GORMAN,
CLOGHAN, BALLYSHANNON, TO AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Garda J. Fitzsimons, Monaghan, stating that he was applying at Monaghan District Court on the 25th May, 1937, for the committal to an Industrial School of Theresa Agnes Gorman, aged 13 years, a native of Cloghan, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. The child was found by him receiving alms at Mullaghmonaghan, Monaghan, on the 21st April, 1937. As the child was a native of Donegal, the question of maintenance would probably arise.

A letter was read from Sergeant McGovern, Ballyshannon, giving the circumstances of the Gorman family.

Several Councillors strongly opposed the committal of this child to Monaghan Industrial School, and as the case was being heard on the day of the Meeting, the Secretary was instructed to send a wire to the District Court Clerk, Monaghan, asking to have the case adjourned until next Court.

It was also decided to ask the local Councillors to make inquiries into the matter in the meantime.

651/37. PROPOSED LOAN OF £20,000 FOR ROSSES WATER SUPPLY.

At the request of Councillor Gallen, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was further adjourned:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £20,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply in the Rosses District of County Donegal."

652/37. LOAN OF £950 FOR LAYING NEW TRUNK MAINS AT MILFORD WATERWORKS.

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 £950 for laying new trunk mains at Milford Waterworks."

653/37. LOAN OF £200 FOR RE-LAYING 3" WATER MAIN IN TOWN OF 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, Councillor Brady 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 £200 for re-laying about 200 yards of 3" main from the Iron Bridge going along the New Row towards the Horse Market; also re-laying 315 yards of new 3" water main from the Masonic Hall to the Labourers' Cottages at Mullans in the town of Donegal."

654/37.

ERECTION OF DIRECTION SIGNS.

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That Direction Signs be erected at Culdeff showing road to Shore and to Moville, etc."

Councillor O'Boyle seconded the motion, and suggested that signposts be also erected at Gweedore, showing the road to Dunlewey.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that no money had been provided in the Estimates for the current year for the erection of Signs; and he stated that on the existing Signs the clips provided by the Automobile Association had proved defective.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Automobile Association.

655/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR DEEPENING OF GLENTOGHER RIVER, AND ALSO THE RIVER FROM MALIN TO CARTHAGE.

Councillor Cole proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Board of Works be requested to have the Glentogher River, and the River from Malin to Carthage deepened and widened, and also to have the Kindroiched Drainage Scheme carried out."

656/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD PASSING THROUGH THE TOWNLAND OF KNOCKFAIR, BALLYBOFFEY.

Councillor McMenamin proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council ask the Office of Public Works for a grant for repairing the public road which connects the Stranorlar and Letterkenny Road with the Stranorlar and Castlebane Road, passing through the townland of Knockfair, and which is about 180 perches long."

657/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR WIDENING AND SINKING OF TYRCALLEN BURN, STRANORLAR.

Councillor McMenamin proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council ask the Office of Public Works for a free Grant to widen and sink Tyrcallen Burn from Tyrcallen to Trenamullin. This burn is causing considerable damage to a number of farmers, and parts of the road are flooded to a depth of one foot."

658/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD FROM KILLYGORDON TO CARRICKNAMANA.

Councillor McMenamin proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council ask the Office of Public Works to complete the road from Killygordon to Carricknamanna, passing through James Roulston's farm. This road was started in 1935 and never completed, with the result that the lands are subject to trespass."

659/37. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINN DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

I dtaobh an adhbhar seo thuas, dubhairt an Bunaidhe go mbeadh £50,000 ríachtanach go dtí an 30adh Meitheamh, 1937.

Socrúightheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Baine na rachaídh thar £50,000 go dtí an 30adh Meitheamh, 1937.

660/37. PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS FOR HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

The List of Payments to Road Contractors for the half-year ended 31st March, 1937, was submitted and considered seriatim. Payments were ordered as certified by the Surveyors.

661/37. COMMITTEE TO GO INTO THE QUESTION OF LOAN CHARGES.

In accordance with Minute No. 554/37 of the Meeting of the 27th April, 1937, the following were appointed as a Committee to go into the question of Loan Charges being paid by the Council and other local bodies:-

Councillor Baxter.
Councillor Gallen.
Councillor Mahony.
Councillor McIvor.
Councillor Scott.
Councillor O'Boyle.

It was arranged that the Committee should meet on Tuesday, 15th June, 1937.

662/37. DATE OF JUNE MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

In view of the fact that the last Tuesday of June was a Catholic Holiday, it was decided to hold the Meeting of the County Council on the following day, Wednesday, 30th June; in the event of the General Election being fixed for that day, the County Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 28th June.

663/37. DATES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES.

It was decided to have a Meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee on Tuesday, 22nd June, the date fixed for the Meetings of the Agricultural and Vocational Education Committees.

It was also decided to have Meetings of the Engineering Services, Law, and Loans Committees on Tuesday, 15th June, 1937.

664/37. "AUTHORISED COMMITTEES" FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have the Engineering Services and Loans Committees made "Authorised Committees" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

665/37. CONTINGENCY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

The Secretary adverted to Minute No. 1142/36 of the 27th October, 1936, and he stated that the amount provided for Contingencies on Co. Roads for the year ended 31st March, 1937, was £750. Owing to unexpected cloudbursts on Arranmore Island, and in the Clonmany District, it had been necessary to expend the sum of £1,049 : 9 : 1.

A sum of £2,607 : 6 : 1 had been "struck off" Road Contractors for County Roads for the half-year ended 31st March, 1937, and he suggested that the Local Government Department be requested to allow sufficient of this sum to be set off against the excess expenditure on Contingencies.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the Secretary's suggestion.

666/37. LEAGUE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

A letter was read from the National Secretary, League for Social Justice, enclosing for adoption by the Council the following resolution passed by the Corporation of Dun Laoghaire Borough:- "That we request the Government to give careful consideration to the proposals to end unemployment put forward by the League for Social Justice."

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Brady the Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

667/37.

ERECTION OF GARAGE BY THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY
RAILWAY CO. AT MEENALECK.

A letter was read from the Manager, Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co., dated 10th April, 1937, stating that they regretted that they had unwittingly transgressed the law governing the erection of buildings by the erection of a Garage at Meenaleck. The structure in question was a small Garage constructed of corrugated iron to accommodate the 'Bus which was kept at Meenaleck overnight. It was a temporary arrangement and would in course of time probably be removed to another site. They would be glad if the Council could see their way to express approval of the erection referred to.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the erection of the Garage, on condition that the Company enter into an Agreement to remove the building at any time they may be called upon to do so; the Agreement to be drawn up by the Council's Solicitor, and the costs to be borne by the Company.

668/37.

CLAIM IN RESPECT OF ACCIDENT TO HORSE AT DRUMCONNOR,
MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Patrick Meehan, Drumconnor, Mountcharles, with reference to an accident to his horse on the roadway at Drumconnor on the 27th January last, when he was returning from his work at repairing the road at Mountcharles Pier. It appeared that the horse slipped and was so severely injured that it died that night. There would have been work for Meehan with his horse at the Shore Road, Mountcharles, up to the end of February, and since then in Drumconnor Quarry, which as he had no horse he was unable to do, and had to be content with manual labour. They were instructed to apply for a sum of £25 for their client's loss.

A report was submitted from Assistant Surveyor Lennon in connection with this matter.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

669/37.

ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th April, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the County Surveyor being allowed sick leave with full pay for a period not exceeding six months if the Council so desired. At the end of that period the matter could be re-considered.

A Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. Taylor, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, certifying that Mr. John Gaffrey was still in Hospital, and would not be able to resume work for at least one month from the 6th May, 1937.

The Council noted the Certificate, and decided to grant continued sick leave to the County Surveyor.

670/37.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO LAY UNDERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC
LINES IN LETTERKENNY ON CERTAIN THOROUGHFARES.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, applying for permission to lay underground telegraphic lines in Letterkenny on certain thoroughfares.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to give the required permission on condition that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs restore the roadway now and for all future openings, and that they be responsible for any accidents arising therefrom.

671/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th April, 1937, C.87.57/1/36, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Cornelius Carr, Balure, Downings, regarding the construction of steps in the existing Pier at Downings. They wished to be furnished with the Council's observations on the letter, and, meanwhile, the starting of the construction of the steps had been postponed, pending confirmation that the works already approved by the Council might be put in hands.

A further letter dated 21st May, 1937, C.87.57/1/36, was read from the Office of Public Works stating that if they did not hear from the Council before the 31st May they would take it that the Council confirmed that the work as already approved by them might be put in hands, and they would make arrangements accordingly.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he submitted a report dealing with the construction of the steps, which the local Piers Committee approved of at the time, but they had apparently since changed their views.

Councillor Baxter stated that whilst the proposed steps would assist the small boats they would constitute a definite danger to the belting of larger boats, which would at times also require the use of the Pier.

Councillor Myles considered that the provision of one or two small gantreys and a winch would meet the requirements of the fishermen in the small boats for landing fish.

It was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor Baxter, to ask the Board of Works to defer action pending further inquiries, and, on the suggestion of Councillor O'Boyle, it was decided to refer the matter to the Sea Fisheries Association for their views.

672/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO BOATSLIP AT GOLA ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 6th May, 1937, C.87.34/1/36, referring to previous correspondence regarding the Pier at Gola Island, and stating that a grant not exceeding £160 had been sanctioned for repairs and improvements to the existing Pier. In accordance with the general procedure now being adopted in the case of marine works, the proposed works would only be undertaken by them subject to the terms of an Agreement enclosed with their letter, and to approval of the plan, specification, and estimate for the proposed works.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Walsh, it was unanimously decided to accept the terms of the Agreement, and to approve of the plan, specification, and estimate for the proposed works.

673/37.

WIDENING OF PUBLIC ROADWAY AT RATHMULLAN FORT GREEN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 5th May, 1937, Ar.21.39/2/36, referring to the widening of the public roadway at Rathmullan Fort Green, and stating that no permission to take over portion of the Green was given to the Rathmullan Town Improvement Committee. If the Assistant County Surveyor would send a map or plan to a scale of 50 feet to the inch showing the portion of the Green encroached on they would be happy to go into the matter, and consider how to regularise the encroachment by the County Council on the State lands affected by the road-making and widening. They were informed that the Green had been left in a disorderly and unsightly state, and they presumed that the County Council intended to restore the surface.

A report was submitted from Mr. P. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, and the Secretary stated that a copy of it had been sent to the Board of Works.

The Council decided to instruct Mr. Dawson to arrange a Meeting with Mr. J. L. Browne, the local Officer of the Board of Works.

674/37.

NEW SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th May, 1937, E.6111-35, referring to previous correspondence in regard to the question of the revision of the existing Sheep Dipping regulations, and stating that the Minister had decided to make a new Sheep Dipping Order which would re-place the former "Summer" and "Autumn" Dipping Periods by one double dipping period in each year, extending from the 1st August to the 31st October, inclusive. The Order would also substitute for the former "Market Periods" one such period extending from the 1st September to the 31st October during which sheep might not be moved into or exposed for sale in any fair, market, or saleyard, unless they had been double-dipped as prescribed subsequent to the preceding 31st July and were accompanied at the time of such movement or exposure by a declaration of such double-dipping or such other documentary evidence thereof as might be prescribed in regulations made by the Local Authority concerned. It would be necessary to adopt revised regulations for the compulsory dipping of sheep under supervision at specified times and places, and the Minister would be glad to be furnished by the Council with particulars of the proposed arrangements for the ensuing dipping period.

Councillor McIvor proposed that the Council express their disapproval of the alteration in the Regulations. He stated that the majority of sheep were sold before the 1st August, and that if there was no compulsory dipping before that date, these sheep would not be dipped.

Councillor Kavanagh seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

675/37. LOAN OF £3,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING PORTION OF EXPENDITURE ON A SCHEME FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Deed of Charge in connection with a loan of £3,000 for the purpose of defraying portion of the expenditure on a Scheme for the Relief of Unemployment.

676/37. AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ERECTION OF A BUILDING AT ST. JOHNSTON BY MR. E. J. WHITE.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McCafferty, it was unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Deed of Charge in connection with the erection of a building at St. Johnston within the legal distance of the centre of the roadway.

677/37. GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th May, 1937, G.19094/37, Oifig (g.), stating that the amount assessed upon the Donegal County Council under the General Cattle Diseases Fund for the current year was £681 :10 : 3, and a Paying Order for that amount should be forwarded forthwith to the Bank of Ireland.

The Council decided to pay the amount.

678/37. APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF PROTECTION WALL AT UMGAL, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. William McLaughlin, Umgal, Malin, applying for permission to build a protection wall in front of his house.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"Mr. O'Neill states that the wall will be within the 30 feet legal limit, and that he considers it would be close too close to the roadway."

The Council decided to refuse the application.

679/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO PREMISES THROUGH DISCHARGE OF
WATER FROM GLENTIES COURTHOUSE ROOF.

A letter was read from Dr. McNelis, Glenties, stating that he had again to complain of water from the Courthouse roof discharging on his premises. Nothing had been done to remedy the complaint since he last made it, and unless steps were taken immediately he would be compelled to take action for redress.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"Dr. McNelis's house adjoins the Glenties Courthouse; there being a space of barely two feet between the buildings. The water from a downpipe on the Courthouse gable enters the Doctor's yard. The Assistant Surveyor informs me that an extra length of downpipe and a small channel to gullytrap in Dr. McNelis's yard would meet the case. With Dr. McNelis's consent, this could be done at an estimated cost of £7."

The Council unanimously decided to authorise expenditure not exceeding £7 as suggested by Mr. O'Reilly.

680/37. COMPLAINT RE DEFECTIVE PIPE AT LEABGARROW, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Neal P. Boyle, Leabgarrow, Arranmore, referring to his complaint at the March Meeting about a defective pipe at Leabgarrow, Arranmore, and stating (1) that even though there was no pipe at the place required there was one further up along the road which, however, was inadequate for the flow of water; (2) the owner of land had consented to let the pipe through on condition that he got the contract for its construction; and (3) this was his final warning to the Council that if any damage was caused to his property he would have no option but to sue them for damages.

Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Boyle now admits that there never was a pipe at the place, where he wants a pipe built.

I have inspected the roads in Arranmore on the 5th inst., and find as follows:-

A Grant came some time ago for improving the roads adjoining Mr. Boyle's place. These roads are now in first-class order, and widened where necessary. Retaining walls have been built; County pipes put in order, and the entire surface for four miles coated with the best of gravel. All drains are widened and deepened and the material carted away, so that the only grievance Mr. Boyle could have is that in case of a cloud-burst the water in the drain in the Lighthouse Road, instead of being diverted by the building of a pipe, will join with the water in the drain on the Poolawaddy Road, and flood his premises. At present these drains are dry, and there is very little water in them at any time of the year except in case of a cloud-burst."

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

681/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM MONARGAN TO
GARRAWORT, ARDARA.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Snugborough, Ardara, complaining of the condition of the road from the Three Roads, Monargan, to the Three Roads, Garrawort. The road had been covered with broken stones which made it unfit for walking on, and they wished to have it steam-rolled without delay.

The Acting Co. Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The annual tonnage for the length of road from Monargan Three Roads to Garrawort Three Roads is 120 tons. Of this, 85 tons were measured and rolled in. The balance of 35 tons was spread in patches. The road is a County Road in good repair."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

682/37. APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WAGES OF ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Driver, Roller No. 22, Ballintra, submitting application on behalf of Engine-Drivers in receipt of weekly wages under £3 and on behalf of Flagmen under £2 for increase in wages.

A further letter was read from Mr. Gallagher asking to have the matter referred to the Finance Committee.

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

683/37. COMPLAINT RE CARTING OF STONES BY LORRY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Crankshaw, Dunlewey, Gteedore, stating that two men, who were ex-tenants of hers, had been discharged from carting stones. They had been carting all winter, and had now been told that the work was going to be done by two lorries. She wished to know if the Council would re-consider the matter.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The distance that material had to be transported on this work got too long to employ carts economically. The carters got a long spell of full-time work and when they were finished carting they were offered full-time labouring work."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

684/37. REQUEST TO HAVE ROAD AT COOLKENNY N.S. CUT AND LOWERED.

A petition was submitted from the Manager, Teacher, Parents, and others interested in the welfare of the children attending Coolkeny N.S., requesting the Council to have the road at the School cut and lowered to the level of or below the level of the School grounds. Peat was once cut where the School now stood, with the result that this was really a Bog Road, and was about three feet higher than the School yard, and, consequently, the School grounds were often flooded during wet weather.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"There are only three reasons why a hill should be cut:- (i) because it is too steep; (ii) because it is so abrupt as to interfere with the view of traffic; (3) because the road requires to be widened and could not be widened without lowering the road. None of these three reasons apply in this case. The road is not intended to drain the surrounding country and even if it were lowered to the level of the School yard, the water would still have to be drained off the road. The drainage of the school yard is quite possible without interfering in any way with the road. The cost of cutting the hill would be about £200."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

685/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD GOING AROUND CULDAFF BAY.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Dugan, Globe House, Culdaff, complaining of the condition of the road going along Culdaff Bay, which was used by tourists during the summer months as a promenade. The road was at present very rough, and would need to be rolled.

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

"To do what Mr. Dugan requires would cost upwards of £300 as he wants this road widened and steam-rolled. The road is a County Road, and is three miles long."

It was decided to refer the matter to the Irish Tourist Association as the road was considered a Tourist Road.

686/37. MINOR RELIEF GRANT OF £100 FOR ROAD AT MULLANMORE, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the townlands of Ardun and Mullanmore, Glenties, referring to a recent grant of £100 for the repair of a road at Mullanmore, which was not availed of owing to the opposition of a Mrs. Breslin, who wished to have gates erected on the portion of the road passing through her lands. They wished the Council to repair immediately that portion of the road from the County Road at Con McGill's of Mullanmore to the meering at Mrs. Breslin's land in Ardun.

Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"A Grant of £100 came for improving the above road under a Minor Relief Scheme. All the tenants signed Consent Form, except a Mrs. Breslin. She told me that she would not allow the road to be repaired, unless three iron gates were erected across the road.

I wrote Mr. Caffrey, Sen., County Surveyor, on the matter, and he replied to say that gates could not be allowed across the road. I believe the Board of Works cancelled the Grant."

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to request the Board of Works to reinstate the Grant, and to make the road to Mrs. Breslin's meering.

687/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD AT "THE GROAGH", GLENGAD, MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Ballymena, Coolkenney, Malin, applying for a grant for the completion of a road at The Groagh in Glengad, part of which was made in November, 1935, with a grant of £90.

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

688/37. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

Applications for renewal of licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were received from Mr. H. S. O'Donnell, Carndonagh, and Mr. John Gillespie, Gweedore.

The applications were granted unanimously.

689/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM MAIN DERRYBEG-KNOCKFOLA ROAD TO TOWNLAND OF LUNNIAGHMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Coyle, Lunniagh, Derrybeg, complaining of the condition of the road leading from the Main Road, Derrybeg-Knockfola, to the townland of Lunniaghmore. The road had not been coated for the past three years. It was almost impassable to bring a car on this road.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The road in question is in good order except for a bare outcrop of rock, which I am having removed."

The Council decided to approve of the report.

690/37. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT NEW ROW, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, stating that they had been instructed by Mr. Francis McCloskey, New Row, Donegal, to complain of the grievous damage caused to his dwelling-house at New Row by reason of the blocking of a pipe for carrying away the surface water from the back of said house. It appeared that the pipe ran under the road in front of McCloskey's house, and when the Council's steamroller was working there the weight caused the pipe to subside, and no new pipe was made.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The County Surveyor reported to the County Council at their Meeting on the 10th July, 1934, Minute No. 857/34, that this was a private drain. The Council decided to take no action in the matter. Nothing has occurred since to alter that decision."

The Council decided to adhere to their ruling of 10th July, 1934.

691/37. USE OF MALIN COURTHOUSE FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Noone, Malin, claiming a sum of 30/- in respect of cleaning Malin Courthouse and supplying fires for three days at the annual verification of Weights and Measures.

The Council decided to refuse the application.

692/37. USE OF ST. EUGENE'S HALL, MOVILLE, FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from the St. Eugene's Hall Committee, Moville, claiming a sum of 30/- for the use of a room in St. Eugene's Hall for five days and supplying fires at the annual verification of Weights and Measures.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

693/37. USE OF NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM ORANGE HALL FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Trustees of the Orange Hall, Newtowncunningham, claiming a sum of £1 in respect of the use of the Hall for two days at the annual verification of Weights and Measures.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

694/37. USE OF HALL AT FALCARRAGH FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS MEASURES FOR THE YEARS 1931, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, AND 1937.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duggan, Falcarragh, stating that he had decided to accept the Council's offer of 10/- per day for first day of session and 5/- per day for each additional day in connection with his claim for the use of his Hall at the annual verification of Weights and Measures during the years 1931, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, and 1937.

Payment of the amount was ordered. (617/37 C.C.)

695/37. RENT OF FALCARRAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duggan, Falcarragh, stating that he would not accept the Council's offer of £15 per annum as rent for his Hall at Falcarragh used for Court purposes. He would accept the old rent of £12 per annum for Court Sittings only, and for no other purposes. If required for other purposes, he wanted it increased to £20 per annum.

The Council decided to offer Mr. Duggan a rent of £17 : 10 : 0 per annum; this to cover all Council purposes.

696/37. COMPLAINT RE MR. ANTHONY DOOGAN, KINCASSLAGH, EMPLOYED AS GANGER ON ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Gortgarra, Arranmore Island, requesting the Council to have Mr. Anthony Doogan, Kincasslagh, removed from the position of Ganger on Relief Schemes on Arranmore Island immediately.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Mr. Doogan has carried out his duties satisfactorily. The only charge against him is that he is a mainlander."

On the motion of Councillor Houston seconded by Councillor Walsh, it was unanimously decided to take no action in the matter.

697/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR CARTING DONE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Cunningham, Cloughboy, Ardara, stating that he had not been paid for carting done on the Loughros Point Road on the 30th March, 31st March, and 1st April, two full days' work.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the man was now paid.

698/37.

WAGES OF ROAD LABOURERS IN THE ROSSES AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Ward, Roshine, Burtonport, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter enclosing copy of Minute of last Meeting in connection with the proposed increase in the rate of wages paid to road workers. The workers of that area were not satisfied with the Council's action, and a Strike Committee had been formed and it had been decided to give 14 days' notice to the Council to enable them to re-consider their decision. The notice dated from 3rd May, and in the event of no satisfaction forthcoming strike action would be immediately taken.

Councillor Walsh proposed that the wages be increased.

Councillor Friel seconded.

Councillor Scott proposed, as an amendment, and Councillor McIvor seconded that no action be taken.

Before taking a vote, Councillor Scott contended that the matter was out of order, as a decision had been taken in this matter at the previous Meeting.

The Chairman upheld the objection, and ruled the matter out of order. (558/37 C.C.)

699/37.

WAGES OF WORKERS ON MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

A letter dated 19th May, 1937, S.W.12/17/13, was read from the Office of Public Works acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution requesting an increase in the rate of wages paid to workers on Minor Relief Schemes, and pointing out that these Schemes are provided for the relief of unemployment in rural areas, with particular reference to agricultural labourers, small farmers, and their relatives working on the land. The rate of wages was standard for the whole of the Saorstát, and was based on the agricultural wage rates with which it compared very favourably in most parts of the country. The employment of workers on Minor Employment Schemes was governed by standard regulations, and these regulations could not be varied in individual cases.

The Council noted the letter.

700/37.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF YARD AT WEST PORT, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. William Ramage, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, again complaining of the flooding of Mr. Breslin's yard in West Port, Ballyshannon. Unless steps were taken to remedy this matter forthwith, his instructions were to institute proceedings.

It was decided to adjourn the matter until next Meeting, and, in the meantime, to ask the local Councillors to make inquiries.

701/37.

WEIGHBRIDGE AT MOUNTCHARLES PIER.

A letter was read from Messrs. Henry Pooley & Son, Ltd., 48a, Smithfield Square, Belfast, stating that they had gone carefully into the repair of the weighbridge at Mountcharles Pier, and their estimate for its repair was £25. In connection with the testing of the machine it would be necessary to bring the weights from Donegal Town weighbridge to Mountcharles and back again when finished with, and the cost of this would require to be borne by the Council.

On the motion of Councillor Myles seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to accept the tender of £25, and to ask the County Board of Health for the loan of the weights at Donegal town weighbridge for making the necessary adjustments; the cost of taking the weights to and from Mountcharles to be borne by the Council.

702/37.

WRACK BETWEEN THE TWO QUAYS AT DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Furey, Harbour Master, Donegal, stating that the man who formerly took the wreck between the two Quays had died, and there had been no person looking for it this year.

The Council noted the matter.

703/37.

REPAIR OF POLLING COMPARTMENTS.

The Council considered a number of Tenders for repairs to the Polling Compartments at Donegal, Glenties, Stranorlar, Ballyshannon. It was decided to refer the Tenders to the Assistant Surveyors for the different districts to have the work carried out.

704/37.

PIPE ON LEBGARROW - LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Jack Bonner, Scragatoko, Arranmore, regarding pipe on Upper Leabgarrow-Lighthouse Road, Arranmore, and stating that the course of the river should not be changed. He was determined not to let the water be changed as his home and property would be in danger of being carried away by flooding.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"When carrying out repairs to the Lighthouse Road, the Ganger discovered a County pipe blocked at the end next Jack Bonner's land. He had this pipe cleaned. As I pointed out at the April Meeting (Minute No. 588/37), the Assistant Surveyor was quite within his rights in having an existing County pipe cleaned."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

705/37.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - PATRICK MURPHY, CORLEA, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Murphy, Corlea, Ballyshannon, stating that he had decided not to accept loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, as there were too many formalities required, and the rate of interest was too high.

The matter was noted.

706/37.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - JOHN DOHERTY, KILLYCREEN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Killycreen, Lettorkenny, withdrawing his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and applying for a refund of his deposit.

The Council decided to refund the deposit, less any legal costs incurred.

707/37.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR TURF STATED TO BE SUPPLIED.

Letters were read from Mr. Jerry Green, Tullyconnell, Kindrum, stating that he had been refused employment on the Kindrum - Leatbeg Road, and claiming for four loads of turf taken when lifting road metal, and also for storage of picks.

The Assistant Surveyor reported that the claims were bogus, and that as the men had now been started on road work nothing further would be heard of them.

708/37.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL TO PURCHASE ROAD METAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Dunne, Cottian, Kilmacronan, stating that he was unable to pay his rates, and he had 60 tons of road metal put up. He wished the Council to purchase the metal, so as to enable him to pay his rates.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

709/37.

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PILLAR BOX IN BUNCRANA.

Letters were read from Mr. Henry Doherty, Cornerville House, Bunrana, stating that he intended opening a door into the front street at his house, and putting in a window also, and he wished the Council to give permission to the Postal Authorities to remove the Pillar Box which would be in front of the proposed door.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no objection to the removal of the Pillar Box, provided it was carried out under the instructions of the Assistant Surveyor.

710/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, stating that the Council entered into an Agreement with Mr. John Cannon, Ardbane, Downings, whereby he was to quarry stones for the Council on his own lands and receive 2/- per ton for same. He had now quarried 75 tons, and had only been paid for 20 tons, leaving a balance of £5 : 10 : 0 due to him.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Assistant Surveyor reports that the Ganger, Mick McGettigan, came to an Agreement with John Cannon for from 15 to 20 tons @ 2/- per ton. 20 tons were taken, and John Cannon was paid £2 which is all that is due to him."

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

711/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Rodgers, Cloughcorr, Arranmore, stating that he had now been paid for work done as labourer at Ballintra, Arranmore, on the 12th, 13th, and 14th April.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this man had now been paid.

712/37.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ISSUE OF CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 14th May, 1937, 98/10, referring to the Council's resolution at last Meeting regarding the issue of Cinematograph Licences, and referring the Council to the regulations made under the Cinematograph Act, 1909. Regulation No. 2 prescribed the facilities which must be provided for the egress of the audience, and the Minister was not in a position to explain matters more clearly. Each case must be dealt with on its merits, and, in the Minister's view, if any doubt arose as to whether the facilities for egress were sufficient a licence should not be granted until the doubts had been resolved, and further facilities provided.

The Council noted the letter.

713/37.

APPLICATIONS FOR ISSUE OF CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.

The adjourned applications for Cinematograph Licences for St. Joseph's Hall, Milford, Derrybeg Hall, and Parochial Hall, Dungloe, were again before the Council.

The Acting County Surveyors stated that they were awaiting notifications that the regulations had been complied with.

714/37.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"I have again gone into the question of mooring at Rathmullan Pier. I am of the opinion that it would not be advisable to erect cast-iron Bollards, as they would be inclined to give a false sense of security. The best solution of the question, to my mind, would be to fix a number of mooring rings. These are quite common on other Piers. The cost of supplying and fixing 8 such rings would be £20. A further sum of £30 would be required to repair the damage done by two boats in the past few months."

The Council decided to approve of the expenditure of a sum of £50 on this Pier.

715/37.

CONTINGENCY FUND.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £7 out of the Contingency Fund to repair damage by sea to Road, Map No. 90.

The application was granted unanimously.

716/37. REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM FINNER TO TULLAN STRAND, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Acting Town Clerk, Bundoran, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Bundoran Urban Council:- "That we, the Bundoran Urban District Council, request the Donegal County Council to construct a Branch Road to lead from Trunk Road, T.18., at Finner to Tullan Strand, following the line of the existing public right-of-way."

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

717/37. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY AT CARRIGART - DR. McCLOSKEY, CARRIGART.

A letter was read from Dr. McCloskey, Carrigart, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by him in connection with the opening of the Public road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the deposit would be refunded when the roadway was properly restored.

718/37. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY AT BILLYBOFEY - MR. A. TIMONEY, N.T.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Timoney, N.T., Ballybofey, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by him in connection with the opening of the Public road.

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

719/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADWAY AT GLENREE, CARRIGART.

A letter was read from Mr. P. D. McGettigan, Glenree, Carrigart, applying to have a new road made in the townland of Glenree to connect the Aghador Road with the Glenree Road.

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

720/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN BALLYSHANNON AND BELLEEK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF RIVER ERNE.

A letter was read from Major R. L. Moore, Cliff Lodge, Ballyshannon, drawing the Council's attention to the road between Ballyshannon and Belleek on the North side of the River Erne. The road was in a deplorable state, and it was almost impossible to take a car over it.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The heaps of stones complained of will be crushed and rolled in as soon as possible. This would have been done long ago if we had sufficient machinery available. I think the Council are aware of the difficulty of catering for all the work on hands with the limited amount of machinery at our disposal. However, when machinery is available, no time will be lost in putting the road complained of in repair."

The Council noted the report.

721/37. ERECTION OF STONE FENCE ALONG GLENTIES-DUNGLOE ROAD WITHOUT THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Kearney stating that Mr. Columb Boyce, Mulnamina, Glenties, had built a stone fence alongside the Main Glenties-Dungloe Road without the permission of the Council. He had also removed a sod fence and persisted in closing the County drain with stones.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to institute proceedings.

722/37. PIPE ON COUNTY ROAD AT FALCORRIB, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Kearney stating that some months ago when the Irish Land Commission were clearing a drain at Falcorrib the three-ope pipe on the County Road collapsed. They promised to re-build it, but he inspected it on 3rd May, and nothing had been done to it.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Irish Land Commission for their attention.

723/37. PORTNABLAGH PIER, DUNFANAGHY.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGee, Harbour Master, Portnablagh, Dunfanaghy, stating that the two stones that were previously repaired in the side of the Quay had come out, and should be repaired.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the cost of re-placing the stones would not exceed £1, and it was decided to allow him this amount.

724/37. DAMAGE TO RATHMULLAN PIER BY THE MOTOR SHIP "KINDIESEL."

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Deeney, Harbour Master, Rathmullan, stating that the Motor Ship "Kindiesel" damaged a fender pile when berthing at Rathmullan Pier on the 12th May.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, estimated the damages done to the Pier at ~~£25~~ £10.

The Council decided to call on the owners of the Boat to pay this amount.

725/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT DIRECTION BOARD TO CLERIGANS STATION.

A letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Co., Traffic Manager's Office, Belfast, stating that they had received several complaints of the want of a Direction Board to their Carrigans Station. It was suggested that they should erect such a Board at the corner of the approach to the Station where it joined the Main Road. In addition, they would like to erect a Board about 7'.6" long and 4'.6" high, capable of holding three Posters advertising their cheap trips to Dublin, etc.

The Council unanimously decided to give the required permission subject to the approval of the Acting County Surveyor, and to compliance with the requirements of the Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926.

726/37. RUN O CONNRADH NA GAEDHILGE.

Do leigheadh litir o Runaidhe, Connradh na Gaedhilge, 14, Cearnog Parnell, Baile Atha Cliath, ag iarradh ar an Comhairle Comndae glacadh le run ag iarraidh ar an Riaghaltas Coimisiuin a ceapadh le ceist cursai na n-Ollscoileanna a shocrughadh.

Ar moladh o Chomhairleoir O'Mathghamhna glacadh leis an run d'aon ghuth.

727/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PALING ON MAIN ARDARA-GLENTIES ROAD AT ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Brennan, Hillhead, Ardara, applying for permission to erect a paling on his property in front of his dwelling-house on the Main Ardara - Glenties Road.

The application was granted provided the location of the paling satisfies the Assistant Surveyor, and that Mr. Brennan sign an agreement undertaking to remove the paling at any time he may be called upon to do so.

728/37. RESOLUTION FROM ASSOCIATED REPUBLICAN AND LABOUR ORGANISATIONS.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Associated Republican and Labour Organisations, stating that she had been directed to forward the following resolution for the Council's consideration:-
 "That this Committee representative of the allied Republican and Labour Organisations repudiates, in the name of the Irish nation, any pretence that Ireland owes any allegiance to the English Throne, and declares that no recognition will be accorded to any authority outside Ireland, and that no allegiance will be given save to the Sovereign Irish Nation.

We call upon all Public Bodies to endorse this declaration, and to place on record their repudiation of the British Throne.

We further call upon all National Organisations and Public Bodies to disassociate the Nation from the present British Coronation Ceremonies, particularly as determined efforts are at present being made to involve Ireland in the coming Imperialist war. We believe that the interests of the Irish people lie, not within the British Commonwealth of Nations, but in complete separation from it."

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Walsh seconded that the first part of the resolution be adopted.

Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor McClafferty seconded that the resolution be marked "read."

After some discussion it was agreed to mark the resolution "noted."

729/37. STORAGE OF ROAD MACHINERY AND TOOLS.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan stating that no provision had ever been made for storing machinery or tools in his district, and with so much extra work being done by Direct Labour it followed that equipment was also increasing. When machinery was idle there was no place to store it except on the roadside. A small yard should be provided where tools and machinery not in use could be stored, and small repairs carried out.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
 "The question of providing storage for machinery or tools is of primary importance in practically every Assistant Surveyor's area, and I would be glad if the Council would make some ruling in the matter."

The Council decided to ask the Surveyor to report on the cost of obtaining suitable premises.

730/37. CARRICKARORY PIER, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the General Manager and Secretary, Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners, stating that the Commissioners were desirous of re-surfacing Carrickarory Pier at Moville and the approach road thereto, with tar macadam or other similar substance, in order to facilitate carting on the pier and roadway. As there were no Contractors in the neighbourhood with the necessary plant to carry out this work, they would be glad to know if the Council would carry out the work for them, and, if so, they wished to be furnished with an estimate of the probable cost.

The Council decided to request the Acting County Surveyor to furnish an estimate of the cost to the Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners.

It was also decided to ask the Commissioners to instal a weighbridge for the weighing of coal landed at this Pier.

731/37. PIPE ON THE ROAD FROM MOUNTSCOURAGE TO MEENLETTERBALE MOUNTAIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Doherty, Lagg, Lecamy P.O., Moville, again calling attention to the condition of a pipe over Bredagh River, crossing the road from Mountscourage to Meenletterbale Mountain.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the matter had been dealt with.

732/37. TELEGRAPH POLES ON ROAD BETWEEN MILFORD AND CARRIGART.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, dated 18th May, 1937, W/L.31., stating that owing to improvements to a corner of the road between Milford and Carrigart, six poles, the property of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, had been rendered insecure. As no notice was given of the necessity for alterations to the poles, the Department could not accept responsibility for accidents which might arise therefrom, and the onus of liability fell upon the Council. In the present case arrangements were being made to carry out the necessary alterations to the telegraphs as soon as possible. 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, and an account for the amount rendered.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

733/37. ROAD LEADING FROM MILFORD TO LAGG R. C. CHURCH.

A letter was read from Mr. William McCrossan, Secretary, Thomas Ashe Cumann, Milford, stating that he had been directed by the Cumann to call the Council's attention to the condition of the road leading from Milford to Lagg R. C. Church, particularly that section leading from the crossroads near the old Workhouse to the Church. The existing road was too narrow for the amount of traffic. It would need to be widened to a breadth of 18 feet, tarred, and a footpath constructed.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no money available at the moment for this road. He would keep the matter in mind, when Grants were being again allocated.

734/37. COMPLAINT RE ROAD FROM CHAPEL TO GRAVEYARD, ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Chairman and Secretary of Arranmore Island Fianna Fail Cumann calling attention to the condition of road leading from the Chapel to the Graveyard, which was in need of repair, owing to it being badly damaged by a high tide last winter. It is at present covered with holes and rough stones.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road.

735/37. REPAIR OF ROAD IN TOWNLANDS OF MEENASRONE NORTH AND BALLINAMORE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE CROSSING RIVER FINN.

A letter was read from Mr. M. Gallagher, N.T., Ballinamore N.S., Fintown, regarding the proposed construction of a new road and a bridge across the River Finn near Ballinamore School. He wished to know how the matter stood at present, as the Irish Land Commission had informed him that the County Surveyor was dealing with it.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the matter had been dealt with at the Annual Road Works Meeting, when the Council decided to inform the Irish Land Commission that they could make no contribution this year to the cost of work.

The Council decided to inform Mr. Gallagher of the position.

736/37. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £250 to cover temporary clerical assistance in connection with Road Grants.

The Council decided to apply for sanction to the expenditure of this amount.

737/37.

QUARRYING OF STONES IN THE CARRICKMAGRATH DISTRICT,
BALLYBOFEY.

Councillor Blaney submitted a petition from a number of ratepayers in the Carrickmagrath District asking the Council to have stones required for Grant work in that area taken from a local quarry, and not from one at Killygordon.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

738/37.

COMPLAINT RE PILING OF STONES AT CONVAL GRAVEYARD.

Councillor Mahony called attention to the piling of stones along the roadside near Conval Graveyard, which he stated were a serious menace to the safety of the public.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

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Confirmed.

W. MacFarlane

Chairman.

30th June, 1937.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1937.

739/37.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cannon, Cole, Crerand, Gallagher, Gallen, Eernigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, McMenamin, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacGreadie, McDaid, McFadden, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Michael), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

740/37.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

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

Councillor Gallen seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

741/37.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Baxter proposed the re-election of Mr. Neal Blaney, T.D. as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Gallen seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

742/37.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Baxter proposed the re-election of Mr. James P. McIvor as Deputy Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Gallen seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

743/37.

REGULATION OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON EACH STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Gallen, the Council decided to continue the same number of members on each Standing Committee of the Council as last year.

744/37.

RE-ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Gallen, the following Standing Committees of the Council were unanimously re-elected:-

Finance Committee.
Roads Committee.
Diseases of Animals Committee.
Old Age Pensions Committee.
Tenders Committees.
Scholarships Committee.
Library Committee.
Piers Committee.
Law Committee.
Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee.
National Monuments Committee.

745/37. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Gallen, Councillors Mahony and Scott were 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.

746/37. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association stating that the Council was entitled to nominate a representative to the Board of Directors, and requesting the nomination of a representative for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Gallen, Councillor O'Boyle was re-elected as the Council's representative on the Irish Tourist Association.

747/37. ILLNESS OF COUNCILLOR O'NEILL.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council expressed their sympathy with Councillor O'Neill in his illness, and wished him a speedy recovery.

The Secretary, on behalf of the Staff, associated himself with the resolution.

748/37. 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.

749/37. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 25th May, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

750/37. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25th May, 1937, **was adopted** unanimously.

751/37. REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings held on the 25th May and the 22nd June, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

752/37. 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 15th June, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

753/37. REPORT OF LOANS COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady the Report of the Loans Committee Meeting held on the 15th June, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

754/37. REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 15th June, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

755/37. REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING AND WARBLE FLY COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor McCafferty seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, the Report of the Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee Meeting held on the 22nd June, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

756/37. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Rialtais Aitiula agus Slainte Puibli faoi dhata an 15adh Bealtaine, 1937, G.36649/37, Dun na nGall., ag fiafrugh ma's rud e gur gadh aon chuid de'n mheid a gheofar o'n mBainc do chur ag diol fiacha a bhaineann leis an mbliain 1936/37.

757/37. USE OF CERTAIN HALLS FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th June, 1937, G.48731/37, Dun na nGall., referring to the Secretary's letters regarding the use of certain Halls for the verification of Weights and Measures, and inquiring why sanction was sought in these cases.

758/37. POLLING SCHEME FOR DAIL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 19th June, 1937, F.50220/37, Dun na nGall., forwarding a copy of the amended Scheme for Polling Districts and Polling Places as confirmed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and stating that the Returning Officers should be notified of the Scheme immediately. Attention was also drawn to the rules regarding the publication of the confirmed Scheme, and they wished to be furnished with copies of the amended Scheme as finally printed.

759/37. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Rialtais Aitiula agus Slainte Puibli faoi dhata an 3ladh Bealtaine, 1937, G.45296/37, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceaduiheann an t-Aire do Chomhairle Conndae Duin na nGall ariughadh le fiacha Bainnc na rachaidh thar caoga mhile punt i gcoir costaisi reatha sealadacha, agus ag radh go bhfuil an t-udaras seo dleagthach suas go dti an 30adh la de'n mhi seo chugainn.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Rialtais Aitiula agus Slainte Puibli faoi dhata an 24adh Meitheamh, 1937, G.36649/37, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceaduiheann an t-Aire do Chomhairle Chonndae Duin na nGall ariughadh le fiacha Bainnc i rith Mi na Bealtaine na rachaidh sa mheid is mo thar fiche cuig mile punt i gcoir costaisi reatha sealadacha.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £65,000 riachtanach go dti an 3ladh Iul, 1937.

Socruiheagh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainnc na rachaidh thar £65,000 go dti an 3ladh Iul, 1937.

760/37. AUTHORISATION OF WEEKLY WAGES COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th May, 1937, G.38719/37, Dun na nGall., regarding the authorisation of certain Committees pursuant to Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and inquiring what were the precise functions of the Weekly Wages Committee. Particulars should be furnished showing the membership of the Committee, and the number of Meetings held annually.

A further letter dated 25th June, 1937, G.45299/37, Dun na nGall., was read from the Local Government Department stating that the Minister assented to the authorisation under Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, of the Weekly Wages Committee.

761/37.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st May, 1937, Circ. 56/37, Ilgh. (S. & R.), enclosing form for statistical particulars, and requesting that it be returned, duly filled up, within the coming month.

762/37.

PURCHASE OF A SIX-TON DIESEL TYPE ROLLER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 27th May, 1937, IR/20, stating that the Minister had withdrawn his objection to the proposal of Donegal County Council to purchase a six-ton Diesel type road roller. Advertisement on the specification submitted might be issued accordingly.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"Tenders have been received from eight different firms of manufacturers for the supply of a six-ton Diesel type Road Roller. I have gone into these very carefully, and I would recommend that the tender of Messrs. Aveling & Barford at £678 : 5 : 0 be accepted."

The Council decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Aveling & Barford, and to raise a loan of £680 to cover the cost; the loan to be re-payable over a period of five years.

763/37.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1938.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th May, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £12,687 in respect of an instalment of Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

764/37.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 31st May, 1937, RS/7, sanctioning the expenditure of £50 for extra clerical assistance in the County Surveyor's Office as proposed by the County Council on 26th January, 1937.

765/37.

EXPENDITURE ON SALARIES OF SANITARY OFFICERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st June, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £220 in respect of payment on account of proportion of expenditure incurred upon salaries of Sanitary Officers during the year ending 30th September, 1937.

766/37.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st June, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £2,600 being payment on account in respect of cost of maintenance of Mental Hospital patients in the year 1936/37.

767/37.

EXPENDITURE ON SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st June, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £1,451 being payment on account of proportion of expenditure incurred upon salaries of Medical Officers, etc., during the year ending 30th September, 1937.

768/37.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 3rd June, 1937, asking to be furnished with Form T. 2/3 in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Mr. Alex. Eccles, Carrick, Castlefin; Mr. Andrew Gallagher, Ballybun, Castlefin; Mr. Pat Toye, Carricknamart, Manorcunningham; Mr. David Ramsay, Magherennan, Letterkenny; Mr. Dominick O'Donnell, Glassaghmore, Ballinamore; and Mr. Pat McMenamin, Rareagh, Letterkenny.

769/37.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS
ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st June, 1937, H.30169/37, Dun na nGall., inquiring what action had been taken by the Council in connection with the application of Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Glenties, for an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th June, 1937, H.40768/37, relative to the application of Mr. John Gallagher, Main Street, Falcarragh, for an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and stating that it was noted that the Certificate of Market Value from the Council's valuer was dated 20th December, 1935. An up-to-date Certificate should be furnished to the Department.

The Secretary stated that the matters had been attended to.

770/37.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

An Invitation was submitted to the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to be held at Bristol in July.

771/37.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Ellen Dorrian, Rate Collector, thanking the Council for their kind message of sympathy on the death of her father.

A letter was also read from Mr. George Dunnion, Rate Inspector, thanking the Council for their kind message of sympathy on the death of his wife.

772/37.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from Garda John Fitzsimons, Garda Siothchana, Monaghan, regarding the proposal committal to an Industrial School of Theresa A. Gorman, and stating that the application was to be withdrawn when it came up again on Tuesday, 1st June.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Donegal, stating that Peter Curristin, Ardlenagh, Donegal, was being prosecuted at Donegal District Court on 4th June, 1937, for housebreaking and larceny of £1. In the event of his being convicted, an application would be made for his committal to an Industrial or Reformatory School.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Donegal, stating that the case against Peter Curristin, Ardlenagh, Donegal, was dismissed at Donegal District Court on the 8th June, 1937.

A letter was read from Garda E. Galligan, Letterkenny, stating that an application would be made at Letterkenny District Court on the 1st July for the committal to Industrial Schools at Killybegs and Sligo of the children, William Columba McCollum and Bridget Josephine McCollum, Daly's Terrace, Letterkenny.

773/37.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - DEFECTIVE SAMPLES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th June, 1937, P.H.41630/37, Dun na nGall., acknowledging receipt of the County Analyst's Report, and requesting to be informed of the result of the legal proceedings which were to be instituted against Robert Gourlay, Ballindrait; Robert Anderson, Main Street, Ballyshannon; Anthony Bannigan, Legalton, Ballyshannon; and Edward McGrath, Ballyeriston, Glenties.

774/37. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th June, 1937, RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the Council's proposal to allow a further sum of £250 to cover temporary clerical assistance in connection with Road Grants.

775/37. PREMISES OF TEELIN FISH CURING STATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th June, 1937, R/RM/7, stating that the premises of the Teelin Fish Curing Station, consisting of a caretaker's house with stores and yard (29 perches approximately) were being transferred to the Office of Public Works for disposal, and inquiring whether the premises or any part thereof would be suitable for any purpose of the County Council.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Vocational Education Committee, and the County Surveyor.

776/37. PROPOSED BORROWING OF LOAN OF £20,000 FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY FOR THE ROSSES DISTRICT.

At the request of Councillor Gallen, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £20,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply in the Rosses District of County Donegal."

777/37. BORROWING OF LOAN OF £120 FOR COMPLETING IMPROVEMENTS TO MILFORD WATERWORKS.

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 O'Boyle 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 £120 for completing improvements at present being carried out to the Lake section at Milford Waterworks."

778/37. CLEARING OF BYE-ROADS LEADING ON TO THE MAIN DONEGAL - BALLYSHANNON ROAD.

In the absence of Councillor Kelly, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was proposed by Councillor Gallagher:-
"That all bye-roads leading on to the Main Donegal - Ballyshannon Road be widened and cleared of bushes so as to give a clear view on to the Main Road. A fatal accident occurred recently on this road."

Councillor Myles seconded the motion.

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

"The fatal accident referred to was not due to bushes growing along the road as there are none at the place. It was due to reckless cycling on to the Main Road, and the lorry driver who knocked the cyclist down was held to be blameless on that account. The widening of all the bye-roads would be an expensive job, but one that would be of help."

The Council decided to refer the ~~motion~~ to the Acting County Surveyor to keep the matter in mind when allocating the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38.

779/37. REQUEST TO HAVE SPEED LIMIT AFFIXED TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

In the absence of Councillor Kelly, the Council adjourned consideration of a letter from him enclosing petition from a number of residents of Ballintra asking to have a speed limit affixed to all Motor Vehicles passing through Ballintra.

780/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF DRAIN AT GOOREY, MALIN.

In the absence of Councillor Lynch, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was proposed by Councillor Cole, and passed unanimously:-

"That we ask the Board of Works to give a grant to have drain cleaned at Goorey, Malin, starting from Ballycrampsey to Priestfield Bog."

781/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF CLEANING OF DRAIN IN THE CASTLEFIN AREA.

Councillor Gallen proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Board of Works be asked to complete the cleaning of the drain between the townland of Raws Upper and the townlands of Tievebrack and Egglybane (Castlefin Area). Portion of this drain has already been cleaned under Minor Relief Scheme No. 197, 1934/35, and the completion of the work is urgently needed."

782/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AT RAW'S UPPER, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from Councillor Gallen enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers for the re-construction of the Bog Road on the holding of Robert Brooks at Raws Upper, Castlefin. The roadway, it was stated, passed through a bog from which a large number of persons get turf annually. It was about 150 perches long and connected two County Roads, and was a public right-of-way.

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

783/37. ILLNESS OF MR. JOHN CAFFREY, COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate dated 7th June, 1937, was submitted from Dr. Taylor, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey was still in Hospital, and would not be able to resume work for at least one month from that date.

The Council decided to grant Mr. Caffrey another three months' sick leave, with full pay.

784/37. MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter dated 10th June, 1937, was read from Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, tendering his resignation as from 30th September, 1937.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 26th June, 1937, from Mr. Charles Dawson enclosing Medical Certificate from Dr. F. C. Friel certifying that Mr. Patrick Dawson was in a severe debilitated condition, and was unfit for work, and would not be able to resume duties for at least a couple of months. In his letter Mr. Charles Dawson also stated that he had been requested by his father to withdraw his resignation.

Councillor Baxter proposed that Mr. Dawson's request be acceded to, and that he be granted two months' sick leave.

Councillor Walsh seconded.

Councillor Scott opposed Councillor Baxter's proposal, and suggested that the Council fix Mr. Dawson's superannuation allowance, but the proposal was not seconded.

Councillor Baxter's motion was passed, and it was then proposed by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Baxter, and unanimously resolved that Mr. E. K. McLaughlin, B.E., be appointed as temporary Assistant Surveyor for a period of two months at remuneration of £5 : 5 : 0 per week.

785/37. ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE, ROSSES ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Hackett, Engineer-in-Charge, Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme, Dungloe, stating that on the termination of his period of Office he wished to relinquish his position, having other professional engagements to carry out in Dublin.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 19th June, 1937, IR/81/2, referring to the recommendation of the Engineering Services Committee in connection with the appointment of an Engineer for the Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme, and stating that the Minister was not satisfied that an Engineer of sufficient experience would be obtainable at the remuneration proposed. In view of the difficult nature of the work, it was important to secure the service of an experienced Engineer, and it would be in the interests of the Council to offer remuneration that would attract applications from Engineers of the requisite experience. The Minister agreed that the County Surveyor or Acting County Surveyor must be responsible to the County Council for control of the Scheme.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, expressed his regret at losing Mr. Hackett's services, and stated that he had found him a very competent Engineer.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that an Engineer be appointed for this Scheme at a remuneration of £8 : 8 : 0 per week, and the Secretary was instructed to advertise the appointment for the Meeting on 27th July.

786/37. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING AT WEST PORT, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. William Ramage, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, complaining of the flooding of Mr. Breslin's yard in West Port, Ballyshannon. Unless steps were taken to remedy this matter forthwith, his instructions were to institute proceedings.

Councillor Myles stated that the Board of Health cottages were the cause of this nuisance, and that steps were being taken by the Board of Health to have the matter remedied.

787/37. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT PORTRONAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 20th May, 1937, C.87. 90/1/36, acknowledging the receipt of extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the 30th March regarding proposed improvements at Portronan Pier, and stating that their Engineer agreed generally with the report of the County Surveyor, his experience being that there was a great divergence of local opinion as to what was required at Portronan, and his view was that except for one or two people who had motor-boats the local fishermen were not greatly interested. In the circumstances, they did not see that anything was to be gained by further discussion.

788/37. QUESTION OF PROVISION OF WINCH AT PORTNABLAGH.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, dated 27th May, 1937, W.14/51/35, stating that representations had been made by the fishermen of Portnablagh and Breaghy Head as to the need for a winch at Portnablagh to facilitate them in hauling their boats. The landing facilities at Portnablagh were in the control of the Council, and the Minister would be glad to learn whether the Council would be prepared to make arrangements for the provision of a winch as requested.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for a report.

789/37..

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th April, 1937, C.87.57/1/36, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Cornelius Carr, Balure, Downings, regarding the construction of steps in the existing Pier at Downings. They wished to be furnished with the Council's observations on the letter, and, meanwhile, the starting of the construction of the steps had been postponed, pending confirmation that the works already approved by the Council might be put in hands.

A letter was read from the Sea Fisheries Association of Saorstát Éireann, Ltd., dated 31st May, 1937, 370/36, acknowledging receipt of a section of the Minutes of the Donegal County Council of the 25th May regarding proposed improvements at Downings Pier. The matter was considered by the Committee of the Association, and it was decided to advise the Council that the Directors of the Association were of the opinion that the additional steps which they had already recommended the Department to provide at Downings Pier would in no way interfere with the efficiency or usefulness of the Pier from the viewpoint of either small or large craft. In the case of the larger boats, according to the information available to the Directors, there would be a space of forty-two feet between each series of steps, and this accommodation, the Committee considered, should be ample for the vessels which were accustomed to utilise the Pier in question.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the plans of the proposed improvements to the local Piers Committee, and to ask them for a special report.

790/37.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st June, 1937, G.43408/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Department of Justice had notified them that consequent on the continued failure of the County Council to provide adequate heating facilities in the Courthouse at Dungloe, the Minister for Justice would be reluctantly compelled to avail of his powers under Section 5 of the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, by instituting proceedings with a view to requiring the Council to comply with their statutory obligations in the matter. Having regard to the Council's responsibility pursuant to the Act referred to in the matter of the provision and maintenance of Courthouse accommodation, and to the fact that the action contemplated by the Minister for Justice might involve the Council in unnecessary legal expense, the Minister would urge the Council to make immediate arrangements for the provision of adequate heating arrangements in the Courthouse referred to.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, read the report of the County Surveyor to the November, 1936, Meeting of the County Council on the above matter.

The Council instructed the Acting County Surveyor to interview Mr. Walsh, the Secretary of the Hall Committee, and to submit an estimate of the cost of heating the Courthouse.

It was also decided to inform the Hall Committee that if they did not take steps to heat the Courthouse properly, the Council would ~~have to make other~~ arrangements.

791/37.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

Councillor Myles inquired what was the present position in connection with Lifford Courthouse.

Councillor Scott state that the question of the repairs to this Courthouse had been practically adjourned sine die.

Councillor Mahony pointed out that under the Courts of Justice Act, 1936, Letterkenny was now the Assize Town for County Donegal.

792/37. COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN TO SUPPLEMENT THE GRANT
UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing their Law Agent's Bill of Costs amounting to £26 : 17 : 6 in connection with the Loan to supplement the Grant under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936/37.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Brady, the Council decided to pay the amount.

793/37. DEED OF CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOAN FOR THE WEST
DONEGAL ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing for execution by the Council engrossment of Deed of Charge in connection with the loan of £10,209 to supplement the Grant for the West Donegal Road Re-Construction Scheme.

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

794/37. OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE FROM BRIDGEND TO KILLEA.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs applying for permission to erect an overground telegraphic line from Bridgend to Killea.

Permission was granted 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.

795/37. PROVISION OF WEIGHBRIDGE AT CARRICKARORY PIER, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the General Manager and Secretary, Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners, stating that the Council's request for the erection of a weighbridge at Carrickarory Pier, Moville, for the weighing of coal had received the careful consideration of the Commissioners, who had directed him to point out that the quantity of coal discharged annually at the said Pier was so small that even if the total quantity was weighed, the revenue therefrom would hardly cover the cost of maintenance, testing, etc., not to speak of the wages of a man to weigh the coal, and interest on capital. In these circumstances, the Commissioners felt that they would not be justified in incurring the expense which would be involved, and they regretted that they could not see their way to provide a weighbridge at the Pier in question.

The Council decided to point out to the Commissioners that the coal merchants of Moville were willing to pay 1/- per load of coal weighed, and to request them to re-consider their decision.

796/37. HARBOUR DUES PAID BY THE M.V. "AGIENA" AT DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from Messrs. E. Leslie & Co. (1934), Ltd., 59, Marischal Street, Aberdeen, stating that the M.V. "Agiena" was loading a cargo of herrings in Downings during the week ended 5th June. The vessel finished loading and sailed for Buncrana, but immediately after her sailing, one of the shippers received advice which he had been waiting for from Germany to ship a further parcel of herrings. In order to oblige this shipper, they sent the vessel back to Downings to collect this further parcel, and they paid on the second visit half the dues. They wished to know if the Council could refund this payment as the vessel really was only loading one cargo in Downings, and only force of circumstances compelled her to return.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Baxter, the Council decided to refund the dues.

797/37.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - APPLICATION OF MR.
JOSEPH GALLAGHER, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing letter from Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Glenties, an applicant for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, stating that one of his sureties, Mr. John O'Donnell, Drimalough, Glenties, was seriously ill, and he wished to substitute the name of Mr. James O'Donnell, Drimalough, Glenties.

It was pointed out that Mr. James O'Donnell was a son of Mr. John O'Donnell, and the Council decided not accept him.

Councillor Byrne stated that in the event of Mr. James O'Donnell not being accepted, he had been instructed to put forward the name of Mr. Michael Gallagher, Stranaglough, Glenties.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter in order to have inquiries made.

798/37.

PROPOSED REPAIR OF MEENANILLAR-CORVEEN-GWEEDORE ROAD AND
BRANCHES, AND REPAIR OF BRIDGE OVER OWENCRONAHULLA
RIVER.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 24th May, 1937, P.20439/36, stating that the Land Commission had sanctioned a free Grant for the repair of Meenanillar-Corveen-Gweedore Road and branches (2) - approximate length $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and for the repair of a bridge over the Owencronahulla River. The roads and bridge were marked on an accompanying map. The grant was sanctioned on condition that the County Council agreed to take over and maintain the works on completion. The Land Commission would carry out the work 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.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Baxter, the Council agreed to take over the works if, and when, completed to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

799/37.

WIDENING OF CORNER AT FAHAN ON MAIN DERRY-BUNCRANA ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. F. G. Dickson, Solicitor, Derry, referring to a conversation with Captain Scott and the Council's Assistant Surveyor, and stating that the owners of the Norman Estate had informed him that they were willing to allow the Council to use the triangular plot on the Derry side of Fahan for the purpose of widening the Main Road between Derry and Fahan at this spot; the Council to take over the whole grassy spot and be responsible for it. He also confirmed the arrangement which was entered into with the Surveyor and Captain Scott as regards Mrs. Dickson's holding on the opposite side of the road at this point, that was, the County Council take from Mrs. Dickson a small portion of land at her entrance gate and set back the entrance gate about five yards, the old Bridge to be continued towards the sea in the same manner as it was at present; any trees which had to be cut down to be cut into suitable lengths by the County Council and handed over to Mrs. Dickson and compensation to be paid at the ordinary rate for the ground taken; the work to be completed and put in order to Mrs. Dickson's satisfaction; and a temporary fence to prevent cattle straying on the road to be erected by the County Council.

On the motion of Councillor Scott the Council decided to convey their thanks to the owners of the Norman Estate, and to Mrs. Dickson, through Mr. F. G. Dickson, for their action.

800/37.

APPLICATION OF MR. NEAL MCGREADY, MOUNTCHARLES, FOR LOAN
UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing application for First Registration in connection with the application of Mr. Neal McGready, Mountcharles, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and stating that this document required the seal of the Council and the signature of the Chairman.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the document, under Seal.

801/37.

APPLICATION OF MR. PATRICK MURPHY, CORLEA, BALLYSHANNON,
FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor regarding the decision of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Corlea, Ballyshannon, not to accept loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and stating that Mr. Murphy's treatment of the Council seemed most unfair and unreasonable, inasmuch he had put them to the last penny of expense. His costs in the matter amounted to approximately £11.

The Council decided to instruct the Solicitor to hold Mr. Murphy's documents of title until he had paid the legal costs involved.

802/37.

APPLICATION OF MR. EDWARD McLAUGHLIN, LISTILLION,
LETTERKENNY, FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION
ACTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McLaughlin, Listillion, Letterkenny, stating that as his application for a loan was not proceeded with owing to his sureties not being in order, he wished to have his documents of title returned.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that he had in his possession the documents of title of Mr. Edward McLaughlin, Listillion, Letterkenny. The costs incurred in this case amounted to £4 : 18 : 0, and he was withholding the documents in question pending further instructions on the question of costs.

The Council decided to instruct the Solicitor to hold Mr. McLaughlin's documents of title until he had paid the legal costs involved.

803/37.

PROPOSED GRANTS UNDER EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE FOR THE
YEAR 1938/39.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th June, 1937, RU/204/201, stating that a grant of £43,600 had been allocated to the Council under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38, subject to a local contribution of £4,000, for a scheme of road and/or footpath works. A scheme should be submitted as soon as possible providing for a gross expenditure of £47,600. It was desired that the works be carried out within the current financial year. This, however, would result in the disemployment of large numbers of men in March, 1938, and to obviate such occurrence arrangements were being made to project works into the financial year 1938/39 by means of supplemental schemes. As in the case of this year's Schemes County Councils would be informed of the proposals for Employment Schemes on roads for the year 1938/39 in time to enable the Councils to make provision for the local contributions in their estimates for that year. Subject to the necessary funds being provided by the Dail, grants on foot of the allocations for 1938/39 would be released at the beginning of that financial year to enable Employment Schemes on roads to be continued beyond the 31st March, 1938. In the case of Donegal the amount of Grant which it was proposed to release for this purpose was £7,267, subject to a local contribution of £667, and, accordingly, a supplemental scheme for an expenditure of £7,934 should be submitted.

Councillor Brady proposed the acceptance on the conditions mentioned of the Grant, and Councillor Mahony seconded. Councillor Baxter proposed, as an amendment, that the Council do not accept the Grant, and Councillor Myles seconded. The amendment was put to the Meeting, and the following voted for it:— Councillors Baxter, Gallagher, Hannigan, Kavanagh, Loughrey, McMenamin, Myles, McGrea, McIvor, McShane, and Wagentreiber. Total 11.

The following voted against the amendment:— Councillors Brady, Cannon, Cole, Crerand, Gallen, Houston, Kelly, Mahony, McClafferty, MacCreadie, McDaid, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Michael), and Walsh. Total 15.

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

804/37. ENFORCEMENT OF CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, dated 18th June, 1937, 98/10, stating that the Minister for Justice had given consideration to the question of the fuller co-operation of the Garda Síochána in the enforcement of the Cinematograph Act, 1909. The Minister proposed to issue instructions to the Garda Síochána to prosecute in future for any offences under the Act, which they might detect, and the Minister for Justice, with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, suggested that each licensing authority should furnish to the Gardai copies of all licences which they had issued under the Act, and which were still in force, and should make arrangements to have a copy of every new licence or renewal of licence furnished to the Gardai.

The Council decided to issue copies of licences to the Gardai as requested.

805/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR DERRYBEG HALL.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, stating that all requirements of the Cinematograph Act, 1909, had been complied with in the case of the Derrybeg Hall, and he asked to have a further inspection made, and the licence issued.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, reported that the structural alterations to Derrybeg Hall had been completed, but that up to the present there were no fire extinguishers provided.

Councillor O'Boyle stated that fire extinguishers would be provided by the owners of the apparatus, and he proposed that the licence be granted on this condition, and Councillor Houston seconded.

The proposal was passed unanimously.

806/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR MILFORD HALL.

The Acting County Surveyor reported that the structural alterations to Milford Parochial Hall had not been completed up to the present.

The Council decided to postpone the issue of a licence until the Hall complies with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act.

807/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR DUNGLOE HALL.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Doherty, Manager, Donegal Cinema Co., Dungloe, stating that the Company had incurred considerable expense in connection with the Derrybeg and Dungloe Halls, and they wished to have the Cinematograph Licences for these Halls issued immediately.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported that Dungloe Hall did not yet comply with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act.

The Council decided to postpone the issue of a licence until the Hall complies with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act.

808/37. AGREEMENT WITH IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association enclosing local contribution Agreement Form for completion in respect of the year 1937/38.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Agreement on the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Baxter.

809/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AROUND CULDAFF BAY.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association acknowledging receipt of extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 25th May regarding the road around Culdaff Bay, and stating that they would take the matter up with the Roads Department at the earliest opportunity.

810/37.

MOVILLE RECREATION GROUND.

A letter was read from the Co. Board of Health stating that they had been informed that many animals trespassed on Moville Recreation Ground, and owing to the Board not having proper title they were unable to obtain a conviction against the trespassers. They, accordingly, wished the Council to transfer to the Board their title in Moville Recreation Ground.

Councillor Scott proposed and it was unanimously resolved that the matter be referred to the Council's Solicitor to advise if the Council could convey this Recreation Ground to the Board of Health, and, if so, to prepare the necessary **Instrument**.

811/37. ERECTION OF STONE FENCE ALONG GLENTIES-DUNGLOE ROAD WITHOUT THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, regarding erection of stone fence along Glenties-Dungloe Road by Mr. Columb Boyce, Mulnamina, Glenties. The Council appeared to have been misinformed as to the facts in this case. There was an old sod ditch along the public road at Mulnamina between his client's holding, and the said public road. For some years past this ditch had been kept in repair entirely by his client, who recently decided to make same more secure, by pulling down the old ditch, and erecting a new one of stone in place thereof. His client denied having interfered with the drain along the road.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the Assistant Surveyor reported that he had not misinformed the Council as to the facts in this case.

Councillor Walsh stated that there was no drain at the place referred to, and that the road had been improved by the erection of the new fence.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for a special report, and to instruct the Council's Solicitor to stay proceedings in the meantime.

812/37. RATES IN CONNECTION WITH CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. John McCafferty, Carrowcannon, Falcarragh, again complaining of the rate levied in respect of the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Scheme. The demands seemed to be unfairly distributed, and the matter should be re-considered.

The Secretary stated that the rates were levied in accordance with the Final Award.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

813/37.

MILFORD O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Kerr, Clerk, Milford O.A.P. Sub-Committee, stating that his Committee wished to have Rev. John Cunningham, P.P., Carrigart, appointed to a vacancy thereon.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Father Cunningham.

814/37.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

A Notice was submitted from Messrs. R. S. Magee & Son, Solicitors, of intention to apply for licence under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of the Marathon Hall, Raphoe.

The Council noted the matter.

815/37. EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Messrs. Thomas Swan & Co., Buncrana, asking to have a new Paying Order issued to them in lieu of Paying Order No. 1655 for 7s/7d dated 24th April, 1934.

The Council decided to issue a new Paying Order, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

816/37. COMPLAINT RE NOT BEING PAID FOR WORK DONE, AND RE STOPPING OF WORK IN LOCAL QUARRY.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGinty, Ballybobaneen, Cloghan, stating that he was working for some time in the local quarry, but work was stopped recently. He would be grateful if the work were started again.

A further letter was read from Mr. McGinty complaining of not having received payment for work done in the quarry and at roads in April.

The Assistant Surveyor reported that McGinty denied having written the foregoing letters.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

817/37. COMPLAINT RE BEING REFUSED WORK ON ROADS, AND RE NON-PAYMENTS FOR ROAD CONTRACTS.

Letters dated 20th May, 1937, 1st June, 1937, and 16th June, 1937, were read from Mr. Patrick Gamble, Sessiaghlong, Castlefin, stating that he had been a Road Contractor for sixteen years, and Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, refused to give him work. His two horses and carts were idle, and he was continually unemployed. He also stated that there was a sum of £11 : 6 : 0 due to him in respect of Contracts on Roads Nos. 1411 and 1479, and he wished to be paid this amount immediately.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan:-

"Mr. Gamble's letter of 16th June, 1937, apparently refers to Contracts Nos. 30 and 31, April 1935, for one year. He must be under the impression that he took the roads for three years. These roads were not out for tender for 1936/37.

As regards work, this man's brother who lives in a labourer's cottage does any carting about Castlefin, and it is a matter of changing from one brother to the other, to which I have no objection."

Mr. Gamble appeared before the Council, and denied that the statements in the Assistant Surveyor's report were true.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Baxter, it was unanimously decided to instruct the Assistant Surveyor to give this man his turn at work on roads.

It was also unanimously decided to refer the complaint about non-payment for Road Contracts to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for a special report for next Meeting.

818/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR TURF SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter McGinty, Meenadoan, Fintona, stating that he was not paid for two loads of turf delivered to the Road Roller in August, 1936. The value of the turf was 14/-.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this amount had since been paid.

819/37. ARDARA COURTHOUSE.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, the Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Agreement with the Ardara Town Committee in connection with the letting of the Courthouse.

820/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD CONTRACT AT DRUNG, QUIGLEY'S POINT.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Marshall, Drung, Quigley's Point, complaining that Mr. James McLaughlin, Contractor, had not been paid for work done to the road at Drung. The material was all spread in December, yet the money had been "struck off."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Coffey, Acting County Surveyor.

821/37.

CONTRACT NO. 11, LETTERKENNY AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew McCormick, Glenkeeragh, Newmills, stating that he was the lowest tenderer for the Road No. 11 from Newmills to Rashedog, and he agreed to accept the contract for one year. Subsequently, he had a letter from the Council stating that on the recommendation of the County Surveyor it had been decided not to accept his contract. He wrote to the County Surveyor, who replied stating that it was on the recommendation of Assistant Surveyor Callaghan that the Council arrived at their decision. He then wrote to Mr. Callaghan, who ignored his letter. He wished to have the matter explained, as he had been a Road Contractor since 1916.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this Contract was marked "Informal", as the road had not been described properly in the Tender Form.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

822/37.

CARETAKING OF STRANORLAR COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McMenamin, The Glebe, Stranorlar, tendering his resignation as Caretaker of Stranorlar Courthouse, owing to the fact that the remuneration allowed him was entirely inadequate to recompense him for the materials (including firing) which he was called upon to supply.

The Secretary pointed out that under the terms of the Agreement, the owners of this Courthouse provided the materials for firing, and that Mr. McMenamin was paid £3 per annum for the cleaning of the Courthouse.

The Council decided to accept the resignation, and to invite tenders for the cleaning of this Courthouse at an amount not exceeding £3 per annum.

823/37.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN OR GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. James Byrne, St. John's Point, Dunkineely, applying for a position as Flagman or Ganger. He would be willing to work anywhere in the County.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

Councillor McShane proposed that Byrne's name be put on a waiting list.

824/37.

COMPLAINT RE ROADS LEADING TO MEENDERRY N.S., FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Miss Mary Gallagher, N.T., Meenderry, Falcarragh, denying the statement of the Acting Co. Surveyor at the April Meeting that the road leading to Meenderry N.S. was recently repaired by Direct Labour. She stated that the Council's representatives in that district would have no need to worry the distinguished company in Lifford to have swimming pools installed in that parish, while the pot-holes on her "favourite" roads were kept big enough to hold plenty of water. Sarcastic remarks about her having a car did not worry her, but the Council would be hearing from here until the roads were made at least passable.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

825/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM McELHINNEY'S GARAGE, VIA SESSIAGH LAKE, TO BOTTOM OF FRIEL'S HILL IN THE DUNFANAGHY AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. David Stewart, Woodhill, Dunfanaghy, again complaining of the condition of the road from McElhinney's Garage, via Sessiagh Lake, to the bottom of Friel's hill. Since he complained in February some loose stones had been scattered on it, but these had almost disappeared again. The road was used by tourists during the summer, and something should be done to it.

Councillor Myles stated that he knew this road, and supported the complaint.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he would attend to the matter.

826/37. COMPLAINT RE SEWAGE DRAIN, AND MAN-HOLE AT BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mrs. A. J. Campbell, Burtonport, asking the Council to instruct the Assistant Surveyor to call with her in order that she might point out improvements necessary in the footpath drainage, and sewage drain running in front of her premises. She had had the frontage of her premises concreted recently, and it was imperative that the footpath vennel be covered. The man-hole opposite her shop door would also require to be removed.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report from Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor:-

"As far as I know there are no improvements necessary. In regard to her reference to a sewage drain in front of her premises, one would imagine that it was sewage in a drain flowing along the carriageway, whereas it is a modernly constructed sewer, with man-hole covers, and the man-hole opposite her shop door should not be removed.

She refers to the footpath vennel. This is a concrete vennel and is always in decent order."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

827/37. MOUNTCHARLES PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGinty, Harbour Master, Mountcharles, stating that the Captain of the "Whitethorn" told him to report that the bottom of the Pier would require to be cleaned as it was getting filled up, and it was difficult to get berthed.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, submitted the following report from Assistant Surveyor Lennon:-

"To clean this Harbour will, in my opinion, involve the outlay of a very considerable amount of money. Owing to the tides the use of a bucket dredger would not be practicable. If funds are available, I will make a survey and estimate on the Council's instructions."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

828/37. COMPLAINT RE ALLEGED DISMISSAL FROM POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Kearney, Magherindreen, Glencely, acknowledging the receipt of Minute No. 591/37 re his dismissal from his position as Ganger, and stating that Mr. O'Neill's report contained a number of inaccuracies and inexactitudes. He was Ganger on M.R.S. 231 from 30th November until 2nd January, 1937. From 2nd January, 1937, until 6th March, 1937, he was employed as a carter. On 6th March he was appointed by Mr. O'Neill as Ganger for U.151, No. 52, Glencely, and instructed to order goggles and implements for the works. He had at that time definitely no connection with M.R.S. 231, and Mr. O'Neill had no authority to order him back to M.R.S. 231. The Time Book given him by Mr. O'Neill on the 6th March was not a further Time Book for M.R.S. 231, but was a new Time Book for U.151. He wished to have this matter further investigated.

A letter was read from Mr. O'Neill stating that he had nothing to add to his previous report concerning the complaint of Mr. Bernard Kearney.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter. (591/37 C.C.)

829/37. APPLICATION FOR REPAIR OF FOOTPATH, AND ERECTION OF SCHOOL SIGNS AT KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Gallagher, Secretary, Kilmacrenan Public Health Committee, stating that the Committee wished the Council to provide a footpath from the village to Scoil Naomh Cholumcille.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the School signs were being erected, but that there was no money available at present for the provision of a footpath.

830/37. DAMAGES TO RATHMULLAN PIER BY THE MOTOR SHIP "KINDIESEL."

A letter was read from Messrs. P. McCallum & Sons, Ltd., 1, Cathcart Street, Greenock, owners of the M.V. "Kindiesel" denying liability in connection with damage to fender pile at Rathmullan Pier, as their Superintendent Engineer found the facing of the piles to be completely rotten.

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

"It is not correct to say that the facing of the pile was completely rotten! Both the slipper and the head of the pile were badly damaged as a result of a direct collision of the vessel "Kindiesel" with the Pier. The Captain was not able to manoeuvre the boat properly, and her bow bore down directly on the corner of the Pier, causing the damage to it."

It was decided to inform the owners of the boat that the Council would insist on payment of the cost of the damage done to the Pier, which was now estimated at £10.

831/37. DAMAGE TO BRIDGE OR KESH AT MALINMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. William O'Byrne, Malinmore, stating that he gave permission to the Surveyor to open up a river passing through his land on condition that a bridge be made to enable him to cross for his turf and hay to the other side. This had not been done, and the Ganger asked him to take £2 and make it himself, but he refused. He wished to have the matter attended to.

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

"This refers to a small kesh built on M.R.S. 97, 1935/36. From the records, I find that 12 Railway sleepers were used in the erection of this kesh. These have since either been swept away by floods or stolen. I will write the Board of Works on the matter and ask them to re-place the kesh."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report.

832/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM LENNON BRIDGE THROUGH GARTAN; ROAD FROM CHURCHILL RAILWAY STATION THROUGH BALLINAFAD TO LETTERKENNY; AND FROM CHURCHILL GARDA BARRACKS TO GLENDOWAN.

A petition was submitted from a number of motor-owners and rate-payers in the Electoral Division of Gartan stating that they wished to bring before the Council the claims of that district to participate in Grants for Relief of Unemployment. One road which was in a deplorable state was the road from Lennon Bridge, through Gartan, to Mr. Bernard Carr's public-house. On this road there was an important shop, a School, an Hotel, and the main entrance to Glenveagh Castle, and the matter should have attention before the tourist season opened. Two other roads that needed attention were those from Churchill Railway Station through Ballinafad to Letterkenny, and the other from Churchill Garda Barracks to Glendowan.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting Co. Surveyor.

833/37. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF FENCE AND HEDGE ON ROAD BETWEEN CARNDONAGH AND CHURCHTOWN.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph McLaughlin, Church Road, Churchtown, Carndonagh, stating that he had built a new house on the road between Carndonagh and Churchtown, and he wished to have permission to remove the ditch and hedge in front of it.

The required permission was unanimously granted, subject to the approval of the Acting County Surveyor.

834/37. APPLICATION BY VETERINARY INSPECTOR FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ATTEND REFRESHER COURSE.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Marner, V.S., Carndonagh, applying for permission to attend a Refresher Course from the 9th to the 11th June, and stating that Mr. McGlinchey would act for him.

The Council decided to grant the required permission.

835/37. DEDUCTION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM FROM SALARY OF MR. J. J. GALLAGHER.

A letter was read from the New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., 12, Dawson Street, Dublin, asking the Council to pay the premium on an Insurance Proposal entered into by Mr. James J. Gallagher, Lifford, in accordance with the conditions extended to Local Government Officials.

The Council unanimously decided to pay the premium, and to deduct it from the salary of Mr. Gallagher.

836/37. CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO PLATE GLASS WINDOW IN STRANORLAR.

A letter was read from Mr. James McClay, Stranorlar, claiming £3 for half the cost of re-placing one of his plate glass windows broken by a loose stone thrown up by a passing lorry.

Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, reported that it was alleged that a pebble shot from under the tyre of Mr. McClay's own lorry, driven by David Armstrong, and struck the window, causing a crack. Two men employed in the shop heard the crack. The road had a concrete surface, and no repairs were carried out recently in the vicinity of Mr. McClay's shop. The footpath was not concrete, and it was possible that stones and gravel could be swept on to the road after a Fair Day.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Myles, it was decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

837/37. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR CARTING OF STONES FROM QUARRY TO MAIN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas McFadden, Fannore, Falcarragh, stating that he agreed to put up 40 tons of stone in his quarry at 2/- per ton. The Surveyor then ordered him to cart it to the Main Road, which he did. It took him a day and six hours to cart it to the road and he claimed payment for this time.

The Council decided to refer to the Acting Co. Surveyor.

838/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES QUARRIED AND BROKEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Harry O'Brien, Secretary, Knockfola F. F. Club, Derrybeg, stating that members of the Club had not been paid in full for quarrying and napping stones for Trunk Road, and it was their idea to have this material untouched by the Council until further inquiries were made.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the claim had now been settled.

839/37. FINES IN CONNECTION WITH RESIGNATION OR DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd June, 1937, P.H.35335/37, Dun na nGall. Pg., inquiring how the question of the submission for confirmation of the draft bye-law on the subject of fines to be paid by members of the Council for non-acceptance of Office now stood.

As the proposed bye-law did not cover the resignation or disqualification of members, Councillor Scott proposed and it was unanimously decided to proceed no further with it.

840/37. PROPOSED ERECTION OF DIRECTION BOARD TO CARRIGANS STATION.

A letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Co. dated 7th June, 1937, enclosing for the approval of the Council rough sketch of the Notice Board to be erected on the road to Carrigans Station.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

841/37. COMPLAINT RE PIPE ON ROAD AT DERRYREEL, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Ferry, Derryreel, Falcarragh, drawing the Council's attention to a pipe that was broken on the road between Campbell's Bridge and Erraroeey Mearing. It was very dangerous in wet weather.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

842/37. COMPLAINT RE ALLEGED FLOODING AT BRIDGE COTTAGE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Harkin, Bridge Cottage, Carndonagh, stating that he lodged a complaint some time ago regarding the overflow of water from the County Road at his residence, as it was destroying his garden and trees. After this Mr. O'Neill intimated to him that he had got permission to convey this water to the river at his own expense, but he did not consider this sufficient, and he wished the Council to attend to the matter immediately.

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

"The complaint which Mr. Harkin makes concerns an outlet for road surface water. The water has always gone in this way, and there is no other way in which it could flow. Mr. Harkin can be compelled by Act of Parliament (Section 9, Vict. 14 & 15) not only to keep the outlet open, but also to clean or make a drain from it."

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

843/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT GATE IN CURTAIN WALL OF BRIDGE AT BRIDGE STREET, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Harkin, Bridge Cottage, Carndonagh, stating that he had erected a public Tennis Court at his residence, and he wished to erect a small entrance gate about 2' 8" wide in the curtain wall of the Bridge at Bridge Street to effect an entrance to the Court.

Mr. Caffrey reported that permission could be given to Mr. Harkin to erect the gate, subject to his doing it in an approved manner, and in such a way that it would only be capable of opening inwards.

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

844/37. APPOINTMENT OF DR. E. F. O'SULLIVAN, MOUNTCHARLES, AS CORONER FOR DONEGAL AREA.

A letter dated 29th June, 1937, L.A.21/1/37, was read from the Local Appointments Commission recommending Dr. Edward F. O'Sullivan, Mountcharles, as Coroner for the Donegal District of County Donegal.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McIvor, it was unanimously decided to appoint Dr. O'Sullivan.

845/37. BOILERS IN COURTHOUSES.

A letter was read from the Irish National Assurance Co., College Green, Dublin, reporting on the Boilers in the County Courthouses. They recommended that the Boiler in Letterkenny Courthouse be disconnected completely, cleaned out internally, and re-jointed early this summer as recommended in last report. They also stated that the back-end flue casting in the Carndonagh Courthouse Boiler was badly cracked, and should be renewed at the first opportunity.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

846/37. APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

An application for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was received from the Templecrone Co-operative Society, Dunglea.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licence.

847/37. BATTERIES IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTRIC SUPPLY IN LIFFORD
COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Caretaker, County Council Offices, Lifford, suggesting that the Batteries in connection with the Electric Supply in Lifford Courthouse be cleaned out, and re-filled with new acid.

On the proposal of Councillor Myles; it was decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor to make arrangements to have the work carried out.

848/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD METAL SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Doherty, Ladden, Kindrum, stating that he supplied the workers on the Kindrum-Leatbeg Road with 100 tons of road metal. He claimed 1/- per ton for it, but he had not yet been paid, although it was used in March last.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

849/37. TELEGRAPH POLES ON ROAD BETWEEN CROLLY AND BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that owing to the widening of the road between Crollly and Burtonport it had been reported that about 60 telegraph poles required to be removed from their present positions. The onus of liability for any accidents which might arise from the removal of the poles fell on the Council. It was gathered that any unskilled labour which might be necessary to carry out the alterations to the telegraphs would be provided by the Council, and arrangements would be made to remove the poles and wires on this understanding.

The matter was referred to the ~~Engineer-in-Chief~~ **Engineer-in-Charge**.

850/37. LOCAL ELECTIONS ACT, 1937.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th June, 1937, Circ. No. F.80/37, enclosing copy of the Local Elections Act, 1937. The Act applied to County Councils and enacted that a triennial election of these bodies was to be held on the "appointed day", which was to be not later than the 30th September, 1940, and that no triennial election was to be held after the passing of the Act, and before the "appointed day." A member of any local authority the triennial election of which was to be held on the "appointed day" who resigned his Office as member after the passing of the Act, and before the "appointed day" was not liable to any fine on account of resignation.

The Council noted the letter.

851/37. CONTINGENCY FUND.

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

To repair parapets of bridge at Newtowncunningham on Road
No. T.59, 1024.....£6.

The application was granted unanimously.

852/37. INSURANCE ON PETROL PUMP OF MR. JOHN MAILEY, RAPHOE.

The Secretary reported that Mr. John Mailey, Raphoe, although written to on two occasions, had failed to renew the insurance on his Petrol Pump.

The Council decided to give Mr. Mailey ten days to renew the insurance; failing which the Council would take steps to have the pump removed at his expense.

853/37.

CLAIM IN RESPECT OF INJURIES CAUSED BY EXPLOSION.

A letter was read from Mr. James P. Sweeney, Solicitor, Falcarragh, stating that he had been instructed by Miss Mary Boyle, Glenahilt, Burtonport, to claim damages on her behalf for an accident which occurred to her on the Burtonport-Keadue Road on the 31st May. She was cycling on the public road, and blasting operations were being carried out by the Council's employees, and an explosion occurred, the result of which was that she was struck by some of the stones and seriously injured. Her bicycle was also damaged.

A report was read from Mr. H. Hackett, Engineer-in-Charge of the work.

The Council decided to ask Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, to investigate the matter fully, and, in the meantime, to adjourn consideration of Mr. Sweeney's letter.

854/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-ROLLING OF ROAD IN FRONT OF MR. MICHAEL DOOGAN'S PREMISES, MEENDERRYGAMPH, GWEEDORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, stating that rolling had commenced on the road from Gweedore Railway Station to Bunbeg. He asked the men in charge not to pile any stones in front of his premises nor on the opposite side of the road, as there was a lot of traffic there on Court and other days, and there was also a Garage there. When the roller came to his farm it was shifted past his place and past his farm altogether, for what reason he did not know. It looked like victimisation or boycotting, and the surface-man never verged, scraped, or cleaned the water-tables for the whole length of his premises.

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

"The rolling in question was being done by means of a Roller that had been loaned from the Rosses Re-Construction Grant. We were anxious to get as much done as possible with the Roller for the short time it was available. Mr. Doogan had previously objected to our leaving stones along the fences on his land. The Roller would have been delayed if stones had been carted to fill the gap left. For this reason, this portion was omitted, but it will be filled in when another Roller is available to complete the work."

The Council noted the report.

855/37.

REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF LANDING-SLIP AT LIGHTER ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Pat James O'Donnell, Lighter Island, Burtonport, stating that the people of Lighter Island would pay no more rates until such time as a landing-slip was erected on the Island. If something was not done they would collect the rates themselves to start the slip.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for their consideration.

856/37.

COMPLAINT RE BUILDING OF BRIDGE ON ALLEGED RIGHT-OF-WAY AT LOUGHMILT, BRUCKLESS.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Haughey, Loughmilt, Bruckless, stating that the Council had built a bridge on a right-of-way on his land without asking his permission.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted a report from his Assistant, from which it appeared that Mr. Haughey claimed that the centre of the river was a public right-of-way.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

857/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR REMOVAL OF FENCE.

A letter was read from Mr. John McHugh, Pans, Cranford, stating that he never got paid any compensation for the removal of a fence on his garden as agreed with Mr. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor.

A letter was read from Mr. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, stating that McHugh had now been paid.

858/37. USE OF RATHMULLAN COURTHOUSE FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Deeney, Rathmullan, claiming a sum of £2 : 5 : 0 for three days' use of Rathmullan Courthouse at the verification of Weights and Measures.

The Council decided to offer Mr. Deeney 5/- per day for the use of the Courthouse.

859/37. USE OF MALIN COURTHOUSE AT VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Noone, Caretaker, Malin Courthouse, claiming a sum of 15/- for cleaning and heating Malin Courthouse at the annual verification of Weights and Measures.

The Council decided to refuse the claim.

860/37. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF MOTOR TAX PAID ON DR. M. J. MCCOLGAN'S CAR.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, asking the Council to refund the amount of Motor Tax paid on Dr. M. J. McColgan's car during the period she was on sick leave, i.e. from the 18th January to the 30th April, 1937, both dates inclusive.

The Secretary stated that Dr. McColgan's car was licensed for the period ending 31st December, 1937, and that no refund could be made if the car was used during any part of the licensing period.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Local Government Department.

861/37. DUBLIN MERCANTILE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

A letter was read from the Dublin Mercantile Association, Ltd., suggesting that the Council become members of the Association. The annual subscription was £1 : 11 : 6. The Association had Agents and correspondents in every town, and inquiries could be made anywhere throughout Ireland or Great Britain.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

862/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DONE.

A letter was read from Mr. William McLaughlin, Umgal, Malin Head, applying for payment of £2 due to him since January last for work done to a pipe on the road at Umgal. He originally contracted to do the work for 10/-, but on closer inspection it was found that the damage extended the entire length of the pipe.

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

"Mr. O'Neill arranged with this man to do certain work for 10/-. The man, however, chose to do other work, which he was not instructed to do, and now claims £2 for it. The amount originally agreed upon will be paid."

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

863/37. PIPE ON ROAD BETWEEN LEITRIM AND TERRAHORK, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. G. Elkin, Leitrim House, Moville, complaining of the condition of a pipe under the road between Leitrim and Terrahork at the meeting between T. G. Elkin's and Michael McDermott's.

The Assistant Surveyor reported as follows:-

"As already stated by me this pipe is doing no damage to roadway, and these people require the pipe sunk for their own convenience, viz., draining recently reclaimed land."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

864/37. PROPOSED WIDENING OF ROAD AT RAY BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, stating that they had been instructed by Mr. W. C. Stevenson, Dromore, to write with reference to the application of the Council to allot the small piece of ground above Ray Bridge to improve the corner. Mr. Stevenson did offer a piece of the field at £5, but he had now been approached for a site of a house at the same place, and he wished to know whether the Council still wished to obtain the plot.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that the question of widening the road at this point had now been adjourned.

The Council decided to point out to Messrs. Osborne & Co. that a house could not be erected at a corner within thirty yards of the centre of the public roadway.

865/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE BY COAST EROSION AT BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Acting Town Clerk, Bundoran, enclosing copy of letter from Miss M. Carroll, Western Hotel, Bundoran, relative to damage caused to her property by coast erosion by the sea. The Urban Council had referred the matter to the Board of Works.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for their consideration.

866/37. COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT NEW ROW, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dunlevy & Barry, Solicitors, Donegal, re flooding of premises of Mr. Francis McCloskey at New Row, Donegal, and stating that they were amazed at the attitude of the Council in the matter. The drain was a private drain, but it was rendered inoperative by the Council's servants. The Board of Health was expending large sums on schemes and facilities for Donegal Town, but in this particular case a nuisance, directly caused by the Council, the parent body of the Board of Health, was to remain unabated. If the Council again determined not to take any action they would bring the matter before the Circuit Judge at the first opportunity.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, suggested that this matter be referred to the Law Committee, and the suggestion was agreed to. (690/37 C.C.)

867/37. ALLEGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ROSSES ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Ward, Secretary, Roshine Gumann, Burtonport, enclosing copy of letter sent to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance making a number of allegations in connection with the Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, asking to be furnished with the original letter submitted by Mr. Charles Ward, Roshine, Burtonport, with a view to the institution of proceedings against Mr. Ward.

An apology dated the 28th June, 1937, was submitted from Mr. Charles Ward.

The Council noted that the matter was now ended.

868/37. CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McGee, Newtown, Falcarragh, stating that the tenants of the townlands of Carrowcannon and Newtown would be very glad to have the sluice between Stranagartan and Carrowcannon opened, and not have their lands subject to flooding.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

869/37.

DEPOSITS IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAYS.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan stating that in many cases a deposit of £2 was not sufficient to cover the cost of restoring roadways, where the road was concreted and tarred. He suggested that at least £5 should be lodged for opening a concrete road.

The Council decided to point out to Mr. Callaghan that £2 was the minimum deposit, and could be **increased** in cases where considered advisable.

It was decided to fix £5 as the **minimum** deposit in connection with the opening of a concrete road.

It was also decided to have the work in connection with the closing of concrete roads done by the Council's workmen and supervised by the Assistant Surveyor, and the cost thereof charged to the parties concerned.

870/37.

APPLICATIONS FOR REFUNDS OF DEPOSITS IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAYS.

A letter was read from Dr. McCloskey, Carrigart, stating that he restored the roadway in the same way as the other householders in that district whose deposits had been refunded. He wished the Acting County Surveyor to state exactly in what way the road had not been properly restored.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Walsh, Port-na-blagh Hotel, Dunfanaghy, applying for a refund of a deposit of £2 lodged in connection with the opening of the roadway from there to Rose Cottage.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the deposits had been refunded.

871/37.

CUTTING OF TURF ELSIDE MAIN GLENTIES - DUNGLOE ROAD.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Kearney reporting that the following persons had cut turf beside the Main Glenties-Dungloe Road:-

Dan Gallagher, Toome, Lettermacaward.
Matthew Morrow, Meenagowan, Lettermacaward.
Edward Breslin, Boyoughter, Lettermacaward.
John Elliott, Longfield, Lettermacaward.
Peter Kelly, Farragans, Lettermacaward.
Patrick Cannon, Toome, Lettermacaward.

Mr. Fergus Ward, Glenshilt, Burtonport, cut a bog 112 yards in length close to the Belcrut County Road, and as a result an opening appeared in the road, and he had to get the Contractor to repair the road.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony it was decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to institute proceedings.

872/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ACROSS THE ELATAGH RIVER, CLOGHAN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the Electoral Division of Cloghan applying for a bridge for vehicular traffic over the Elatagh River between the townlands of Tullytrasna and Carrickalangan. A wooden footbridge was the only means of crossing, and that was now so decayed that it was dangerous.

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

873/37.

EMBANKMENT ALONG THE STRALEEL RIVER, CARRICK.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mary McLoughlin, Straleel South, Carrick, complaining of the condition of an embankment on the Straleel River.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that there was no money available for the work which Mrs. McLoughlin required done.

874/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES QUARRIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McMenamin, Bindoo, Cloghan, stating that he supplied the Council with 950 tons, roughly, of stones from the 4th January, 1937, until May, 1937, and had not received any payment up to the present.

Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, reported that this man gave the stones on condition that he be employed as Charge Hand in the Quarry, and this was done.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

875/37.

PIPE ON LEABGARROW - LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Jack Bonner, Scragatoke, Arranmore, referring to the cleaning of a pipe, and stating that he agreed with the statement of the Acting County Surveyor that Mr. Kearney was quite within his rights in having the pipe cleaned. The pipe had not been cleaned for fifty years, and he had outhouses constructed in the bottom of the river owing to the fact that no water flowed there. This property would now be carried away unless the Council allowed him some cement for the construction of a concrete wall about five yards long to protect the property.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he would make a personal inspection of this complaint, and report to next Meeting.

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's statement. (588 and 704/37 C.C.)

876/37.

APPLICATION FOR FENCING OF ROAD AT LURGYBRACK, HORN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bobbie McKinlay, Hillhead, Horn Head, Dunfanaghy, concerning the fencing of her portion of grazing along the road at the steep brace, Lurgybrack, Horn Head. Mr. McLaughlin, the Surveyor, was round to view it, and he promised to have it done. She wished to have it attended to immediately.

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

"The road in which Mrs. McKinlay requires the fence was made over fifteen years ago. The unfenced portion is 250 yards long, and £70 would be required to fence it. There is no money available for this work now. One would imagine that Mrs. McKinlay would have pressed her claim when the work was being done, and not fifteen years afterwards."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

877/37.

SHED FOR STORAGE OF ROAD MACHINERY AND TOOLS IN STRANORLAR.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan regarding the storage of road machinery and tools and stating that Mr. Smith, Agent for the Hayes Estate, was willing to let him have a lock-up shed in the Market Yard, Stranorlar, for a weekly rent of 5s/6d.

On the motion of Councillor Hannigan seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was decided to offer £10 per annum for the shed.

878/37.

UNIVERSITIES AND IRISH.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Councils' General Council, enclosing for the information of the Council the following resolution adopted by the County Councils' General Council:-

"That we recommend to the Minister for Education to hold an Inquiry into how far the Universities and Constituent College have adjusted their educational programme so as to ensure the greatest possible services from them in the policy of national reconstruction."

The motion was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Walsh.

879/37. ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Councils' General Council, stating that the Annual Meeting of the General Council would be held during the Horse Show Week, August 3rd - 7th, and any matters which the Council desired to have discussed should be forwarded before 20th July.

The matter was referred to the Council's representatives, Councillors Mahony and Scott.

880/37. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO VETERINARY INSPECTOR MARNER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 22nd June, 1937, L.2384/37, stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. McGlinchey, V.S. in the Buncrana District during the absence of Mr. Marnier from the 9th to the 11th June.

881/37. INSURANCE OF CARTERS.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council enclosing Form of Agreement which they suggested be adopted for the employment of certain carters, and which would obviate the necessity of insurance under the National Health Insurance Acts.

The matter was referred to the Law Committee.

882/37. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL AND ROAD ADMINISTRATION.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council enclosing for the consideration of the Council the following recommendation:-

"That the Government be requested to set up a Committee on Roads and Road Administration to consider the whole situation and make recommendations. That such Committee should be representative of the various interests concerned, and should include at least two County Surveyors. Failing the immediate setting up of such a Committee that the Government be requested to arrange for the issue of a long term loan financed by the Road Fund, and applied forthwith to the improvement of a revised system of roads, not confined to the present Main Roads and expended at a rate not exceeding £2,000,000 per annum. This expenditure should be without contribution from local funds, but with positive provision for future maintenance."

The Council decided to approve of the resolution.

883/37. LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Caretaker, County Council Offices, Lifford, stating that the roof of Lifford Courthouse and three chimneys required to be repaired.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

884/37. COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, LIFFORD.

The Council decided to instruct the Acting County Surveyor to make arrangements for the painting of the doors and windows of the County House, Lifford.

It was also decided to instruct the Surveyor to investigate the question of dampness to Hansard House, of which the County House was alleged to be the source.

885/37. ENGINEERING SERVICES AND LOANS COMMITTEES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd June, 1937, G.47980/37, Dunne nGall., stating that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal to have the Engineering Services and Loans Committees made "Authorised Committees" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

886/37. "AUTHORISED COMMITTEES" UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

The Secretary stated that the Council's previous proposal to have the Finance Committee, Sub-Finance Committee, Law Committee, Scholarships Committee, and Sheep Dipping and Warble Fly Committee, made "Authorised Committees" had not yet been sanctioned by the Department.

The Council unanimously decided again to apply to have these Committees made "Authorised Committees."

887/37. SHEEP DIPPING ORDER, 1937.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 22nd June, 1937, L.2234/37, referring to Minute No. 674/37 of Meeting of the Donegal County Council held on 25th May bearing on the new Sheep Dipping requirements under the Sheep Dipping Order, 1937, and pointing out that, apart from their obligations under the Order, it was open to sheep-owners to dip their sheep whenever they considered it advisable in their interest to do so. The essential object of the new Sheep Dipping Order was the prevention and eradication of Sheep Scab, and it was considered that double dipping during the period from the 1st August to the 31st October was most likely to achieve that object.

The Council noted the letter.

888/37. FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH MOTOR TAXATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, stating that the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Letterkenny, had reported that the Local Taxation Officer had no forms C (T) 40 and C (T) 41 on hands. The Minister was unable to understand how this position had arisen having regard to the fact that supplies of the forms were issued to all Registration Authorities on 20th July, 1934. The Minister would be glad to be furnished with the Secretary's observations in the matter.

The Secretary stated that he had replied to the letter.

889/37. APPLICATION BY COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR ANNUAL LEAVE.

An application was submitted from Dr. M. J. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for three weeks' leave of absence as from 10th July, 1937.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the required leave to Dr. Bastible, and to appoint Dr. McColgan, Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, to act during his absence.

890/37. EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERK AT WORK IN CONNECTION WITH WARBLE FLY ORDER, 1937.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Francis Herron had been employed as a Temporary Clerk at work in connection with the Warble Fly Order since the 3rd May, and that his services would be required until the 17th July, 1937.

The Council approved of the employment of Mr. Herron at remuneration of £2 per week.

Wm. J. Bastible
 Confirmed.

Chairman of County Council.
24th July, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JULY, 1937.

891/37.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:--Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Brady, Byrne, Cannon, Cole, Friel, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Loughrey, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCreadie, McDaid, McGrenra, McIvor, McShane, O'Boyle, O'Donnell (Brian), O'Donnell (Michael), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walsh.

892/37.

F E L I C I T A T I O N S.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council congratulate the Chairman, and Councillors Blaney, Brady, Friel, and Myles on their election to An Dail.

Councillors Baxter and Scott joined in the tribute, with which the Secretary also associated himself.

The Chairman (Councillor McFadden) and Councillors Brady, Friel, and Myles returned thanks.

893/37.

C O N D O L E N C E.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council express their sympathy with Councillor Wagentreiber on the death of his aunt, Mrs. Clarke.

Councillor Wagentreiber suitably acknowledged the vote of sympathy.

894/37.

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 30th June, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

895/37.

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 30th June, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

896/37.

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.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th June, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

897/37.

Q U A R T E R L Y L I S T O F P A Y M E N T S.

The List of Payments for the quarter ended 30th June, 1937, was submitted, and payment ordered as recommended by the Finance Committee.

898/37.

F O R M S I N C O N N E C T I O N W I T H 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 25th June, 1937, asking to be furnished with Forms T. 2/3 in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Pat Gallen, Baywood, Killygordon; S. Ni Loinsigh, Main Street, Letterkenny; Alex. Eccles, Carrick, Castlefin; Andrew Gallagher, Ballybun, Castlefin; and Pat Toye, Carricknamart, Manorcunningham.

899/37. TERMINATION OF WARBLE FLY TREATMENT PERIOD.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 24th June, 1937, L.2518/37, stating that as the treatment period prescribed under the Warble Fly Order ended on the 7th July, arrangements should be made by the Local Authorities for terminating the employment of the Warble Fly Inspectors on that date.

900/37. NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 26th June, 1937, E.5853/37, stating that the Noxious Weeds Act, 1936, was now in operation in every County, and that the necessary inspections of lands would be undertaken by the Garda Síochána. The Minister trusted that the Council would co-operate in this matter by having special instructions issued with a view to having any noxious weeds on lands, including roadsides, for which the Council was responsible, destroyed in good time this year so as to prevent their producing seeds.

901/37. PERSONAL BOND OF RATE COLLECTOR CHARLES DAWSON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th June, 1937, G.52913/37, Dun na nGall., returning Personal Surety Bond of Rate Collector Charles Dawson, the form of which the Minister approved.

902/37. ALLOWANCE TO SURVEYORS FOR CARRYING OUT GRANT WORK.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th June, 1937, RGS/201, regarding the payment of allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of road work under Grants from Public Funds, and stating that recoupment would be made of the allowances in respect of the present financial year at the rates which obtained in 1936/37, and on the conditions previously indicated.

903/37. OVER-EXPENDITURE OF CONTINGENCY FUND FOR THE YEAR 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 1st July, 1937, R/RM/7, stating that the Minister consented to the expenditure of the amount required for County Roads in Arranmore Island and the Clonmany District over and above what could be obtained from the Contingencies Account under Article 51 (3) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

904/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REMOVAL OF BENDS ON THE ROAD FROM GLENALLA CHURCH IN THE TOWNLAND OF GLENALLA.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 1st July, 1937, C.4685/N.S., regarding the Council's request for a grant for the removal of bends on the road from Glenalla Church in the townland of Glenalla, and stating that they were precluded from carrying out any works on this road under Minor Employment Schemes as it was a County Road.

Councillor Baxter stated that the work proposed was the deviation of a road, and that the people concerned were all prepared to give the necessary land to make this piece of new road.

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

905/37. ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 8th July, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that no objection would be raised to the proposal of the Council to allow the County Surveyor a further three months' sick leave with full pay.

906/37. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUNTE O'N BHAINNE DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Puiblí faoi dhata an 9adú Iúil, 1937, G.45296/37, ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire um Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Puiblí do Chomhairle Chonndae Dun na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar seasga cuig míle punt i gcoir costaisí reatha sealadhacha.

Dunhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £85,000 riachtanach go dtí an 3ladh Lughnasa, 1937.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £85,000 go dtí an 3ladh Lughnasa, 1937.

907/37. EMPLOYMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS ON ROTATIONAL SCHEMES.

Following a discussion, Councillor Mahony withdrew a proposal to ask the Government not to send for employment on dangerous works such as roads or quarries men of 55 years of age and upwards.

The proposal was strongly opposed by Councillor McIvor and other members.

908/37. CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL ISSUED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

Letters were read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, stating that the Certificates of Approval for Grants under the Housing Acts in respect of the re-construction of houses, which were issued to the following persons, had been cancelled:-

Michael McNelis, Ardara.

Mrs. Bridget McGowan, Ballintra, Arrammore.

Mrs. Sarah McCauley, Cloughcorr, Arrammore.

Neil Rodgers, Illion, Arrammore.

909/37. PURCHASE OF A SIX-TON DIESEL TYPE ROAD ROLLER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th July, 1937, R/IR/20, stating that the Minister had approved of the proposal of the Donegal County Council to accept the tender of Messrs. Aveling & Barford for the supply of a six-ton Diesel type Road Roller at a cost of £678 : 5 : 0.

Councillor Lynch criticised the wisdom of purchasing a Diesel type Road Roller, and strongly advocated the use of a Steam-roller.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, disagreed with the suggestions of Councillor Lynch.

On the suggestion of the Secretary, the Council again unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the raising of a loan of £680, re-payable over a period of five years, to cover the cost of the Roller.

910/37. UNIVERSITIES AND IRISH.

A letter was read from the Department of Education dated 14th July, 1937, Ed. 942/37, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution recommending the holding of an Inquiry into how far the Universities and Constituent Colleges have adjusted their educational programme so as to ensure the greatest possible services from them on the policy of national re-construction.

911/37. DRIVING LICENCE OF JAMES KEE, CAPPRY, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th July, 1937, MT/221/14A., inquiring what steps had been taken to have the Driving Licence of James Kee, Cappry, Ballybofey, surrendered.

912/37. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL AND ROAD ADMINISTRATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th July, 1937, R/RS/1, referring to the resolution adopted by the Council regarding roads and roads administration, and stating that the Minister saw no reason for the setting up of such a Committee as suggested by the Council's resolution. The proposal for the issue of a loan financed by the Road Fund was not feasible. The diversion of the grants provided annually for improvement works to the re-payment of loan charges in respect of borrowed monies would prove uneconomic. Further, the present indebtedness of the fund in respect of advances from the Exchequer precluded any recourse to such a method of financing road expenditure.

913/37. COAST EROSION AT BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 15th July, 1937, S.W.1/3/1., referring to the Secretary's letter regarding coast erosion at Bundoran, and stating that they had received no representations from the Bundoran U.D.C. in the matter, and in any event a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote could not be recommended for the protection of private property. If, however, the property of the Urban Council was affected or threatened by the erosion complained of, the proper course would be for the Urban Council to report the facts to the Local Government Department for consideration as to whether a grant-in-aid could be recommended.

On the motion of Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Bundoran Urban District Council.

914/37. SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME, 1937.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 14th July, 1937, E.2147/36, stating that as the Council had adopted local Sheep Dipping Regulations supplies of Sheep Dipping Forms or Sheep Dipping Posters would not be sent to the Council or to the Garda Síochána in the County.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 29th June, 1937, L.2234/37, inquiring what steps had been taken by the Council to secure, during the ensuing dipping period, the effective operation of the Order in their administrative area.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th July, 1937, L.2234/37, acknowledging the receipt of minutes of the Sheep Dipping Committee at their Meeting on the 22nd June, and stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the appointment by the Council of the twenty Sheep Dipping Inspectors mentioned, with remuneration at the rate of £2 per week.

915/37. REFUND OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY TO DR. M. J. MCCOLGAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th July, 1937, R/MT/7.rfd., relative to the question of a refund of motor licence duty to Dr. McColgan, and stating that there was no provision for a refund in the circumstances.

916/37. PAYMENT OF HARBOUR DUES BY THE M.V. "AGIENA" AT DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th July, 1937, G.59683/37, Dun na nGall., regarding the payment of Harbour Dues by the M.V. "Agiena" at Downings, and stating that the Minister had no functions in this matter.

917/37. WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 8th July, 1937, E.5709/36, regarding the failure of certain stock-owners to dress their cattle as prescribed by the Warble Fly Order, and inquiring the result of the action taken by the Council in the matter.

918/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Eighter Island; Cloghan; Goorey; Castlefin; and Raws Upper.

919/37. EMPLOYMENT OF MR. FRANCIS HERRON AS TEMPORARY CLERK IN CONNECTION WITH THE WARBLE FLY ORDER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 14th July, 1937, L.2845-37, inquiring the circumstances in which Mr. Francis Herron was employed as a Clerk under the Warble Fly Order without the prior approval of the Minister for Agriculture.

A further letter dated 22nd July, 1937, L.2845/37, was read from the Department of Agriculture stating that, in the circumstances mentioned, the Minister would offer no objection to the employment of Mr. Francis Herron for the period from 3rd May to 17th July at remuneration of £2 per week.

920/37. PARTICULARS OF THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 19th July, 1937, Circ. No. 88/37, enclosing form for particulars of the indebtedness of the Local Authority at the 31st March, 1937.

921/37. WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER, 1936.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 7th July, 1937, L.2855/37, enclosing form for a return of the total number of premises visited for the first time by each of the temporary Warble Fly Inspectors employed by the Council during the prescribed treatment period. The Minister would also be glad to be favoured with any observations which the Council might be in a position to offer in regard to the general working of the Order.

922/37. OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE ALONG CLOGHAN-BALLYBOFEY ROAD.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs applying for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line along the Cloghan-Ballybofey Road from existing line near Cloghan to Cloghan Lodge.

Permission was granted on the 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 were concerned, to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

923/37. ERECTION OF HUT BY THE CUSTOMS PREVENTIVE STAFF AT LETTER BRIDGE, PETTIGO.

A letter was read from the Board of Works stating that the Revenue Commissioners had asked them to provide at Letter Bridge about two miles from Pettigo on the Main Road to Belleek, a small hut (approximately 6 feet by 9 feet) for the use of the Preventive Staff. They wished to apply for permission to erect this hut, which would be sectional, and which would be erected on the roadside in a manner that would not cause any inconvenience to traffic.

Permission was granted, subject to the approval of Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor.

924/37. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £250 to cover the employment of Temporary Clerks engaged in connection with the expenditure of Road Grants.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government for sanction for the expenditure of this amount.

925/37. PROPOSED BORROWING OF LOAN OF £20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A WATER SUPPLY FOR THE ROSSES DISTRICT.

At the request of Councillor Gallen, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was further adjourned:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £20,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply in the Rosses District of County Donegal."

926/37. REQUEST TO HAVE SPEED LIMIT FIXED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES PASSING THROUGH TOWNS.

A letter was read from Councillor Kelly enclosing a petition from a number of residents of Ballintra asking to have a speed limit affixed to all Motor Vehicles passing through Ballintra.

On the motion of Councillor Kelly it was agreed, after a lengthy discussion, to request the Minister to fix a speed limit of 15 miles per hour for all towns and villages in the County having a population of 100 and upwards.

927/37. APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER FOR THE ROSSES ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 8th July, 1937, R/IR/81, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal of the Council to appoint an Engineer in charge of the Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme at a remuneration of £8 : 8 : 0 per week.

In response to the Council's advertisement, applications for the position of Temporary Engineer were submitted from the following:-

Philip Brady, c/o Lynch's, Bishopsgate, Mullingar.

Charles De Rosairo, 15, Ardbeg Street, Crosshill, Glasgow, S.2.

Dudley Alphonsus O'Gara, Riverstown, Co. Sligo.

The following candidates renewed the applications which they had made in December, 1936, when the position was originally advertised:-

Thomas William Callagy, 77, Cabra Park, Dublin.

Richard Westropp George, Sessiagh Lodge, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.

Bernard Patrick Kennedy, Rose Lodge, Howth, Co. Dublin.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported that he had examined the applications very carefully, and he concluded that Mr. Thomas W. Callagy was best suited for the position.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Callagy.

928/37. APPLICATION BY MR. JOSEPH GALLAGHER, GLENTIES, FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Council again considered the question of accepting Mr. Michael Gallagher, Stranaglough, Glenties, as surety for Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Glenties, in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Secretary stated that Michael Gallagher was rated in the townland of Stranaglough for "House, Offices, and Land"; acreage, 29a. 3r. 20p.; P.L.V. £6 :15 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to accept Mr. Michael Gallagher.

929/37. APPLICATION BY MR. JOHN GALLAGHER, FALCARRAGH, FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th July, 1937, H.57804/37, Dun na nGall., relative to the application of Mr. John Gallagher, Main Street, Falcarragh, for an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and stating that having regard to the fact that a grant of £80 had already been paid for the erection of this house, the Minister considered that the advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should not exceed £330.

A letter was read from Mr. John Gallagher, Main Street, Falcarragh, stating that he was prepared to accept a loan of £330, or a smaller sum, if necessary.

930/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th April, 1937, C.87.57/1/36, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Cornelius Carr, Balure, Downings, regarding the construction of steps in the existing Pier at Downings. They wished to be furnished with the Council's observations on the letter, and, meanwhile, the starting of the construction of the steps had been postponed, pending confirmation that the works already approved by the Council might be put in hands.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Gallagher, Hon. Secretary, Downings Pier Committee, stating that the Pier Committee had unanimously approved of the Plan and details, and all the regulations embodied in same, and they wished the Council to have the proposed additional landing facilities proceeded with immediately.

Councillor Baxter proposed and it was unanimously agreed to refer the matter back to the local Piers Committee with a request that they consider it at Meeting duly summoned, and, in the meantime, to adjourn consideration of the letter from the Board of Works.

931/37.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall Committee, Dungloe, stating that the Hall Committee had instructed him to inform the Council that they had spent an enormous sum of money in carrying out improvements to the Hall. They had laid a new floor at a cost of £100; provided sanitary accommodation at a cost of £50; erected a porch at a cost of £120; and put in a new range at a cost of £20; making a total expenditure of £290. They were of opinion that the Hall was now in a very satisfactory condition, and they were not prepared to incur any further expenditure.

Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:- "On Tuesday, 13th July, I interviewed Mr. Walsh, Secretary, Dungloe Hall Committee, re heating of Courthouse. I discussed the matter fully with him and he pointed out that his Committee had agreed to erect porch at Stage exit, but that they were not yet in a position to carry out the work as they had been at considerable expense in improving the Hall. He would, however, put the matter before his Committee, and would later inform the Council of their decision. In view of the Committee's decision not to incur any further expense, I would suggest that the Council provide and fit two portable Aladdin Paradiant Fires at a cost of £5 : 10 : 0 each.

These, in my opinion, will provide adequate heating accommodation for the Court and can be lit at a moment's notice. The running expenses will be comparatively cheap, and the initial expense is about ten times cheaper than that of installing a low pressure hot water system.

The Committee should be pressed to fulfil their promise re erecting porch at Stage exit as this door is in line with the position usually taken up by the District Justice."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report, and to forward a copy of it to the Local Government Department. (L.G.D.'s reference, 1/6/37, G.43408/37, Dun na nGall.)

932/37.

ERECTION OF STONE FENCE ALONG GLENTIES-DUNGLOE ROAD.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:- "On Wednesday, 21st July, I inspected stone fence erected on Glenties-Dungloe Road by Mr. Columb Boyce, Mulnamina, Glenties. While agreeing that Mr. Boyce should have obtained the Council's sanction before interfering with a County fence, I recommend that legal proceedings be dropped in this matter in view of the nature of the fence erected. The fence, with which he re-placed existing sod fence is a pretty good stone fence built in line with existing fence. Mr. Boyce could sign an Agreement to maintain the fence or remove it, if and when called upon by the County Council to do so. I saw no evidence of water-table being choked at the time of my inspection."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report.

933/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD CONTRACTS.

As instructed by the Council at their last Meeting (Minute No. 817/37 C.C.), Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Re claim of Patrick Gamble, Sessiaghlong, Castlefin, for work done on roads, Map Nos. 1411 and 1479, I have to report that accompanied by Mr. Callaghan, Assistant County Surveyor, and Mr. Gamble, I made a thorough inspection of these roads and fully investigated the claim. Gamble was of opinion that he had signed a Bond in 1935 giving him the contract of these roads for two years. In point of fact the Bond was for one year only. Gamble also maintains that Mr. Callaghan told him in October, 1936, that he had the contract of these roads for 1936/37. Mr. Callaghan has no recollection of this. There are three piles of stone on roads, one of which was condemned by Mr. Callaghan in 1935. I measured the other two heaps, and allowing for four horse loads of stone which Gamble maintains he used in darning, I found the total tonnage for the two roads to be 16 ton. The Contract amount for the two roads is 30 ton. The metal measured was unsuitable, some of it being 4" and 6" stone. I could see very little evidence of darning and none of surface-work such as lining, cleaning of water-tables, and opening of outlets.

In view of the misunderstanding about the Contracts, I would suggest that the Council allow Gamble at the rate of 4/- per ton for the above 16 tons, making a sum of £3 : 4 : 0 in all. This stone can then be napped and used on Direct Labour work on these roads."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report.

934/37.

CLEANING OF STORAGE BATTERIES AT LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

In response to the Council's advertisement one Tender was submitted for the cleaning of the storage batteries at Lifford Courthouse; it being that of Mr. Thomas May, Great James Street, Derry, for £7 : 4 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to accept Mr. May's Tender.

935/37.

CLEANING OF STRANORLAR COURTHOUSE.

In response to the Council's advertisement only one Tender, that of Mr. Hugh Harkin, Stranorlar at £3, was submitted for the cleaning of Stranorlar Courthouse.

The Council unanimously decided to accept Mr. Harkin's Tender.

936/37.

PAINTING WORKS AT THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD.

In response to the Council's advertisement, the following Tenders were submitted for painting works at the County House, Lifford:-

Mr. Andrew Gallagher, Townparks, Lifford.

Internal Painting.....£92 : 12 : 0.

External Painting.....£25 : 10 : 0.

TOTAL.... £118 : 2 : 0.

Mr. James McCosker, Lifford.

Internal Painting.....£87 : 15 : 6.

External Painting.....£21 : 10 : 0.

TOTAL.... £109 : 5 : 6.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the tender of Mr. James McCosker, for both internal and external painting.

937/37.

ERECTION OF FENCE ON ROADWAY IN THE VILLAGE OF KERRYKEEL.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported that Mr. Patrick Coyle of Kerrykeel was building a wall in Kerrykeel Street.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct Mr. Caffrey to interview Mr. Coyle in the matter, and failing satisfactory arrangements to authorise Mr. Caffrey to institute proceedings.

938/37.

CLAIM IN RESPECT OF INJURIES CAUSED BY EXPLOSION.

A letter was read from Mr. James P. Sweeney, Solicitor, Falcarragh, stating that he had been instructed by Miss Mary Boyle, Glonahilt, Burtonport, to claim damages on her behalf for an accident which occurred to her on the Burtonport-Keadue Road on the 31st May. She was cycling on the public road, and blasting operations were being carried out by the Council's employees, and an explosion occurred, the result of which was that she was struck by some of the stones and seriously injured. Her bicycle was also damaged.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported on the matter.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee for consideration.

939/37.

PIPE ON LEABGARROW-LIGHTHOUSE ROAD, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Jack Bonner, Scragatoke, Arranmore, referring to the cleaning of a pipe, and stating that he agreed with the statement of the Acting County Surveyor that Mr. Kearney was quite within his rights in having the pipe cleaned. The pipe had not been cleaned for fifty years, and he had outhouses constructed in the bottom of the river owing to the fact that no water flowed there. This property would now be carried away unless the Council allowed him some cement for the construction of a concrete wall about five yards long to protect the property.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"On Monday, 12th July, I inspected the pipe complained of at Scragatoke, Arranmore. In view of the length of time this pipe had remained in a choked condition, I would now recommend the Council to allow Mr. Bonner the necessary cement asked for, i.e. 10 cwt. of cement."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report.

940/37.

ILLNESS OF MR. JOHN CAFFREY, COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate dated 7th July, 1937, was submitted from the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey was still in Hospital and under his care, and would not be able to resume work for at least one month from that date.

The Council unanimously decided to continue sick leave to Mr. Caffrey.

941/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED TO THE FROSSES-DRUMAGRAA ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McGuire, Drumagraa, Frosses, stating that he had never been paid for a quantity of stones put out on the Frosses-Drumagraa Road about eight months ago.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"This man has now been paid for the stone. The delay was due to the fact that he was not instructed by Mr. Lennon to put them up, and it was some time before Mr. Lennon was convinced that he was instructed by the previous Surveyor, Mr. W. J. Doherty, to do so. He has been paid on Paysheet for the fortnight ending 17th July, 1937."

The Council noted the report.

942/37.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CORONER FOR DONEGAL DISTRICT.

Dr. E. F. O'Sullivan, Mountcharles, Coroner for the Donegal District, notified the Council of his appointment of Mr. John H. Barry, Solicitor, Donegal, as his Deputy Coroner.

The Chairman approved of the appointment.

943/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR BLUE CLAY ALLEGED TO BE QUARRIED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MR. P. DAWSON.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McKendrick, Kirkstown, Letterkenny, stating that in January, 1935, during the illness of the late Mr. Michael Dawson, he lifted five or six hundred tons of blue clay on the instructions of Mr. Patrick Dawson. The clay was never used, and he had suffered a severe loss by the quarrying of it, as the field was now too dangerous to allow cattle into it. He wished to be compensated for his loss.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, submitted the following report from Mr. J. G. McIvor:-

"I have inspected the blue clay referred to by Mr. McKendrick. About 20 tons was put on the road, paid for, and partly used. So far as I could see about 40 tons remains in the field. We have no use whatever for this material. I suggest the matter be referred to Mr. Patrick Dawson, or that nominal compensation be given for surface damage, which is very small."

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Patrick Dawson for his observations.

944/37. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Sheils, Downings, regarding the surface carting work on the road leading from Downings, via Atlantic Drive. He was the contractor on part of that road for twenty years, and now he had been knocked out of his job and preference given to Mr. Maurice Carr, Ardbane, Downings. This man was already employed by the Council as a Supervising Ganger, and his horse and cart were working on surface work in charge of another man. Carr was a single man with an economic holding, and he was a married man with a family to support.

Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Mr. Carr's horse was used for two days by Council surface-man while the regular carter's horse was lame. This was only a loan of the animal."

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

945/37. MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT, 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th June, 1937, RGM/201/37, stating that the amount of the Main Road Upkeep Grant for the year 1937/38 had been provisionally fixed at £11,791, and setting out the conditions on which the Grant would be payable.

946/37. CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IN THE ANNAGRY DISTRICT BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 11th June, 1937, P.79337/36, stating that they are prepared to sanction a free grant for the repair of a road shown A-B and the construction of a road shown B-C on attached map, provided the Council agree to take over and maintain the roads on completion. The Land Commission would carry out the work 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.

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

"Irish Land Commission letter, 11th June, 1937, P.79337/36, stating that they are prepared to sanction a free Grant for the repair of a road shown A-B, and the construction of a road shown B-C on the attached map in the Annagry District, provided the Council agree to take over and maintain the roads on completion."

From an inspection I have made of the road, I would not advise the Council to enter into any Agreement unless a definite undertaking is given by the Irish Land Commission that they are prepared to carry out the work in strict accordance with the requirements of the County Council."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report, and to forward a copy of it to the Irish Land Commission.

947/37.

APPOINTMENT OF WEEKLY WAGES COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter, the following were appointed as members of the Weekly Wages Committee:-

Councillor Greerand.
Councillor Mahony.
Councillor McGren.
Councillor McGrenra.

948/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-ROLLING OF ROAD IN FRONT OF PREMISES AT MEENDERRYGAMPH, GWEEDORE.

Letters were read from Mr. Michael Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, regarding the non-rolling of the road in front of his premises, and stating that he only objected to stones being placed opposite his premises. Stones were piled along the fences of his farm, and had been for a long number of years.

Mr. J. G. McIvor, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"There is no foundation for the multitude of charges brought by Mr. Doogan. I have instructed Ganger to roll road before his premises. Incidentally, his action in refusing to allow metal to be piled substantially increases cost of rolling."

The Council noted the report.

949/37. ACCOMMODATION FOR STORAGE OF MACHINERY AND TOOLS IN THE KILLYBEGS AREA.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Lennon applying for storage accommodation for tools and machinery in the Killybegs District. Mrs. Brady, Killybegs, was willing to let him have the use of a suitable store and yard at a rent of 5/- per week.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, it was unanimously decided to accept the ~~store~~ and yard at the rent quoted.

950/37. ACCOMMODATION FOR STORAGE OF MACHINERY AND TOOLS IN THE STRANORLAR AREA.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan stating that Mr. Smith, Agent for the Hayes Estate, had agreed to accept the Council's offer of £10 per annum for a lock-up shed for machinery and tools in Stranorlar.

The Council decided to accept the accommodation at the rent stated.

951/37. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mrs. B. McCloskey, Carrigart, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by her in connection with the opening of the public roadway.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

952/37. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

Hugh O'Donnell, Meenacary, Carrick.
Denis Quinn, Greenans, Glenties.
Denis Brennan, Buncrana.
Mrs. Mary McKelvey, Ardlaghan, Cloghan.
Charles Ward, Glenties.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the licences.

953/37. COMPLAINT RE DUMPING OF CLAY ON PROPERTY AT CARRIGANS.

A letter was read from Messrs. Caldwell & Robinson, Solicitors, Derry, stating that Mr. John McIlwaine, Dunmore, Lodge, Carrigans, had informed them that one of the Council's contractors, Mr. John McGill, was at present dumping clay excavated from the side of the road at Carrigans on to the holding of Mr. McIlwaine's tenant, Mr. John Rodgers. The dumping of this clay would interfere with the free use of the flax dams on the holding.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGill, Kinnycally, St. Johnston, enclosing letter from Mr. John Rodgers, White House, Carrigans, stating that it was with his authority and at his request that Mr. McGill dumped the clay in a hollow in his garden, and he trusted there would soon be more forthcoming.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Messrs. Caldwell & Robinson that the Council had no control over their Contractors.

954/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM THORR SCHOOL TO MEENCORWICK.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean McMonagle, Thorrr N.S., Crolly, complaining of the condition of the road from Thorrr School to Meencorwick. It was utterly impassable, and he understood there was a grant for it, and he wished it could be expended as soon as possible.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

955/37. CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Cannon, Carrowcannon, Falcarragh, drawing attention to the damage that the Carrowcannon (Ray River) was doing to his lands. Every flood that came carried away a considerable portion of the soil. There was a heap of stones and gravel opposite his ground which drove the water out of its course. If the obstruction was removed and the water allowed to flow in the original channel it would be a great improvement.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

956/37. PROPOSED PROVISION OF WINCH AT PORTNABLAGH.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, dated 27th May, 1937, W.14/51/35, stating that representations had been made by the fishermen of Portnablagh and Breeghy Head as to the need for a winch at Portnablagh to facilitate them in hauling their boats. As the landing facilities at Portnablagh were in the control of the Council, the Minister would be glad to learn whether the Council would be prepared to make arrangements for the provision of a winch as requested.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"From inquiries I have made, it appears that only one boat is kept at Portnablagh. Three other boats use the Harbour, but two of these are ordinarily kept at Dunfanaghy and the third is kept at Cloinman. The boats when they are beached are left on the foreshore, which is claimed by Mr. John Mullin of Breeghy. A winch placed on the Pier would be of no utility whatever for drawing up the boats - to be of any advantage it would need to be placed on the lands of John Mullin. I discussed the matter with the Harbour Master, and he seems to be of opinion that there is no necessity for a winch."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. Caffrey's report, and to forward a copy of it to the Department of Agriculture.

957/37. USE OF HALL IN MOVILLE FOR REVISION COURT.

A letter was read from the County Registrar enclosing account of 10/- for use of Hall in Moville for Revision Court last March.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

958/37.

COMPLAINT RE EMPLOYMENT OF RAILWAY LORRIES FOR HAULING
OF ROAD MATERIAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Eugene McLaughlin, Benduff, Carndonagh, complaining of the employment of Railway Lorries in hauling sand and gravel for use on roads. A new County Road was being made at Benduff, and sand and gravel could be had up to any tonnage for the carting, but instead the Railway Lorries were instructed to haul sand from Glentogher a distance of well over seven miles.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Reference to your letter of 30th June re above, from my experience there is no sand or gravel that could be shovelled from the river bed to roadway that would be suitable for tar work as stated by Mr. McLaughlin.

His principal grievance to my mind is that he is entirely against the use of gravel or sand as a substitute for chips, simply because he has a monopoly of whinstone quarries in this particular district.

Re County Road at Benduff referred to, this Road No. 217, April, 1937, Map No. 91c., passes McLaughlin's house, and has been offered for contract for the past two years and no tender was received. If McLaughlin was so anxious to get rid of the material referred to, why did he not take the contract of same?

The gravel used for repairing the road was the surplus left over after last year's tarwork was completed. There is always an unlimited supply of gravel at Glentogher as the Bridges have to be continually kept clear. There was no complaint from this gentleman last season as he was then engaged in supplying gravel to the Alcohol Factory at Carndonagh, and as he has a large quantity still on hands, he is now apparently very anxious to get the County Council to rid him of this."

A discussion followed regarding the advisability of using lorries for hauling road materials.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, contended that it would not be economic to use horses and carts for distances exceeding two miles.

Councillor Lynch disputed the Acting County Surveyor's statement, and it was agreed to ask the Acting County Surveyors to use horses and carts as far as practicable.

959/37.

PANELTON PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Jordan, Harbour Master, Ramelton, stating that the S. S. "Mythburn" when leaving Ramelton Pier on the evening of the 9th July came in contact with one of the fenders alongside the Pier, and carried half of top of it away. He suggested that iron bands be put on top of the remaining fenders to keep them from opening with exposure to the weather.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

Councillor Baxter suggested that the Harbour Master be empowered to pay workers out of dues collected, as he stated it was impossible to get men to perform small jobs when they had to wait for payment in the ordinary course.

The Secretary stated that it was most irregular to have the Harbour Master deducting monies from the Tolls received, and it was decided to ask him to pay the men himself, and to furnish the accounts to the Council when he would be recouped.

960/37.

STORAGE OF TOOLS ON THE ROSSES ROAD GRANT.

A letter was read from Mr. Neil O'Donnell (Brian), Annagry, enclosing account for £1 : 10 : 0 for storage of tools on Rosses Road Grant for a period of fifteen weeks.

Mr. Hackett, Engineer-in-Charge, reported that this man had submitted a corrected account for 15/-, which amount had been paid.

961/37.

ANNUAL LEAVE FOR WORKERS UNDER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT
ACT.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"Under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, each worker who is continuously employed is entitled to six days' annual leave with full pay. Included in this category are surface-men, and Machinery Drivers and Flagmen. There is good authority for believing that Gangers are not entitled to it. The procedure adopted in some other Counties is to close down all work for a week. It would not be advisable to adopt such a practice this year because the work of rolling and breaking is very much behind hand. To cope with the work which was occasioned by the large Unemployment Grants of last winter, additional machinery has been hired. Even with this and our own machinery going at full pressure, it has not been possible to bring the work up to date. An idea of the time that would be lost by stopping for a week can be got by considering that as far as Rollers are concerned it would be equivalent to one Roller being stopped for a period of almost four months. For breakers a corresponding state of affairs would apply. The necessity for keeping the machinery going, as far as possible, is, therefore, apparent. In a large number of cases the Flagmen would be able to carry on as Drivers, and in cases where they are not, an effort could be made to get Drivers. I would suggest that a set of additional flagmen be employed for a period of two weeks. They would re-place the flagmen for the first week, and these on returning would act as Drivers, letting the Drivers get their leave. The permanent flagmen could be paid Drivers' wages for this week, and in this way the machinery would be kept going.

The question of leave for surfacemen presents no unusual features. Leave could be granted to them during the same week as last year. That would be from 23rd August. The flagmen could get the same week, and the Drivers the following week. If the Council decide that Gangers are to get leave, local arrangements could be made by the surfacemen to re-place them."

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor McClafferty seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Report be adopted, and it was also decided to grant annual leave to the Gangers.

962/37.

SENTINEL WAGGON NO. 11.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"This machine has not been in use for over a year, and I would recommend that it be disposed of by advertising and selling it. Originally, it was bought to build up the roads of the Aileach district, where there is no suitable local stone, and where road metal had to be brought a considerable distance. It did very good work in its day, and has paid for itself years ago. Its weight was one of its drawbacks. With an unladen weight of over three tons, it carried nine tons of metal. As it ran on solid tyres, many roads with a weak foundation were cut up by it. Owing to its large capacity it was economical only when filled by means of special tumbling-boxes which reduced the filling delay. This greatly reduced its sphere of usefulness. It was employed principally in taking from Gorey Quarry the metal which made up most of the roads from Buncrana to Letterkenny, and back towards Lifford. These roads have now been all made up, Gorey Quarry has become impossible to work, and the Sentinel Waggon is suffering from old age. Three years ago it was found that metal could be carried by lorries more cheaply, and since then very little work has been done with this machine. Latterly it has been constantly requiring repairs, and became very uneconomical to maintain on that account. I think the present would be a suitable time to sell it."

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

963/37.

LEVEL CROSSING AT BUNCRANA RAILWAY STATION.

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

"As a result of the deputation which called on Mr. Whyte, the Manager of the Lough Swilly Railway Co., and a number of subsequent discussions which I had with him, a plan has been evolved whereby the road can be straightened at Buncrana Level crossing. At present there is an "S" bend at this point, which not only obscures the view, but also constricts the effective width of the road. The road in question is considered to be the most heavily-trafficked road in the County. My opinion all along has been that a partial easing of the bend was not worth undertaking, and that the straightening of the road completely was the only thing to be considered. This, however, presented several difficulties. Not only would it entail much longer crossing gates with the consequent difficulty in hanging them, but the new course of road would go through a signal cabin and a set of points where the lines from both platforms join. This set of points was the real stumbling-block as it was not possible to move it nearer to the Station. The credit for the solution to the problem is due to the late Mr. Newell, the Company's Engineer, whose recent death has come as a great shock to us all. The suggestion is to lay a connecting line further back in the Station, and terminate the two platform lines before coming to the road. The question of the gates will not arise, as the Company are closing the branch line, and gates will be no longer required. The Company do not require compensation for the land taken, as the old course of the road will revert back to them, and they will, therefore, lose nothing.

The alterations necessary in laying the connecting line, the removal of the signal cabin, etc. will cost between £40 and £50, and the Railway Company naturally expect that the County Council will recoup them whatever expenses these alterations will entail. I would, therefore, like to ask the Council to sanction this recoupment before I undertake the work of straightening the road."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the report, and to authorise the necessary expenditure.

964/37.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A COMPRESSOR.

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

"Owing to the necessity for a high labour content in the Unemployment Grants, we have been doing a considerable amount of quarrying by Direct Labour. The rock in most cases has to be blasted, and the drilling of it by hand labour is uneconomical.

A very considerable improvement in efficiency could be effected if this boring was done by means of a compressor and rock drill. A much larger quantity of stone could be quarried, and consequently longer stretches of road could be improved with the money available. For this reason, I would recommend the purchase of a compressor and rock drill. In order to be really effective it would require to be mounted on well-sprung wheels for fast towing, as it would be my intention to use it concurrently in a large number of places. One day's drilling with it in a quarry would be sufficient to carry on work for a week or perhaps a fortnight, and it could then move on to a second quarry, and in that way cover a considerable amount of ground. A suitable compressor of this type could be had for approximately £350. It would be bought out of the Machinery Account, and would pay for itself in a short time."

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

965/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Bertram Barton, Solicitor, Portsalon, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. Eddie Carr, Tullynadall, Kindrum, to apply for payment of £4 : 9 : 0, price of stones and flags supplied by him during March and April, 1937.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

966/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF FOOTPATH AND MANHOLE AT BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mrs. Annie Campbell, Burtonport, again complaining of the footpath in front of her premises, and stating that Mr. Kearney's version of the matter was all wrong. The footpath at Burtonport had a cement kerb until it reached her premises. The manhole in front of her premises would have to be removed as the stench from it on a hot day was terrible.

The matter was referred to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, for investigation and report.

967/37. DAMAGE TO RATHMULLAN PIER BY THE M. V. "KINDIESEL".

A letter was read from Messrs. P. McCallum & Sons, 1, Cathcart Street, Greenock, owners of the M. V. "Kindiesel" noting that the Council were claiming £10 for damages to the fender pile at Rathmullan Pier. Although their vessel did come into slight contact with the fender, the facing of the pile was in a very bad condition, and they did not see that they should be responsible for providing new facing. They would, however, be prepared to pay the sum of £5 in full settlement, and without prejudice of the alleged damage.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the offer.

968/37. COMPLAINT RE STOPPING OF WORK IN QUARRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Willie McGinty, Ballybobaneen, Cloghan, stating that the work in the local quarry was stopped some time ago, and inquiring when it would start again.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that it would be impossible at present to state when the quarry would be re-opened.

969/37. USE OF RATHMULLAN COURTHOUSE FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Deeney, Rathmullan, refusing to accept 5/- per day for the use of Rathmullan Courthouse at the verification of Weights and Measures. If the sum of £2 : 5 : 0 was not paid within seven days, he would be compelled to institute proceedings. He also wished to inform the Council that they were liable for payment of rates on the Courthouse, as their tenancy was yearly.

The Council unanimously decided to offer Mr. Deeney a sum of £1 : 10 : 0.

970/37. COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the County Librarian stating that there were three vacancies on his Committee caused by the deaths of Rev. J. Burns, P.P., Raphoe, and Mrs. D. Wilson, Raphoe; and the resignation of Rev. H. O'Donnell, Fahan.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Kavenagh it was unanimously decided to appoint Rev. B. Cunningham, P.P., Raphoe; Miss M. McKinley, Sessiaghmore, Castlefin; and Captain J. Scott, Co.C., Gort House, Fahan.

971/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Sweeney, c/o Drumbeg Hotel, Inver, applying for a position as Flagman on one of the Council's Rollers.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that there was no vacancy.

972/37. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD OPENING.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. J. McGrenaghan, Raphoe, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 lodged by her in connection with road opening.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the amount had been refunded.

973/37.

COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Pat Heeney, Aghragh, Carrick, stating that he got a card from the Labour Exchange telling him to apply for work on the road from Carrick to Teelin. He did apply but was refused work. Unless he was employed he would be unable to pay his rates in September.

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

"This man, Pat Heeney, Aghragh, Carrick, was requisitioned by Assistant Surveyor Lennon to work at Teelin on the 15th March, 1937. Heeney, together with five others, did not report for work, and were duly reported by Mr. Lennon in accordance with his instructions to the Employment Exchange. They were apparently still left on the Employment List, and he again requisitioned them a second time in May. They again failed to appear and he personally reported them to the Exchange. This job is now nearing completion and these men expect to receive employment in the last stages, when their services are not needed, and men are being laid off work.

When men were needed they refused on two occasions to report for work. Their services are not required at present."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

974/37.

APPLICATION BY MR. ANDREW HERON FOR REMUNERATION FOR EXTRA CLERICAL WORK PERFORMED.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Heron, County Surveyor's Office, Lifford, asking the Council to consider the question of granting him suitable remuneration for the extra clerical work which he had performed during the last twelve months.

The Council decided, on the motion of Councillor Baxter, to refer the matter to the Sub-Finance Committee.

975/37.

CAMPING OF GYPSIES ON PLOT OF GROUND AT RAPHOE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, stating that on various occasions the Medical Officer of Health at Raphoe had reported a nuisance through gypsies with caravans entering and remaining on the County Council plot there. As it had now been definitely established that the premises on which the nuisance arose were the property of the County Council, it would be well if the Council would take action to have the nuisance discontinued.

The Council decided to instruct Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, to inquire into the ownership of the plot from the Railway Company.

976/37.

APPLICATION BY MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, FOR REMUNERATION FOR ACTING IN THE DUNFANAGHY AREA.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Patrick Dawson applying for remuneration for his services as Assistant Surveyor in the Dunfanaghy District from the date of his son's death to the date on which Mr. E. K. McLaughlin took up duty.

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the remuneration which they had already proposed to allow Mr. Dawson, i.e. £5 : 5 : 0 per week for the period during which he acted.

977/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN THE INVER DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Hegarty, Building Contractor, Drumlaghtafin, Inver, calling attention to the bad state of the road serving the townlands of Keelogs, Drumlaghtafin, and Altcor. It was in such a bad state of repair that in places it was impassable, and it was the leading road between Inver and Ardara.

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

"The road complained of is still awaiting light Roller to roll in last year's material. It is scheduled for an Unemployment Grant in the coming winter. The statement that the road is impassable is a gross exaggeration."

The Council noted the report and considered it satisfactory.

978/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD NEAR MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Hamilton, Mountcharles, stating that he had a small field outside Mountcharles, and the road leading into it was so bad that for the past eight months he could not get an animal into it.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road.

979/37. COMPLAINT RE GANGER JOHN MCGINLEY, MANORCUNNINGHAM AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Callaghan, Ballylawn, Manorcunningham, stating that he was employed for some time on Quarry work at Newtowncunningham, under Mr. John McGinley, Ganger. Because he was not a Fianna Fail supporter McGinley took a dislike to him, and threatened to have him removed. He was struck with a jumper on the knee when quarrying and was off work for $4\frac{1}{2}$ days. McGinley told him not to speak about it and that he would get his full pay which he did get. After that, it was impossible to stand McGinley who stated that he took his orders from the Fianna Fail Club at Newtowncunningham, so he left the work, and he now wished the Council to inquire into the manner in which McGinley was carrying out his work.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGinley denying the allegations, of political prejudice, and admitting that he paid Callaghan for $4\frac{1}{2}$ days when he was off work.

The Council decided to reprimand McGinley, and to warn him that serious notice would be taken of any irregularities in future.

980/37. ROAD METAL FOR FOXHALL-DOOEN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McDaid, Prucklish, Newmills, stating that he understood that the Council required road metal for the Foxhall-Dooen Road, and, if so, he had two large quarries which could supply it. He was contractor for No. 72, Map No. 1050, and he had put out 45 tons of broken stones, which he wished Mr. McIvor to inspect.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

981/37. CEAPACHAIN DE CIGIRE BIADH AGUS DRUGANNA.

Do leigheadh litir ó'n Ard-Cheannphort, Garda Síochána, Leitir Ceanainn, ag iarraidh ar an Comhairle Conndae Garda Seamus O'Mainnin, Na Cealla Beaga, a cheapadh mar Cigire um Bhiadh agus Druganna i n-ionad Sairsint P. Proinnseis.

Socrúigheadh an Chomhairle Garda O'Mainnin a cheapadh.

982/37. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR AT NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Letterkenny, asking to have Garda Patrick J. Garvin, Newtowncunningham, appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector in place of Garda Henry Martin.

The Council decided to appoint Garda Garvin.

983/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF STREAM IN THE STRANORLAR DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward O'Kane, Cavan, Killygordon, asking the Council to apply to the Board of Works for a grant to have the burn passing through the townlands of Lebadoo, Gortletra, Cavan, and Cooladawson, cleaned and deepened. The lands adjoining the burn on both sides were flooded and useless for cropping.

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

984/37. LISTS OF FARMERS CONVENIENT TO THE ALCOHOL FACTORIES.

A letter was read from the Managing Director, Saorstad Alcohol Factories, 81, Merrion Square, Dublin, enclosing cheque for £12 :16 : 2 in respect of preparation of lists of farmers living within a ten-mile radius of the Alcohol Factories at Lebbadish and Carndonagh.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle it was decided to authorise the Secretary to divide the amount amongst the different Officials who prepared the lists.

985/37. RATE COLLECTORSHIP, DISTRICTS 9 AND 14.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th July, 1937, G.60004/37, Dun na nGall., stating that, pursuant to the provisions of Article 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, the Minister would raise no objection to the amalgamation of Rate Collection Districts Nos. 9 and 14. As the amalgamated area was in the Gaeltacht, the Council should consider the arrangements to be made for the examination of the candidates in Irish. A copy of the advertisement might be submitted for approval prior to issue.

The Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Mahony, to make the appointment at the next Meeting of the Council on 31st August; Mr. Mahony stating that, in the meantime, he would lodge Notice of Motion for the amalgamation of the Districts as required by the Public Bodies Order.

It was decided to authorise the Secretary to engage one or two Examiners in Irish to examine the candidates on the morning of the Meeting; 40% marks to be necessary to qualify in either Oral or Written Irish.

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Confirmed.

Wm. J. Mahony

Chairman of County Council

31st August. 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1937.

986/37.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

987/37.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 27th July, 1937, were confirmed unanimously, on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty.

988/37.

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 27th July, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

989/37.

REPORTS OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings held on the 27th July, 1937, and the 3rd August, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

990/37.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 12th August, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

991/37.

ILLNESS OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR DAWSON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 21st July, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would offer no objection to the employment of Mr. E. K. McLaughlin, B.E., at a remuneration of £5 : 5 : 0 per week during the period of two months' sick leave allowed to Mr. Patrick Dawson, Assistant Surveyor.

992/37.

"AUTHORISED COMMITTEES" UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd July, 1937, G.59681/37, Dun na nGall., requesting that the Department be furnished with a statement of all the existing "Authorised Committees", the number of members of each such Committee, the ordinary days of Meeting and similar information regarding Committees referred to in the Council's resolution of the 30th June last (886/37), together with particulars of the expenditure on members' Travelling Expenses in each of the last three financial years.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th August, 1937, G.64855/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Finance Committee, Sub-Finance Committee, and Law Committee have already been recognised as "Authorised Committees" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and adding that the Minister sanctions the Scholarships, Sheep Dipping, and Warble Fly Committees being also made "Authorised Committees" under the Section referred to.

993/37. REDUCTION OF HOUSING GRANTS OWING TO FITTING OF IMPORTED FIRE GRATES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, dated 23rd July, 1937, enclosing copy of letter which had been addressed to the Secretary, Banagh Public Utility Society, in regard to the Society's application for a grant under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts, 1932 to 1936, in respect of the erection of a house for occupation by Patrick McHugh, Cranford, and stating that the amount of grant in this case had been reduced from £80 to £78 in view of the fact that two imported firegrates had been fitted.

Councillor McIvor protested against deductions from the Grants as in many cases the fire-grates purchased were not obtainable in the Free State.

He also complained of the delay in paying the Grants.

994/37. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY PAID.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 27th July, 1937, MT.7/Rfd., relative to the application of Dr. J. E. Snodgrass, Raphoe, for a refund of Motor Licence Duty in respect of Vehicle No. Z.3924, and inquiring the date on which the Vehicle was broken up. If the breaking up was due to an accident, the date of such accident should be given.

995/37. PROPOSED PROVISION OF A WINCH AT PORTNABLAGH.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, dated 28th July, 1937, W.14/51/35, stating that the Minister would be glad to learn that the Council had made arrangements for the provision of a winch at Portnablagh to facilitate fishermen in hauling up their boats. (956/37 C.C.)

996/37. AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR THE YEAR 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department enclosing Payable Order for £8,265 in respect of a further instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

997/37. APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th July, 1937, 60281/37, Ilgh. (Pe.), referring to applications being made for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of premises erected on holdings subject to Land Commission charges, and requesting that in future when applications are being submitted to that Department in such cases the Application Form should indicate, in addition to the usual particulars the townland and Land Commission Receivable Order Number of the applicant's holding.

998/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR BALLINTRA WATER SUPPLY.

The Secretary submitted Scaled Order No. P.H.50227/37, Dun na nGall (Pg.), determining the County Health District of Donegal as the Area of Charge for the purpose of providing and maintaining a water supply at Ballintra.

999/37. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - RECOUPMENT CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 5th August, 1937, requesting to be furnished with all outstanding claims for recoupment in respect of compensation paid for animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1937.

1000/37. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leightheadh litir ó Reinn Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Públí faoi dháta an 3adh lá de mhí Lughnasa, 1937, G.65527/37, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire um Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Públí do Chomhairle Comdae Dun na nGall airliúghadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £85,000 i gcoir costaisí reatha sealadacha.

Dubhairt an Runaidh go mbeadh £95,000 riachtanach go dtí an 30adh Meadhon Foghthair, 1937.

Socrúigheadh go n-íarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £95,000 go dtí an 30adh Meadhon Foghthair, 1937.

1001/37. APPOINTMENT OF MR. T. W. CALLAGY AS ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE OF THE ROSSES ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 5th August, 1937, R/RS/7, sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. T. W. Callagy as Engineer-in-Charge of the Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme at remuneration of £8 : 8 : 0 per week, with usual Travelling Expenses.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that Mr. Callagy ~~had~~ taken up duty on the 25th August, 1937.

1002/37. SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1937.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th August, 1937, L.2234/37, requesting to be furnished with two printed copies of the Sheep Dipping Regulations, 1937, adopted by the Council on the 30th June, 1937.

1003/37. EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERKS IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANT WORK.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th August, 1937, RU/203/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the provision of a further sum of £250 to cover the employment of temporary clerks engaged in connection with Grant Work.

1004/37. COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th August, 1937, G.67802/37, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 5th idem regarding Courthouse accommodation at Dungloe, and requesting that the Department be informed in due course of the action taken in the matter.

Councillor Walsh stated that the Hall Committee was now prepared to erect a porch at the side door.

The Council decided to ask the Department if they would accept as adequate this arrangement, together with the purchase of the two Aladdin Paradiant Fires. (931/37 C.C.)

1005/37. REPORT OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 17th August, 1937, P.H.70048/37, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 13th August, 1937, enclosing report of the Public Analyst for the quarter ended 30th June, 1937.

1006/37. PROPOSED PURCHASE OF COMPRESSOR PLANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 20th August, 1937, R/IR/20, stating that it was noted from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 27th July that it was proposed to purchase a Compressor Plant. Provided that Tenders for the supply of the Plant were invited by advertisement, the Minister approved of the proposal. (964/37 C.C.)

1007/37. RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1936.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th August, 1937, 27/4/37, enclosing form for completion in connection with the administration of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1936.

1008/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR REPAIR OF ROAD AT CLEAGH, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 19th August, 1937, C.4186/N.S., regarding the proposal submitted by the Council for repairing and draining a road between Shandrum Crossroads and Cleagh Crossroads in the townland of Cleagh, and stating that they were precluded from carrying out any works on this road under Minor Employment Schemes as it was a County Road.

1009/37. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY - DR. J. E. SNODGRASS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 13th August, 1937, MT.7/Rfd., referring to the Secretary's letter of the 9th August relative to the application of Dr. J. E. Snodgrass, Raphoe, for refund of Motor Licence Duty, and stating that on the presumption that Duty in respect of Vehicle No. Z.818 was paid on the 1st April last for the remainder of the current year, no refund could be allowed. If, however, the Duty had been paid in quarterly periods, the matter should be re-submitted, with particulars of such payments.

1010/37. ANNUAL LEAVE TO COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd July, 1937, F.H.58585/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister noted the granting to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, of three weeks' annual leave as from the 10th July. The Minister considered it advisable that County Medical Officers of Health, where possible, arrange to take the bulk of their annual leave during the period for which the Schools in the Counties were generally closed for holidays, and that the sanction of the Minister should be sought to the taking of such leave, and to the arrangements proposed for the discharge of their duties during their absence.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Board of Health.

1011/37. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES') ACT, 1926.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th August, 1937, S.35695/37, Ilgh. (S.C.), enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister in pursuance of Section 12 of the Local Authorities (Officers' and Employees') Act, 1926, assessing the amounts payable thereunder by the several Counties and County Boroughs in Saorstát Éireann in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1937. A Payable Order for £147 : 17 : 5, being the amount assessed on County Donegal, should be drawn in favour of the Minister for Local Government and forwarded to that Department.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

1012/37. COMPLAINT RE FINE FOR NOT BEING IN POSSESSION OF A DRIVING LICENCE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 4th August, 1937, MT/227, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Bernard Kelly, Frosses, in connection with a penalty imposed on him for not having been in possession of a Driving Licence.

1013/37. ESTATE DUTY GRANT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1937.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th August, 1937, enclosing Payable Order for £536 :17 : 5 in respect of balance of Estate Duty Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1937.

1014/37. TITLE DEEDS OF LETTERKENNY MENTAL HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

A letter was read from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, asking to have any title deeds held by the Council in connection with the Mental Hospital property.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McClafferty it was agreed to hand over to the Mental Hospital Committee all title deeds in connection with their Institution.

1015/37. CLAIM FOR TRESPASS ON THE FORESHORE AT BUNDORAN.

The Secretary submitted a Third Party Notice which had been served on him citing the Council as Third Party in an action by the Bundoran Urban District Council against Peter Flanagan, East Rock, Ballyshannon, for alleged trespass on the foreshore at Bundoran, and removing sand therefrom.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to take the necessary steps to protect the Council's interests.

1016/37. HAWSER AT BUNDORAN PIER.

Councillor McShea stated that the steel hawser at Bundoran Pier was worn out.

The Council decided to instruct the Acting County Surveyor to purchase a new hawser at a cost not exceeding £6.

1017/37. LOAN OF £3,100 FOR ACQUISITION OF SITE AT BALLYSHANNON FOR LABOURERS' COTTAGES, AND FOR PROVIDING NURSES' COTTAGES AT TORY ISLAND AND DONEGAL.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Gallen was, in his absence, proposed by Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Blaney, and 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 £3,100 for the purpose of acquisition of site at Ballyshannon for Labourers' Cottages, and for providing Nurses' Cottages at Tory Island and Donegal."

1018/37. LOAN OF £152,100 FOR THE PROVISION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES AND PLOTS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Gallen was, in his absence, proposed by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Blaney, and 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 £152,100 for the purpose of providing Labourers' Cottages and Plots under the Donegal County Health District Labourers' Acts Compulsory Purchase Order, 1937."

1019/37. DELAY IN INVESTIGATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Councillor McMenamin proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council request the Minister for Finance to expedite the investigations of applications for Old Age Pensions of applicants resident in the district of the Stranorlar Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee."

1020/37. PROPOSED LOAN OF £20,000 FOR WATER SUPPLY FOR THE ROSSES DISTRICT.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Gallen was adjourned until the next Meeting:- "That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £20,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply in the Rosses District of County Donegal."

1021/37. RATE COLLECTORSHIP, DISTRICTS 9 AND 14.

Councillor Mahony proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

"That the Council amalgamate Rate Collection Districts Nos. 9 and 14 to form a new Collection District consisting of the Electoral Divisions of Binbane, Bonnyglen, Eanymore, Inver, Ardara, Dawros, and Maas."

Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

A motion by Councillor Houston that the Districts remain separate as at present was withdrawn, and Councillor Mahony's proposal carried unanimously.

Applications for the position of Rate Collector were submitted from the following persons:-

Patrick P. Boyle, Letterilly, Glenties.
 Anthony F. Gallagher, Ballymacahill, Frosses.
 Edward Aloysius Gallagher, Bridge Street, Donegal.
 Francis Gallagher, Ardara.
 Francis Gallagher, Tullynaglaggin, Glenties.
 Michael McDaid, Brenter, Dunkineely.
 James McCahill, Meenagran, Frosses.
 Patrick Ward, Tangavane, Glenties.

The Secretary stated that Bankers' references had been submitted in the cases of the Sureties proposed by Messrs. Edward A. Gallagher, Francis Gallagher, Ardara, and Michael McDaid, and were considered satisfactory by the Sub-Finance Committee at their Meeting that morning.

The candidates had been examined in Irish, and the result of the Examination was as follows:-

<u>Name of Candidate.</u>	<u>Oral Irish.</u>	<u>Written Irish.</u>
Patrick P. Boyle.	5.	5.
Edward A. Gallagher.	36.	47.
Francis Gallagher, Ardara.	15.	0.
Francis Gallagher, Tullynaglaggin.	100.	80.
Michael McDaid.	5.	0.
Patrick Ward.	90.	34.

Messrs. Anthony F. Gallagher and James McCahill did not submit themselves for examination, and their applications were, accordingly, ruled out of order.

The Chairman proposed the appointment of Mr. Edward Aloysius Gallagher, who was the only candidate to comply with the conditions of the advertisement.

Councillor McShane seconded the proposal.

Councillor Brady proposed, as an amendment, that the applications of candidates be considered irrespective of whether they had qualified in Irish or not.

Councillor Walsh seconded.

The Chairman ruled Councillor Brady's amendment out of order, and in the absence of any other amendments, he declared Mr. Edward Aloysius Gallagher duly appointed.

1022/37. SALARY SCALE OF AN GARDA SIOTHCHANA.

Notices of Motion in the following terms standing in the names of Councillors Cole and McMenamin were proposed by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor McGlofferty, and supported by Councillor McMenamin;-and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council call upon the Minister for Justice to restore the "cuts" in the pay of the Garda Siothchana so as to bring their scale of salary into line with that of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and other Police Forces."

1023/37.

WAGES OF ENGINE-DRIVERS.

The following rescinding Notice of Motion signed by Councillors Mahony, Blaney, Crerand, McGrenra, Scott, and McMenamin, was proposed by Councillor Mahony, seconded by Councillor Blaney, and unanimously resolved:-

"That Minute No. 785/27 of the 30th August, 1927, be and is hereby rescinded in so far as it limits the annual increments of Engine-Drivers to 1/- per week, and that the annual increments of Engine-Drivers be now raised to 2/- per week."

Councillor Friel inquired why the wages of Flagmen and Road Workers generally were not also increased.

Councillor Blaney stated that he would lodge the necessary motion to cover Road Workers' wages generally when the time was opportune.

1024/37.

QUESTION OF APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERVISING RATE INSPECTOR.

Councillor Scott proposed, and Councillor McIvor seconded:-

"That this Council consider the question of the appointment of an Inspector for the supervision of the County Rate Collection."

Councillor Brady opposed the motion, and after some discussion it was agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Wagentreiber, to refer the matter to the Sub-Finance Committee for consideration.

1025/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH AND SEA WALL ALONG SEA FRONT AT MOVILLE.

Councillor McDaid proposed, Councillor Cole seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council ask the Board of Works for a grant of £300 to construct a footpath and sea wall along the sea front from the Old Wharf at Moville in a westerly direction for a distance of about 400 yards. This wall would protect the houses and property of 30 persons."

1026/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR PROTECTION FROM SEA EROSION AT BUNDORAN.

Councillor McShea proposed, Councillor Myles seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Board of Works be asked to provide the necessary protection against erosion from the sea at Bundoran."

1027/37.

USE OF SAND AND GRAVEL ON STREETS OF MOVILLE AND THE ADJOINING ROADS.

Councillor McDaid proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

"That the Council request the County Surveyor to use no more sand and gravel on the streets of Moville and adjoining roads as it is becoming a nuisance to the residents."

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1028/37.

FINES FOR NON-ACCEPTANCE OR RESIGNATION OF OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd July, 1937, P.H.59690/37, Dun na nGall., re draft bye-law on the subject of fines for non-acceptance or resignation of members, and stating that the proposed bye-law will have the effect of regulating fines on resignation or disqualification of members through absence.

The Secretary stated that public notice had been given for the adoption of the bye-law for the September Meeting of the Council.

1029/37.

FOOTPATHS OF BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR.

Councillor McMenamin proposed:- "That the Council complete the concreting of the footpaths in Ballybofey and Stranorlar out of the Grants allocated to the County."

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that a provisional allocation had been made from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38, for the concreting of the footpaths in Ballybofey and Stranorlar.

1030/37.

SHORTAGE OF ROAD MACHINERY IN THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th July, 1937, IR/81/2, referring to the Scheme for re-construction of roads in the Rosses Area, and stating that the Department's Engineering Inspector had reported that the work of surfacing had not yet begun owing to shortage of the necessary plant. Seeing that there was so little prospect of the hiring of suitable plant, the Council might consider the question of the purchase of further machines so as to ensure that this and other work on hands would be carried out without undue delay.

Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"I beg to apply for permission to purchase a six-eight ton Diesel Roller for the Southern Division of the County. This machine is urgently required to cope with the amount of Grant work at present on hand.

There are at present nine Road Rollers belonging to the County Council in the Southern end of the County. This plant, although supplemented by the hire of two additional Rollers, I have found inadequate for the work on hands, due to the fact that a number of the Council's Rollers are now rather old, and considerable time is lost during the year by stoppages for repairs."

The Council decided to authorise Mr. O'Reilly to invite tenders for the purchase of another Diesel Roller.

1031/37.

TEELIN FISH CURING STATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th August, 1937, S.64343/37, Dun na nGall, requesting an early reply to their letter of the 26th June last regarding the disposal of the premises of the Teelin Fish Curing Station.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he had no use for these premises, and the Council decided to ask the Department to lease the premises to the Sea Fisheries Association for the use of the local fishermen.

1032/37.

MALINBEG FISH CURING STATION.

A letter was read from Mr. J. L. Browne, District Office of Works, Lifford, inquiring if the Council would be interested in the Malinbeg Fish Curing Station premises.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that he had no use for these premises, and the Council decided to ask the Department to lease the premises to the Sea Fisheries Association for the use of the local fishermen.

1033/37.

BEACONS ERECTED AT ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 16th August, 1937, C.87.30/1/36, stating that the Concrete Beacons at Arranmore Island had now been completed to the satisfaction of their Engineer. They would, accordingly, be glad to hear that the Council had taken over the Beacons for future maintenance in accordance with their undertaking of the 30th June, 1937.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported that he inspected the Beacons on the 12th July, 1937, and that they could now be taken over by the Council.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to take over the Beacons for future maintenance.

1034/37.

LANDING-PLACE ON INISHIRRER ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 17th August, 1937, C.87.87/1/36, referring to correspondence regarding the construction of landing-place on Inishirrer Island, and stating that the late Mr. M. J. Dawson, Assistant County Surveyor, expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the work when he made a joint inspection of it with their Engineer. The alterations and improvements to the slipway, suggested in the Council's letter of the 31st August, 1936, could only be considered when the works already carried out had been taken over by the Council for future maintenance. They would, accordingly, be glad if the Council would agree to take over the slipway for future maintenance in accordance with their undertaking of the 30th January, 1934.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to take over the slipway for future maintenance.

1035/37.

DRAINAGE WORKS CARRIED OUT BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION AT FALCORRIB, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 17th August, 1937, P.36923/37, regarding work carried out by them on a drain in the townland of Falcorrib, and stating that they did not find it necessary to do any work on the culvert as it did not require any alteration, and they did not propose to take any action in this matter.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"When the Irish Land Commission were cleaning a drain at Falcorrib, a three-ope pipe on the County Road collapsed. They promised to have this repaired, but they have not since done so. As the collapse of the pipe was entirely due to the drainage work carried out by the Irish Land Commission, they are entirely responsible for this repair."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report, and to send a copy of it to the Irish Land Commission.

1036/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES AT MUCKROSS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 20th August, 1937, C.87.39/1/36, referring to previous correspondence relative to improved landing facilities at Muckross, and to the Council's undertaking to contribute 25% of the cost of the proposed works, and enclosing Receivable Order to enable the Council to lodge the sum of £129, the amount of their contribution. In accordance with the general procedure now being adopted, the proposed works would only be undertaken by them, subject to the terms of an Agreement, copies of which were enclosed, the acceptance of which by the Council should be indicated by the passing of a resolution agreeing to the conditions set out therein. On lodgment by the Council of their contribution to the cost of the works, and on their carrying out the requirements indicated, arrangements would be made to put the works in hand.

The Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Brady, to approve of the plan, specification, and estimate for the proposed works, and to accept the terms of the Agreement.

It was also decided to lodge the sum of £129.

1037/37.

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE ALONG ANNAGRY-RANAFEST ROAD.

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 Annagry-Ranafest Road.

Permission was unanimously granted 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.

1038/37. OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE ALONG MULLINBUOYS ROAD FROM RAILWAY CROSSING TO DRUMBEG HOUSE, INVER.

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 Mullinbuoys Road from the Railway Crossing to Drumbeg House.

Permission was unanimously granted 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.

1039/37. PROPOSED REPAIR OF MEENANILLAR-CORVEEN-GAELORE ROAD AND BRANCHES.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 21st August, 1937, P.44589/37, referring to extract from Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 30th June last regarding the proposed repair of the Meenanillar-Corveen-Gaelore Road and branches, and repair of bridge, and to the Council's agreement to take over the works if and when completed to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, and stating that the Land Commission could not see their way to carrying out these works subject to the condition referred to, and requesting the Council to take over permanently and maintain the roads and bridge when completed, and without conditions, on the understanding referred to in the Land Commission's letter of the 24th May last.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Irish Land Commission that the Council was not prepared to take over these works, unless they were completed to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. (798/37 C.C.)

1040/37. GULLY TRAP ON MAIN STREET, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Acting Clerk, Bundoran Urban District Council, stating that the gully on Main Street, Bundoran, opposite the premises of Mr. Traynor, requires repairs, as waste water is flowing on to the street.

The Acting Co. Surveyor, Mr. O'Reilly, submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. M. F. Cunningham:-

"The gully trap complained of is set under a water fountain belonging to the Bundoran Urban Council, and it is the waste from this fountain that is causing the alleged nuisance. The trap must have been put in by the Sanitary Authority to carry away the waste from the fountain that is placed within a few feet of the top of a gradient; as another trap only 60 feet further down is taking away the surface water from the road.

I would respectfully suggest that the Urban Council be asked to have the trap properly connected with the main sewer at the place, and abate this nuisance, or else have the fountain taken away from there."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Urban Council.

1041/37. REQUEST TO HAVE TAR IMPORTED AT BUNCRANA PORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Callaghan, Secretary, Buncrana Harbour Commissioners, requesting that tar used for roads in County Donegal be imported through a Port in the County, and stating that Buncrana Harbour was very suitable for this purpose.

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

"Apart from the question of cost, tar can only be imported by sea in minimum cargoes of 300 tons. Owing to the cut of £9,000 in the Main Road Estimate for the current year, the amount of tar we were able to buy was not up to the normal. All the supplies for the current year for the district that would be served by Buncrana Port only amounted to 160 tons."

The Council noted Mr. Caffrey's report.

1042/37.

SITES OF SHEEP DIPPING BATHS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th August, 1937, L.674/37, stating that it had been reported to that Department that in a number of instances Sheep Dipping Baths had been erected by Local Authorities on unsuitable sites, and that some of these baths were faulty with regard to plan and construction. The Minister, accordingly, desired to advise all Local Authorities concerned that the erection of Sheep Dipping Baths, or repairs to existing Baths involving any appreciable expenditure of public funds, should not be undertaken until the proposed sites and the plans of the Baths, or the proposals as regards repairs, had been inspected by a Departmental Veterinary Inspector and approved by the Minister.

The Council noted the matter.

1043/37.

ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. Taylor, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey, County Surveyor, was still in Hospital and under his care, and would not be able to resume work for at least one month from the 6th August, 1937.

The Council noted the Certificate.

1044/37.

SUPERANNUATION OF MESSRS. MICHAEL J. FAGAN AND MANUS O'FLAHERTY, FORMER OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTY DONEGAL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the County Donegal Committee of Agriculture enclosing extract from Minutes of Meeting of that Committee held on the 3rd August, 1937, relative to the superannuation of Messrs. Michael J. Fagan and Manus O'Flaherty, formerly employed as Itinerant Instructor in Agriculture and Secretary respectively under that Committee, under Section 5 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1936.

The Council noted the letter.

1045/37.

DONEGAL OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Williamson, Drimrooske, Donegal, Clerk, Donegal O.A.P. Sub-Committee, requesting that the Council appoint Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P., Donegal, and Mr. Thomas Hamilton, Hardware Merchant, Donegal, as members of the Sub-Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McClafferty it was unanimously decided to appoint Father McMullin and Mr. Hamilton.

1046/37.

DELAY IN FURNISHING REPORTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUSPECTED CASES OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 28th July, 1937, requesting to be furnished with reports in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of the following:-

Jeremiah McKelvey, Rushyhill, Killygordon.

Samuel Devenny, Dooish, Newtowncunningham.

W. McGreary, Ardnagannagh, Killygordon.

The Council unanimously decided to call on Mr. McGlinchey to furnish the reports without further delay.

1047/37.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR FOR BALLYBOFEY AREA.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, asking to have Garda John Dunne, Ballybofey, appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector in place of Garda M. Diffley who was recently transferred.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda Dunne.

1048/37. COSTS OF PROCEEDINGS FOR TRESPASS ON LANDS BY ROAD CONTRACTORS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor referring to the Law Committee Minute No. 61/36 re question of paying compensation to Mr. James Kee, Ballinatone, Welchtown, for trespass on his land by Road Contractors when procuring gravel from a bed in the River Finn, and stating that the matter had now been settled on the terms arranged by Assistant Surveyor Callaghan, and grant of right-of-way had been completed by Mr. Kee. This would be handed over to the Council's Solicitor on payment of the sum of £7 : 2 : 3, Plaintiff's costs of the proceedings instituted.

The Council unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Scott, to make the payment mentioned.

1049/37. FOOD AND DRUGS PROSECUTION - GARDA GARVEY v. JOSEPH DOHERTY.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing a report from Garda Garvey, Food and Drugs Inspector, Ballyshannon, relative to a prosecution instituted by him, and requesting the attendance of the Council's Solicitor Court to conduct the prosecution.

The Council considered, in view of the Analyst's Certificate, that the case was straightforward, and did not require the assistance of the Council's Solicitor.

1050/37. APPLICATION OF MR. JOSEPH GALLAGHER, GLENTIES, FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor regarding application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Glenties, and stating that the matter was now in order, and the advance might be made, subject, of course, to the Council's Engineer's Certificate as to the progress of the work on the new building.

The Council noted the letter.

1051/37. APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME OF INTENDING BORROWERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th August, 1937, Circ. No. 116/37, stating that with a view to ensuring that advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should only be made to persons whose circumstances would normally warrant them undertaking the responsibility of house ownership, the Minister desired that in future he should be furnished with particulars of the employment and income of intending borrowers.

The Council noted the letter.

1052/37. USE OF ROOM AT BALLINTRA FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Donegal, enclosing file in connection with claim for Weights and Measures Expenses by Sergeant William O'Connor, and stating that the Courthouse at Ballintra was not available for the Sergeant as it was undergoing repair, and he was obliged to hire a room. This room cost 2/- per day and the total expense incurred was 18/-. The sanction of the Council was requested to the payment of this amount.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was decided to authorise the expenditure of this amount.

1053/37.

RE-STAMPING OF WEIGHBRIDGE AT MOUNTCHARLES PIER.

A letter was read from Sergeant McTague, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Letterkenny, enclosing form for completion in connection with the re-stamping of the weighbridge at Mountcharles Pier, which was recently repaired. A stamping fee of £1 would require to be paid by the Council.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, the Council decided to pay the stamping fee.

1054/37.

PROPOSED SALE OF SENTINEL WAGGON AND TRAILER.

The Secretary stated that no Tenders had been received for the purchase of the Sentinel Waggon and Trailer.

The Council unanimously decided to re-advertise these vehicles as scrap.

1055/37.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application for a renewal of a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was received from Mr. Thomas H. Comiskey, Clonmany.

The application was granted unanimously.

1056/37.

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

A letter was read from the National Bank, Ltd.; Ardara, enclosing six Paying Orders, one dated 19th January, 1937, and five dated 2nd February, 1937, which were now out-of-date and had not yet been cashed.

The Council decided to apply for permission to have these Paying Orders re-issued.

1057/37.

DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Mullin, Water Street, Donegal, applying for a refund of £2 in respect of deposit lodged by him in connection with the opening of the public roadway.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the deposit in this case had been refunded.

1058/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF RIVER TRIBUTARY IN THE TOWNLAND OF DRUMNATINNY.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Sweeney, Drumnatinny, Falcarragh, applying for a grant for the cleaning of a small river tributary in the townland of Drumnatinny.

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

1059/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-ROLLING OF ROAD IN FRONT OF PREMISES AT MEENDERRYGAMPH, GWEEDORE.

A further letter was read from Mr. Michael Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, complaining of the non-rolling of the roadway in front of his premises.

The Council decided to take no further action in this matter.

1060/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF TRESPASS ALLOWANCE FOR STONES QUARRIED AT KEADUE WEST, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. Ward, Keadue West, Burtonport, stating that he gave the Council permission to quarry stones on his lands for the Rosses Road Scheme, for which he received payment at the rate of 2d. per ton. He did not consider this sufficient, and he requested that the Council pay him their usual rate of 3d. or 4d. per ton.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stating that he understood that this matter had since been adjusted.

1061/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF FOOTPATH AND MANHOLE AT
BURTONPORT.

In connection with the complaints of Mrs. Annie Campbell, and the instructions of the Council, the Acting Co. Surveyor, Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, reported as follows:-

"On 26th inst., I investigated complaints received from Mrs. Annie Campbell, Burtonport, re footpaths, sewer, and manhole in front of her premises at Burtonport:

The principal ground for complaint is a manhole with an open grating situated over sewer in front of her premises. This is liable to cause a stench in hot weather. It has a semi-circular concrete surround leaving the grating six inches below the road level. This manhole would need to be raised to road level, and a solid manhole cover fitted. I intend reporting this matter to the next Board of Health Meeting, as it is a matter about which they already have had complaints.

The footpath in front of Mrs. Campbell's shop is a good concrete footpath, but I understand she has had this laid at her own expense."

The Council noted that the matter was being referred to the County Board of Health.

1062/37.

VETERINARY INSPECTOR McILHARGEY - LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

A letter was read from Mr. L. McIlhargey, V.S., Milford, applying for his annual leave from the 30th August to the 13th September, and stating that Mr. McGlinchey, V.S., would carry out his duties during his absence.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the required leave to Mr. McIlhargey.

1063/37.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT AT BURTONPORT PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd August, 1937, C.87.56/1/36, referring to previous correspondence regarding Burtonport Pier, and stating that they would be glad to know definitely that the works at their Pier had been taken over by the Council for future maintenance.

Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"On looking up files in connection with Burtonport Pier, I find that reports were submitted by the County Surveyor on the 22nd July, 1933, and the 31st March, 1936. As will be seen from these reports he did not advise the Council to take over the Pier until the necessary works which he mentioned were carried out by the Office of Public Works.

I understand that the defects referred to by the County Surveyor still exist, and, consequently, I cannot recommend the taking over of the work."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report, and to forward a copy of it to the Office of Public Works.

1064/37.

COMPLAINT RE CLOSING OF RAILWAY GATES AT LISAHULLY,
BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Lisahully, Ballyshannon, complaining that the Great Northern Railway Co. kept their gates across the County Road closed from 10 p.m. until 7.30 a.m., thus forcing cyclists to use the wickets, and those with cars or carts have to rouse the gateman. If this were allowed to continue, it would be the cause of someone dying without Clergyman or Doctor.

The Secretary was instructed to make a strong protest against the action of the servants of the Railway Co. in closing these gates, except when necessary.

1065/37. COMPLAINT RE HAULING OF STONES FROM KILLYGORDON TO CLOGHAN BY LORRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McLean, Cloghan, District Organiser of Labour, requesting that no stones be taken from Killygordon to Cloghan by lorry or any other way, as there was sufficient material in the district to supply all requirements, and requesting that lorries belonging to the Co. Donegal Railway Co. be re-placed by carts from the neighbourhood.

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

"The Assistant Surveyor informs me that bills inviting tenders for stones were posted up in the Cloghan District. We are still open to accept tenders for suitable material. Lorries are only engaged in the haulage of stones for distances over two miles. As sufficient local stones cannot be obtained, it is absolutely necessary to take stones from Killygordon quarry. This stone, I am able to have delivered on the road at 4/- per ton."

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

1066/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR DRAINAGE OF DOAGHCRAEBIN-DRUMNACRAIG BURN, PORTSALON AREA.

A letter was read from Messrs. Willie Doherty and John Martin, Doagherabbin, Portsallon, applying for a grant of £30 to complete the drainage of Doagherabbin-Drumnacraig Burn, which was commenced under Minor Relief Scheme.

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

1067/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF BALLYRATTON ROAD, CASTLEARY.

A letter was read from a number of residents of Ballyratton, Ballylann, and Clare, applying for a grant of £500 for the repair of three miles of road known as the "Ballyratton Road."

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that all the available money was being expended on this road at present.

1068/37. APPLICATIONS FOR WORK ON ROAD FROM KINDRUM TO LEATBEG.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Heraghty, Ballyhurk, Ballyheerin, applying for work on the road from Kindrum to Leatbeg.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Friel, Ballyhurk, Ballyheerin, complaining that he was refused work on the Leatbeg Road.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the work was now completed.

1069/37. DEFINITION OF THE WORD "CARAVAN."

A letter was read from the Managing Director, The Premier Caravan Journal of the World, 12, Holborn, London, relative to the definition of the word "Caravan", and stating that an effort was being made to limit the use of the word to vehicles of a particular kind.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to approve of the definition suggested, i.e. Vehicles that are roadworthy in the sense of the Road Traffic Act, and homeworthy in the eyes of any normally well-bred person.

1070/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF DRAIN ALONG CULDAFF ROAD COMMENCED UNDER A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Dr. R. A. McLaughlin, Drumaville House, Malin, stating that drain along the Culdaff Road, which was commenced under a Minor Relief Scheme, had not yet been completed. This drain, in its present condition, was a danger to the public health.

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

1071/37. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR HORSE KILLED ON ROAD AT DRUMKEEN.

A letter was read from Mr. George Daisley, Callancor, Drumkeen, applying for £20 damages for loss of a horse, his property, alleged to have been killed owing to the dangerous condition of the road at Leglands, Drumkeen.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyor reported that he could see nothing wrong with the road to support Mr. Daisley's allegations.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1072/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF GRATING AT SALLAGHAGRANE, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. John Murray, Sallaghagrane, Letterkenny, complaining of the dangerous condition of a grating in front of his premises.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

1073/37. COMPLAINT RE RAISING OF ROADWAY AT BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mrs. Annie Campbell, Burtonport, objecting to any more metal being put on the road in front of her premises. Owing to the height of the road her premises were being flooded.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that there was no likelihood of the road in front of Mrs. Campbell's premises being raised.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1074/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR EXTENSION OF ROAD IN TOWNLAND OF LOWER MEENCORWICK BEING MADE UNDER A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis Sharkey, Lower Meencorwick, Crolly, complaining that the road being made in that townland would not touch his holding or accommodate him in any way. He had no road at present to his holding, and about 40 yards would bring the proposed new road into his farm.

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

1075/37. RESOLUTION REQUESTING ABOLITION OF LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONERS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Sligo County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:- "That having had experience of the recommendations of the Local Appointments Commissioners to positions in this County and others, since their inception, we hereby express our utter want of confidence in the selections generally made and asking for their abolition."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, the Council unanimously decided to mark the resolution "read."

1076/37. ALTERATION OF TELEGRAPH POLES OWING TO ROAD WIDENING BETWEEN BUNCRANA AND CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, inquiring if the road widening between Buncrana and Carndonagh was financed with the aid of a Government Grant, or entirely out of Council's funds.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1077/37. SURPLUS STANDING TO CREDIT AFTER SALE OF HOLDING BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

A Notification was submitted from the Irish Land Commission stating that there was a surplus of £9 standing to credit out of the proceeds of the sale of the holding of Anne Gillespie, Roxborough Glebe, Kilear, and stating that if the Council was interested in such surplus, they should proceed to claim in accordance with Order XXIII of the Rules dated 5th February, 1924.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

1078/37. PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th August, 1937, 336/37, giving the Council permission to perforate combined Health and Pensions stamps on certain conditions.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the Secretary to purchase a perforating machine at a cost not to exceed £10.

1079/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF AUGHADAHOR ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Gallagher, Creevy, Glen, Kilmacrenan, requesting the Council to take steps to get the Aughadahor Road repaired from David Speer's to the turn below Aughadahor N.S., and from the Main Road, via Croeslough, branching off from the Red Brce. An accident was narrowly averted on this road recently, and the Council would be acting wisely to have it repaired at once.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

1080/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF TRESPASS FOR ROAD METAL TAKEN FROM LANDS AT DRUMBUOY, MANORCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mrs. Ella M. Irwin, Drumbuoy, Manor-cunningham, claiming 2d. per ton trespass for about 1,000 tons of road metal taken from quarry on her lands, and complaining that the quarry was left in a very dangerous state. Should an accident occur, the Council would be held responsible.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

1081/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD NEAR MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Hamilton, Mountcharles, again complaining of the condition of road leading into his lands.

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

"As already reported this is not a County Road and might be recommended for a Minor Employment Scheme. Mr. Hamilton refers to other roads, not County Roads, being repaired. These roads were repaired out of Minor Employment Schemes."

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

1082/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-ROLLING OR TARRING OF ROAD FROM BEDLAM TO DUNLEWEY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Ferry, Fanaboy, Gortahork, complaining that his length of road from the Three Roads, Bedlam, to the Three Roads, Dunlewey, had not been rolled or tarred from March, 1936, to March, 1937.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

1083/37. ROAD FROM BALLYGORMAN TO OLD CHURCH AT MALIN WELL.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in the Ballygorman District asking the Council for a grant of £40 to repair the road from the Main Road in Ballygorman to the Old Church at Malin Well.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the matter was being dealt with.

1084/37. COMPLAINT RE STONES ON LANDS AT DERRYNAMANSHER, ANNAGRY.

A letter was read from Miss Mary McCafferty, Derrynamansher, Annagry, complaining that stones raised in a quarry on her land had not been removed, and asking the Council to have them removed before the 10th August.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that the stones had since been removed.

1085/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMS ON PORT LAKE, DUNELLAGHY DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles St. G. Orpen, Rockfield, Ballymore, asking the Council to have the dams on Port Lake removed so as to lower the level of the lake and thereby facilitate fishing.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the matter was being dealt with.

1086/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF CO. ROAD LEADING FROM CONNAL TO GLENKEO.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, complaining, on behalf of a number of residents of the Connal District, of the condition of the County Road leading from Connal to Glenkeo, which was rendered impassable due to the traffic of lorries drawing road material for the Council, and asking the Council to have the stones, which have already been piled on this road, spread thereon.

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

"The damage done to these roads was by lorries employed by private individuals. These men had contracts for supplying stone on a tonnage basis. I will arrange to get the roads put into better repair with the money that is available for them."

The Council noted Mr. Caffrey's report.

1087/37. APPLICATION BY MR. F. MCKAY, ACCOUNTANT TO THE COUNCIL, FOR EXTRA REMUNERATION FOR ADDITIONAL WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. F. McKay, Accountant, applying for remuneration for extra work caused by abnormal Road Grants.

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

1088/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF FOOTPATHS IN ST. JOHNSTON.

A letter was read from Mr. Philip Doherty, Secretary, St. Johnston Public Health Committee, stating that a deputation from that Committee would attend the next Meeting of the Council with a view to having the footpaths in St. Johnston repaired. The Committee also requested the Council to proceed with the erection of Danger Signals at a few corners in the village.

A deputation appeared before the Council in support of the complaints.

The Council decided to refer the complaints to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

1089/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD RUNNING ALONG THE RIVER FOYLE IN THE PORTHALL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Porthall, and other ratepayers in that district, asking the Council to have the Main Road running along the River Foyle included in the Trunk Road List. Owing to the heavy traffic on this road, the grants at present allowed were insufficient for its proper upkeep.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"I entirely agree that the road referred to should be scheduled as a Main Road and not as County Road as at present. It carries a considerable volume of traffic including a bus service from Derry to Lifford."

The Council unanimously decided to request the Department for a Grant for the repair of this road, and to have it included in the Main Road Schedule.

1090/37. PROVISION OF LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS AT CULDAFF AND MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Royal Life-Saving Society, 110, Dunluce Avenue, Belfast, stating that his attention had been drawn to the recent drowning accident at Culdaff, and to the Coroner's suggestion that life-saving apparatus should be provided at Culdaff and Malin Head, and enclosing particulars of the life-saving apparatus used by them.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the County Board of Health.

1091/37. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF ROSBEG PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th August, 1937, C.87.119/1/37, referring to previous correspondence relative to the repair and improvement of Rosbeg Pier, and the Council's decision to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the works, and stating that a Grant of £230 had been sanctioned in this case. In accordance with the general procedure now being adopted, the proposed works would only be undertaken by them subject to the terms of an Agreement, two copies of which were enclosed, the acceptance of which by the Council should be indicated by the passing by them of a resolution agreeing to the conditions set out therein. One copy each of the Plan, Specification, and Estimate should be signed by the County Surveyor and returned to them, together with copy of the Agreement, duly signed by the Secretary.

On the motion of Councillor Brady, the Council unanimously decided to take over the works when completed, to accept the terms of the Agreement, and to approve of the Plan, Specification, and Estimate.

1092/37. REQUEST TO HAVE TAR IMPORTED AT KILLYBEGS PORT.

A letter was read from Mr. L. Crawford, Secretary, Killybegs Harbour Commissioners, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Commissioners at their quarterly Meeting requesting the Council to import their entire requirements of Bitumen Tar through Ports in the County, and pointing out that at Killybegs, which was the principal sea-port in South-West Donegal, there was every facility for the importation of the goods.

The Acting Co. Surveyor reported as follows:-

"A cargo of 300 tons of Bitumen was landed at Killybegs Port in May last. Shipping Agents would not arrange for cargoes of less than 300 tons. Any Bitumen since ordered for the Killybegs neighbourhood has only been in 10 or 20 ton lots, and so not suitable for delivery by any other means than rail."

The Council noted the report.

1093/37. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROAD FROM GLENDOWAN TO LOUGHBARRA.

A letter was read from Mr. John Harkin, Corderry, Churchill, applying for the position of surfaceman on the road from Glendowan to Loughbarra.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1094/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Ward, Clogherdillure, Burtonport, applying for the position of Ganger.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1095/57. SLIDE DOORS ON PRESSES IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Two Tenders were submitted for the repair of slide doors on presses in the Office of the Committee of Agriculture.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the lowest tender, that of Mr. W. Morrison, Lifford, at £2.

1096/37. CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

In connection with the complaint of Mr. Daniel Cannon, Carrowcannon, Falcarragh, at the last Meeting of the Council re damage to his lands by the Carrowcannon (Ray River), the following report was submitted from Mr. J. J. Gaffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor:-

"The Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Scheme was a major Arterial Scheme carried out by the Board of Works at a cost of approximately £4,000. You have had several reports concerning it during the last few years, but there are a few facts connected with it which I would like to re-call to your minds. In October, 1934, the Board of Works wrote handing over the Scheme to you. About a month previous to this there had been a very severe cloud-burst in the district which did considerable damage to the river, nullifying a lot of work which had been done. You protested against taking over the Scheme in that state, but the Board of Works replied stating that it was a statutory obligation on you, and you had no option but to do so.

In widening the river channel, the Board of Works made no attempt in the upper stretches to straighten its course, but followed the old line of the river through all its widenings. The river runs through an alluvial gravel formation which is easily eroded, and the fact that the widening exposed fresh gravel faces meant that the current played havoc with the convex sides of the bends, more so than if the sides had not yet been interfered with. It is at one of these "S" bends that the damage complained of by Mr. Daniel Cannon occurred. Some of the damage took place before the Scheme was handed over, and it has been gradually increasing since.

In the first report, and in a subsequent report in September, 1935, the County Surveyor made special mention of this place, and of the damage that was occurring there. He suggested making a new cut for the river, which would cure the trouble. The Chief Engineer of the Board of Works visited the place in this connection on the 5th January, 1936, and gave a verbal promise to Mr. T. J. O'Reilly that a sum of £300 would be made available by the Board of Works for the making of the new cut. Nothing further has been heard of the matter since.

Mr. Cannon suggested to me that it would ease matters if the shoal of gravel on the opposite side of the river to where his land is being eroded were removed. An exactly similar state of affairs is taking place with the lands of Mr. Ferrigal Sharkey on the opposite side of the river, but a little further upstream, it would be necessary that the same should be done for him at the other bend of the "S". I would estimate that at least £80 would be required to make any kind of a decent job of these two shoals.

I think that a further effort should be made to get a Minor Employment Grant for making the new cut. It would be a very useful work, but one which it would be hardly fair to ask the tenants or the beneficiaries of the original Scheme to pay for."

The Council noted the report, and on the motion of Councillor McClefferty, it was unanimously decided to request the Board to allocate a grant out of the Minor Employment Funds for the necessary improvements to this Scheme.

1097/37.

EXCAVATION BY MR. PATRICK COYLE IN KERRYKEEL STREET.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"On the 28th July last I interviewed Mr. Patrick Coyle concerning the excavation which he had made in front of his premises in Kerrykeel. He told me that he did not think he was doing any harm, and that he had written to the Assistant Surveyor for the district about it some months previously, and not having heard anything further had gone on with the work. As the street is fairly wide at the place, I suggested to him that he write in to the Council asking permission, and stating his willingness to sign the undertaking to restore the road when called upon to do so. He agreed that he would do so. Instead, however, I got a letter from his Solicitor some days later, in which he claimed that the place where he made the excavation was his own property. I would suggest, therefore, that the matter be referred to the Law Committee."

A letter was read from Mr. Coyle asking to have consideration of the matter adjourned to the September Meeting of the Council.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee for consideration.

1098/37.

CONTINGENCY FUND.

Applications by the Acting County Surveyors for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund were granted unanimously:-

Lifford Area.

To repair a pipe at Ardnaglass on Map No. 1481.....£3 : 10 : 0.

Letterkenny Area.

To repair parapet walls of bridge at Charter House School on Map No. 1163, T.60.....£6 : 0 : 0.

Inishowen Area.

To re-build embankment slip at Some on Map No. 613.....£30 : 0 : 0.

1099/37.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

The Council noted the following notifications of intention to apply for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of the premises mentioned:-

Columban Hall, Newtowncunningham.

St. Joseph's Hall, Illic, Buncrana.

St. Patrick's Hall, Drumfries.

St. Egnay's Hall, Desertegney, Buncrana.

Ture Hall situated at Drumskeellan.

Premises situated at Kinnego, Ballynagan. (Andrew McCarron.)

Premises situated at Greencastle. (Bernard Gormley, Jun.)

Carey's Hall, Carrowbeg, Carrowmore.

Premises situated at Glentoskert, Glengad. (Patk. McDevitt.)

St. Eugene's Hall, Moville.

Parochial Hall, Church Street, Buncrana.

Glentogher Hall, Carrowbeg, Glencely.

John Colgan Hall, Carndonagh.

St. Mary's Hall, Carnmalin, Ballygorman.

Carriack Hall, Carriack, Carndonagh.

Premises at Ballymenagh, Glengad. (James Faulkner.)

Cregnagor Hall, Roshenny, Clonmany.

Premises situated at Unrican, Buncrana. (George Porter.)

Premises situated in Drumnor, Buncrana. (John McDaid.)

St. Patrick's Hall, Malin.

Atlantic Cafe, Shrove, Greencastle.

St. Congall's Hall, Boon, Culdaff.

Premises situated at Cullinean, Redcastle. (Raymond Bonner.)

Central Hall, Diamond, Carndonagh.

Fowler's Hall, Tooban, Burnfoot.

St. Michael's Hall, Inch.

Sgoil Naomh Mhuire, Bridgend.

Parochial Hall, Burt.

Lavelle's Hall, Ballyliffin.

Orange Hall, Newtowncunningham.

Premises situated at Cabry, Quigley's Point. (Rev. M. Smyth, P.P.)

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935. (CONTINUED).

The Ballroom, Ballyliffin Hotel, Ballyliffin.
 Leonard's Hall, Grouschall, Pettigo.
 Cashelard Hall, Cashelard, Cavangarden.
 St. Mary's Hall, Pettigo.
 Fintragh Hall, Fintragh, Killybegs.
 A.O.H. Hall, Drimarone.
 Premises at Ardaghoy, Inver. (Joseph Dorrian.)
 A.O.H. Hall, Lettermore, Frosses.
 Premises situated at Tullyloskin, Donegal. (John McMullin.)
 A.O.H. Hall, Glencolumbkille.
 St. Patrick's Hall, Carrick.
 Roshin Hall, Killybegs.
 Forrester's Hall, Killybegs.
 Parochial Hall, Kilear.
 Premises situated at Dunkineely. (John McGuire.)
 Parochial Hall, Frosses.
 Parochial Hall, Mullans, Donegal.
 Hall situated at Clar, Donegal. (Rev. R. J. Ryan).
 Market Hall, Donegal.
 Parochial Hall, Townavilly.
 Orange Hall, Cully, Donegal.
 Premises situated at Ballintra. (Mrs. Mary J. Doherty.)
 Parochial Hall, Laghey.
 Parochial Hall, Ballinakillow, Laghey.
 Laghey Barr National School, Laghey.
 Premises situated at Mountcharles. (Vincent Gallagher).
 Central Hotel, Bundoran.
 G.A.A. Hall, Corlea, Ballyshannon.
 Protestant Hall, Ardglass; Pettigo.
 Iona Hall, Ardara.
 Premises situated at Ordeslough. (Edward Durning.)
 Premises situated at Edoninfagh, Glenties. (Very Rev. M. Forker, P.P.)
 Market Hall, Glenties.
 Premises situated at Mully, Glenties. (Joseph Molloy.)
 Meenmore Hall, Meenmore East, Fintona.
 Parochial Hall, Cloghaneely.
 Public Hall, Derrybeg.
 Halla Cumann Luith Clcas Gaedheal, i nGort a' Choiree.
 Parochial Hall, Dungloe.
 Lettercan Hall, Lettercan, Dungloe.
 A.O.H. Hall, Annagry.
 The Hall, Murraneclan, Dungloe. (Daniel O'Donnell.)
 Premises situated at Doochery. (Peter Devenny.)
 Premises situated at Mullaghduff, Kincasslagh. (Hugh Bonar.)
 Premises situated at Crohey, Maghera, Dungloe. (Patrick Houston.)
 A.O.H. Hall, Magheraclogher, Gweedore.
 O'Donnell's Hall, Meenaleck.
 McBride's Hall, Annagry.
 Gallagher's Hall, Rosine.
 O'Donnell's Hall, Burtonport.
 Boyle's Hall, Leabgarrow, Arranmore.
 Tircanail Hall, Upper Rosses.
 Farragans Hall, Upper Rosses.
 Craghey Hall, Upper Rosses.
 Colaise Bhrighde, Rineast.
 The Hall, Loughanure, Annagry.
 Roger's Hall, Meenbane.
 Kilraine Hall, Kilraine, Glenties.
 A.O.H. Hall, Kilglooney.
 Parochial Hall, Castlefin.
 Orange Hall, St. Johnston.
 Memorial Hall, Carrigans.
 Parochial Hall, Drumoghill.
 Concert Hall, Convoy.
 Orange Hall, Raphoe.
 Recreation Hall, Trentagh.
 Halla Mhuire, Convoy.
 "Con Boyle" Memorial Hall, Glendowan.
 The Public Hall, Killygordon.
 Parochial Hall, Kiltyferrigal, Cloghan.
 Parochial Hall, Drumkeen.
 A.O.H. Hall, St. Johnston.
 Butt Hall, Ballybofey.
 Marathon Hall, Raphoe.
 Lyric Hall, Lifford.
 Sarsfield Bandroom, Kinnycally, St. Johnston.
 St. Columba's Hall, Temon.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935. (CONTINUED).

Premises situated at Kilmacrenan. (Patrick Coyle.)
 St. Patrick's Hall, Rossmakill.
 Sheephaven Roadhouse, Rossapenna.
 The Hall, Carrigart Hotel, Carrigart.
 Parochial Hall, Unlagh, Carrigart.
 St. Joseph's Hall, Milford.
 Diamond Hall, Milford.
 Drumnaraw Hall, Drumnaraw.
 The Public Hall, Ranelton.
 Premises of Michael Deeney, Rethmullan.
 A.O.H. Hall, Dunlewey.
 Premises of Patrick O'Callaghan, Rethmullan.
 Thiepval Memorial Hall, Convoy.
 St. MacLiosa's Parochial Hall, Clonmany.
 Meenatuggart A.O.H. Hall.

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Confirmed.

Michael O'Connell

Chairman.

28th September, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1937.

1100/37.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Byrne, Cannon, Cole, Friel, Gallagher, Gallen, Hannigan, Houston, Kavanagh, Kelly, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, McClafferty, McCrea, MacCreallie, McDaid, McFadden, McIvor, McMenamin, McShane, McShea, O'Boyle, O'Brien, O'Donnell (Brian), Scott, and Walsh.

1101/37.

C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman, speaking in Irish, moved a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the victims of the Kirkintilloch Disaster.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mahony, and passed in silence; all the members standing.

1102/37.

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 Blaney, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 31st August, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

1103/37.

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 31st August, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1104/37.

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 Blaney, the Reports of the Meetings of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 31st August, 1937, and the 7th September, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

1105/37.

R E P O R T S O F L A W 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 Blaney, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 7th September, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 10th September, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Blaney, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 21st September, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1106/37.

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.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 11th September, 1937.

Councillor Blaney seconded.

Councillor Brady referred to the decision of the Committee in the case of Miss Margaret Green, and he suggested that the matter be referred back to the Scholarships Committee with a view to the extension of Miss Green's Scholarship for a fourth year.

The Secretary explained that in order to obtain an extension for a fourth year, a candidate must pass the Degree Examination with Honours. Miss Green had failed the Degree Examination, and unless the Scheme were altered, it would not be possible to award her any extension.

Councillor Brady withdrew his suggestion, and the Report of the Committee was adopted unanimously.

1107/37. REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 21st September, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1108/37. MISS ANNIE O'DOHERTY, A FORMER OFFICIAL OF THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Councillor Lynch complained of the action of the Vocational Education Committee in terminating the employment of Miss Annie O'Doherty, a Domestic Economy Instructress, who had failed to qualify in Irish. He stated she was one of the pioneers of Technical education in the County, and was an excellent Teacher.

Councillor Mahony, Chairman of the Vocational Education Committee, pointed out that Miss O'Doherty was appointed under the Gaeltacht Order, which laid down that she must qualify in Irish within three years. As she did not qualify in that time she had got an extension of a further three years, but she still failed to secure the required number of marks. The Vocational Education Committee were most sympathetic, but the Minister insisted on her services being dispensed with at the end of six years. They had agreed, however, to give her first preference in any appointment after she had qualified in Irish.

1109/37. AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1938.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th September, 1937, stating that a Paying Order for £7,497 in respect of an instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1938, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

1110/37. ABSENCE OF MR. L. McILHARGEY, V.S., ON ANNUAL LEAVE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 31st August, 1937, L.3599/37, stating that the Minister offered no objection to the employment of Mr. P. McGlinchey, V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties in the Milford District, with remuneration at the rate of £105 per annum, during the absence on annual leave of Mr. McIlhargey, V.S., from the 30th August to the 13th September.

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1112/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCES AT RAPHOE.

The Secretary submitted Sealed Order No. 53,342/1937, from the Local Government Department determining the Electoral Division of Raphoe as the Area of Charge for the purpose of providing public sanitary conveniences and maintaining the same at Raphoe.

1113/37. WAGES OF ENGINE-DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN.

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1114/37. REMUNERATION OF MR. PATRICK DAWSON, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR,
WHILE ACTING IN THE DUNF.MAGHY AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th September, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister considered that £3 : 3 : 0 per week extra would be adequate remuneration for Mr. P. Dawson while carrying out the duties of the late Mr. M. J. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, and the Minister will raise no objection to payment being made at that rate.

1115/37. REMUNERATION OF MESSRS. J. J. CAFFEY AND T. J. O'REILLY
FOR CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th September, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister sanctioned the proposal of the Council to allow extra remuneration at the rate of £225 per annum to Messrs. J. J. Caffrey and T. J. O'Reilly while carrying out the duties of the County Surveyor.

1116/37. CLAIM OF MR. ANDREW HERON FOR ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION FOR
EXTRA WORK STATED TO HAVE BEEN PERFORMED.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, Sub-Finance Committee to allow extra remuneration to Mr. A. Heron, and inquiring the average weekly attendance by Mr. Heron outside normal working hours.

1117/37. ARDUGHLAHD CRELDIUNTE O'N BHLINN DO CHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roinn Rialtais Aitiúla agus Slainte Puiblí faoi dhata an 13ad Meadhon Foghmhair, 1937, G.65527/37, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire do Chomhairle Conndae Duin na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £95,000 i gcoir costaisí reatha sealadacha.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £85,000 riachtanach go dtí an 31ad Deireadh Foghmhair, 1937.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £85,000 go dtí an 31ad Deireadh Foghmhair, 1937.

1118/37. SUCCESS IN IRISH EXAMINATION OF MR. EDWARD LENNON,
ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th September, 1937, enclosing copy of letter which had been addressed to Mr. Edward Lennon, Assistant Surveyor, informing him that he had passed the recent Examination held by the Local Appointments Commissioners for the purposes of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Orders, 1928 - 1936.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Council congratulate Mr. Lennon on his success.

The motion was passed unanimously.

1119/37. COST OF PREPARATION OF FIFTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th September, 1937, F.58752/37, Donegal Co., stating that the claim of the Registration Officer for remuneration and expenses in connection with the preparation of the Fifteenth Register of Electors had been examined, and it was found that the gross expenses amounted to £2,117 : 4 : 3; fees received, £18 : 0 : 10; net expenses, £2,099 : 4 : 5.

1120/37. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th September, 1937, A.74174/37, Dun na nGall. Fb., enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the County Board of Health for the five half-years ended the 30th September, 1936.

1121/37. DELAY IN INVESTIGATION OF OLD AGE PENSION CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, dated 17th September, 1937, S.88/3/37, acknowledging the receipt of extract from the Council's meeting of the 31st August on the subject of the alleged delay in the investigation of applications for Old Age Pensions in the district of the Stranorlar Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

1122/37. LOAN OF £680 FOR PURCHASE OF SIX-TON DIESEL ROLLER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th September, 1937, S., Dun na nGall., relative to the proposal of the Council to raise a loan of £680 to purchase a six-ton Diesel Roller, and stating that the proposal to raise the loan should be duly advertised in some newspaper circulating in the County. A copy of the advertisement, as published, should be submitted to the Department in due course.

The Secretary read a letter from a number of ratepayers in the townlands of Creevagh and Aughadahor objecting to the purchase of the Roller on the grounds that it would not be used on the Creevagh-Aughadahor Road.

The Council decided to mark the objection "read".

1123/37. CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR GRANT UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, dated 4th September, 1937, Cert. A.016162, stating that the Certificate of Approval for a Grant under the Housing Acts issued to Mr. Neil Doherty, Ballybotemple, Cloghan, in respect of the erection of a house had been cancelled.

1124/37. REDUCTION OF GRANTS ALLOCATED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS OWING TO FITTING OF IMPORTED FIRE-GRATES.

Letters were read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, enclosing copies of letters addressed to Mr. J. McLoughlin, Tonduff, Linsfort; Mr. J. McKnight, Milltown, Convoy; Mrs. R. A. Doherty, Churchtown, Carndonagh; and Mr. R. Kee, Lacklum, Ballintra, informing them that the grants allocated to them under the Housing Acts had been reduced owing to the fitting of imported fire-grates.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, dated 21st September, 1937, stating that the Grant allocated to Mr. Thomas Doherty, Termacool, Buncrana, had been reduced by £2 in view of the fact that two imported fire-grates had been fitted.

1125/37. ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS TO MR. NEAL MCGREADY, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th August, 1937, H.71481/37, Dun na nGall., referring to the Minister's sanction of an additional loan of £150 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Neil McGready, Mountcharles, and stating that Mr. McGready had intimated that he had not yet received this advance.

The Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had informed him that the delay was occasioned by one of the Officials in the Land Registry Office being on holidays.

1126/37. APPOINTMENT OF DR. E. F. O'SULLIVAN AS CORONER FOR THE DONEGAL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st September, 1937, G.67120/37, Dun na nGall. Sd., relative to the appointment of a Coroner for Donegal District, and asking to be furnished with a copy of the resolution appointing Dr. O'Sullivan as Coroner.

1127/37. ROAD RUNNING ALONG THE RIVER FOYLE IN THE PORTHALL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th September, 1937, R/RD/7, asking to be furnished with a map showing the road along the Foyle which the Council wish to have scheduled as a Main Road. Regarding the question of a grant for improvement of the road the Council should understand that beyond the annual grant for improvement works, grants were not normally made from the Road Fund except on a contributory basis.

1128/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

Acknowledgments of applications for Grants for works at Culdaff, Drumnatinney, Doagherabbin-Drummacraig, Lower Meencorwick, Mountcharles, and Carrowcannon were received.

1129/37. REFUND OF FEE PAID IN RESPECT OF DRIVING LICENCE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 21st September, 1937, R/MT/7/Rfd., referring to the Secretary's letter on behalf of Mr. A. C. Stevenson, Ashpark, Feeny, Co. Derry, for refund of the fee paid in respect of a Driving Licence, and stating that, in the circumstances, a Form R.F.15/3, duly completed, might be furnished.

1130/37. USE OF AN APPROVED DESIGN FOR PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, National Health Insurance Section, dated 21st September, 1937, Ref. 336/37, stating that there was no objection to the use of an approved design for the perforation of the stamps of workers employed by the Council on Minor Employment Schemes.

1131/37. PROPOSED LOAN OF £20,000 FOR ROSSES DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY.

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor Gallen, was withdrawn by Councillor Scott on behalf of Councillor Gallen:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £20,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply in the Rosses District of County Donegal."

1132/37. INCREASE OF WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS.

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

"That the wages of Road Workers be increased as from the 1st April, 1938, from 26/- per week to 30/- per week."

Councillor Blaney stated that he wished this scale to apply to workers on all Road Grants, in addition to the Council's ordinary workers.

Councillor Walsh suggested that a corresponding increase in wages be given to carters.

It was decided to inform Councillor Walsh he could lodge a Notice of Motion covering carters' wages if he so desired.

1133/37. LETTERKENNY MENTAL HOSPITAL WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Scott proposed the following Notice of Motion standing in his name, which was seconded by Councillor Baxter, and unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Council of the County of Donegal DEMAND performance by the Letterkenny Urban District Council of the terms of the Agreement, providing for a supply of water from the Lough Salt Water System for the County Mental Hospital (lately the Donegal District Lunatic Asylum) at Letterkenny made between the said Councils on the 22nd day of February, 1909, on the grounds of the inadequacy of the said system to provide a full supply for both the said Urban District of Letterkenny and the said Mental Hospital; and that a copy of this resolution, with details of the said inadequacy and insufficiency, be sent to the said Letterkenny Urban District Council by way of demand as aforesaid; and that, in the event of the said Letterkenny Urban District Council's failing to perform and carry into effect the terms of the said Agreement, as required by this resolution, within six months from this date, that the Secretary of this County Council instruct our Solicitor to institute such proceedings in the matter as he may be advised."

1134/37. PURCHASE OF 8-10 TON DIESEL ROLLER FOR THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

In accordance with the terms of the Council's advertisement, Tenders were submitted for the supply of an 8-10 Ton Diesel Roller for the Southern Division of the County.

Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"As instructed by the Council at their August Meeting, I prepared specification for 8-10 Ton Diesel Roller.

I have gone carefully into the Tenders and would recommend the purchase of a single Cylinder Diesel Roller as supplied by Messrs. Marshall & Sons (Successors), Ltd., Gainsborough, England, at a cost of £707."

The Council unanimously decided to authorise Mr. O'Reilly to purchase the Roller referred to in his report.

1135/37. PURCHASE OF COMPRESSOR PLANT.

In accordance with the terms of the Council's advertisement, Tenders were submitted for the supply of a Compressor.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Tenders were received from eight firms for the supply of a Compressor. I have gone carefully into these, and would recommend that the Tender of the Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Co. for a two-stage Compressor, Model No. 66, at £303 should be accepted. A further sum of £50 will be required to purchase a drill and fittings to use with this Compressor."

The Council unanimously decided to authorise Mr. Caffrey to purchase the Compressor mentioned by him in his report.

1136/37. LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the raising of a loan of £1,000 to cover the cost of an 8-10 Ton Diesel Roller for the Southern Division of the County, and a Compressor; the loan to be re-payable over a period of five years, and to be obtained from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd.

1137/37. ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. Taylor, Senior, Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, W.5., certifying that Mr. John Caffrey was still in Hospital and under his care, and would not be able to resume work for at least one month from that date, i.e. 6th September, 1937.

The Council noted the Certificate.

1138/37. MALIN 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 30th August, 1937, T.I.F.3806, stating that on a recent visit of an Inspector of that Department it was found that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts were not being observed at Malin Pier:-

- Docks Regulations Form F.I.938 not affixed.
- No first aid box provided.
- Support for chairs at dangerous break broken.
- No means of support at or near water's edge to enable immersed persons to support themselves.
- No lighting provided.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for his attention.

1139/37. BALLYSHANNON O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McKeon, Clerk, O.A.P. Sub-Committee, Ballyshannon, stating that Mr. Joseph Wallis, Ballintra, had resigned his membership of the Ballyshannon O.A.P. Sub-Committee, and the Committee wished to have Rev. Patrick Deeney, C.C., College Street, Ballyshannon, appointed in his place.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Blaney it was decided to appoint Father Deeney.

1140/37. QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF TURF TO COURTHOUSE AND COUNCIL OFFICES.

A letter was read from the Turf Development Board, Ltd., 10, Hume Street, Dublin, dated 25th August, 1937, quoting 20/- per ton delivered for standard hand-won turf in sacks to the Courthouse and Offices.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the quotation for any turf that might be required.

1141/37. BYE-LAW DETERMINING THE FINE FOR NON-ACCEPTANCE OR RESIGNATION OF OFFICE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th August, 1937, P.H.59690/37, Dun na nGall. Pg., asking for a reply to the Department's letter concerning the draft bye-law on the subject of fines to be paid by members of the County Council for non-acceptance or resignation of Office, etc.

The Secretary stated that public notice of proposed adoption of a bye-law had been given in the "Derry Sentinel" of the 14th August, and in the "Donegal Vindicator" of the same date. The advertisement stated that copies of the draft bye-law could be inspected at the County Council Offices, Lifford, as from the 16th August, 1937.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to adopt the bye-law, under Seal.

1142/37. LAMP AND PUMP AT DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Gallagher, Hon. Secretary, Downings Pier Committee, stating that the Committee wished to have the Pier head lamp repaired, which was situated at the storm wall end of the Pier head. They also wished to have a pump erected at the Reservoir end of the Water Tank to facilitate Standard boats and other smaller boats calling at the Pier.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the question of the fountain was being attended to by the Board of Health, and that he would look into the matter of the repairs to the lamp.

The Council noted the matter.

1143/37.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th April, 1937, C.87.57/1/36, enclosing for the observations of the Council copy of a letter from Mr. Cornelius Carr, Downings. The starting of the works at Downings had been postponed pending confirmation from the Council that the works already approved by them might be put in hands.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Gallagher, Hon. Secretary, Downings Pier Committee, stating that a duly-summoned Meeting of the Downings Pier Committee was held on the 26th August, and the Committee unanimously approved of the details of the plan, specification, and estimate for the improvement works already approved by the Council.

The Council noted that the improvement works had been approved by the local Piers Committee, to whom the matter had been referred, at a duly-summoned Meeting, and they decided to so inform the Board of Works.

1144/37.

DUMPING OF STONES ON PROPERTY OF MR. J. McLAUGHLIN, LENAMORE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter dated 2nd September, 1937, was read from Mr. M. D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, regarding the dumping of stones on the property of Mr. J. McLaughlin, and referring to the Secretary's letter of the 7th April enclosing an extract from the Minutes of the Council's Meeting of the 30th March at which it was decided to instruct Mr. O'Neill to pay Mr. McLaughlin compensation. His client had not yet received any compensation, and unless the sum of £2 :10 :0, together with 10/- costs, was paid within one week from that date, legal proceedings would be instituted for recovery thereof without further notice.

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

"Mr. O'Neill reports that on the 10th March, 1937, arrangements were made with Mr. McLaughlin to pay him £1 trespass to allow the material to remain on his property until the 31st March, and the material was removed within the agreed time. This amount was certified for payment on the 20th March, 1937, and I find that the Paying Order has since been cashed by Mr. McLaughlin."

The Council noted Mr. Caffrey's report.

1145/37.

PREPARATION OF SIXTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Ward, County Registrar, applying for an advance of £450 in connection with the preparation of the Sixteenth Register of Electors.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony, the Council unanimously decided to advance the required amount.

1146/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD METAL TAKEN FROM LANDS AT KEELOGS, CHURCHILL.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. O'Leary, Solicitor, Milford, stating that Mr. Hugh Doherty, Keelogs, had instructed him that in March of this year 370 tons of road metal were taken from his farm at Keelogs, Churchill, for the use of the Council. The price agreed on was 3d. per ton. He would be grateful to receive cheque for £4 :12 : 6 on Mr. Doherty's behalf as soon as possible.

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

"Mr. McIvor reports that Mr. McLaughlin, the temporary Assistant Surveyor for the District, made an arrangement with Mr. Doherty regarding compensation, and that it concerned building or repairing fences. He has written to Mr. McLaughlin for confirmation of this, but up to the present has not had a reply."

The Council noted Mr. Caffrey's report.

1147/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1935.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. O'Leary, Solicitor, Milford, stating that Mr. John Connor, Cool, Cranford, had informed him that in November and December of 1935 he worked for two ~~years~~^{weeks} under Bernard Martin, Foreman, on road work being carried out at Meens, Cranford, for which he had never been paid. He would be grateful to have this matter attended to immediately.

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

"This man was not returned by the Labour Exchange for work, but persisted in working, although he was told he was not required. Only men sent by the Labour Exchange could be started on the job, which was a Relief Grant."

The Council decided to ask Mr. Caffrey to make further inquiries.

1148/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR ACCOMMODATION BOG ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF FOXBORROW, GLENEELY.

A letter was read from Rev. John H. McKenna, P.P., Culdaff, enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers in the Culdaff and Gleneely Districts for a grant for the purpose of repairing an accommodation Bog Road in the townland of Foxborrow, Electoral Division of Gleneely. Several families were in a very bad way for want of a means to get access to their holdings, especially in wet weather.

On the motion of Councillor Lynch seconded by Councillor Scott, it was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Grants.

1149/37. DELAY IN STAMPING OF INSURANCE CARDS.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Carr, Secretary, Milford Comhairle Ceamntair Fianna Fail, enclosing the following resolution passed at a Meeting of that body held on the 22nd August, 1937:- "That we strongly protest against the actions and methods of the Donegal County Council in not duly forwarding to Road Workers in County Donegal their Unemployment Books when their work has ceased under the County Council. Applicants and others have written for their Books, but have been unable to obtain them, thereby causing severe hardship and the loss of Unemployment Benefit to the Road Workers."

The Secretary outlined a number of difficulties which the Office had to contend with, the greatest of which was the failure of the workers to furnish their Books when they started in the Council's employment.

The Council instructed the Secretary in future to hold the Paying Orders until the workers forward their Insurance Cards.

1150/37. PROTEST AGAINST USE OF LORRIES ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Carr, Secretary, Milford Comhairle Ceamntair Fianna Fail, enclosing the following resolution passed at a Meeting of that body held on the 22nd August, 1937:- "That we protest against the employing by the Donegal Co. Council of lorries owned by the Lough Swilly Railway Co. for the purpose of conveying stones on road work, in preference to the horses and carts of necessitous people who own same in the locality where the work is going on."

It was decided to refer Mr. Carr to a previous resolution of the Council at which it was decided to employ lorries for transport purposes only where the distance exceeded two miles, as far as practicable.

1151/37.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES STANDARDS.

A letter was read from Sergeant McTague, Inspector of Weights and Measures, stating that the 1-ounce beam scale belonging to the Letterkenny Weights and Measures standards had become damaged, and the Department had instructed him to ask the Council to give authority to have the beam scale repaired at a cost not exceeding £3 : 5 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the repair of the beam scale.

1152/37. COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER FOR PURPOSE OF LABOURERS' ACTS.

Notices were submitted from the County Board of Health of the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the purposes of the Labourers' Acts, 1883 to 1931, for the acquisition of lands in the townland of Ballyboe, Ramelton, as indicated on an attached map.

The Council noted the matter.

1153/37.

MOVILLE BATH GREEN.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 3rd September, 1937, enclosing copies of correspondence between the Local Government Department and himself on the subject of the transfer to the County Board of Health of the Recreation Ground at Moville known as the "Bath Green."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Board of Health.

1154/37.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th September, 1937, G.72883/37, Dun na nGall (Pg.), stating that a further communication had been received from the Department of Justice intimating that, as already pointed out, the following improvements in the Parochial Hall, Dungloe, hitherto used as a Courthouse, were necessary:-

- (a) the provision of adequate heating and sanitary accommodation and the elimination of draughts;
- (b) the provision of an Office for the District Court Clerk; and
- (c) the provision of storage accommodation for official statutes, books and documents.

In view of the fact that the foregoing accommodation must be provided before the building could again be used for the purposes of a Courthouse, the Minister would impress on the Council the desirability of having the work executed before the winter months.

Mr. T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"I understand that the Secretary of the Dungloe Hall Committee informed the Council that a porch would be erected at side entrance to Hall. This, in conjunction with the two Paradiant Fires that the Council at their Meeting in July decided to provide, should, from a heating point of view, leave the Hall suitable for sittings of the District Court.

There is a cloak-room and N.C. situated off the stage, and at the back of the stage there is a good-sized Committee Room, which is a most suitable Office for the District Court Clerk.

I would recommend that a suitable lock-up press be fitted in this Committee Room, so as to provide storage accommodation for Official Statutes, books, and other documents."

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the purchase of a Press for the storage of the Official records.

1155/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR PAROCHIAL HALL, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Walsh, Secretary, Parochial Hall Committee, Dungloe, stating that the repairs to the Parochial Hall were now completed, and the Committee wished Mr. O'Reilly to inspect the Hall at his earliest opportunity, with a view to having a Cinematograph Licence granted.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported that the Hall now complied with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act.

The Council unanimously decided to issue a Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Parochial Hall, Dungloe.

1156/37. SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - OFFENCE AGAINST BY MR. DENIS HOUSTON, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 7th September, 1937, G.2321-37, stating that in Letterkenny on the 18th August an Officer of that Department purchased at premises occupied by Mr. Denis Houston a sample of butter which was found to contain a percentage of water in excess of that allowable in a genuine sample of butter. An offence would appear to have been committed under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, and the Minister was desirous that proceedings should be instituted on behalf of the Council within 28 days from the date on which the sample was obtained.

The Secretary stated that proceedings had been instituted.

1157/37. AREA OF CHARGE IN RESPECT OF BURNING OF DANCE HALL AT MEENACLADDY.

A letter was read from Mr. Cormac Breslin, T.D., Bunbeg, stating that great dissatisfaction existed in the Brinlack and Meenacaddy Area following the decision to levy the whole amount of the award for the burning of Gallagher's Dance Hall on that small area. They felt that this decision was harsh and unjust, and they pointed out that in similar cases in the past awards had been levied over much larger areas.

The Secretary stated that the Area of Charge was fixed by the Circuit Court Judge, and that the County Council had no power to alter that decision.

1158/37. APPLICATION BY GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO. FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A NOTICE BOARD IN THE DIAMOND, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Co., Amiens Street Station, Dublin, asking if the Council would allow the erection of a Notice Board on the Diamond in Donegal Town facing Mr. Traver's Hotel for the purpose of advertising excursions, etc. The Board would measure approximately 8 feet long and 3 feet deep, and would be erected on posts about 5 feet from the ground level.

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

"A board of the dimensions given, or in fact any Board erected on the property of the County Council at the place, would be an obstruction to traffic, and I would, therefore, ask the Council not to grant permission to the Great Northern Railway Co. to erect such a Notice Board."

The Council unanimously decided to refuse permission.

1159/37. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

An application for a renewal of a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was received from the Doe Co-operative Agricultural Society, Creeslough.

The Council unanimously decided to grant a renewal of licence in this case.

1160/37. APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF PREMISES UNDER THE
EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

Applications for registration of premises under the Explosives Act, 1875, were received from the Doe Co-operative Agricultural Society, Creeslough, and Messrs. Robert Myles & Co., Ballyshannon.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the applications.

1161/37. PIGS MARKETING BOARD.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Pigs Marketing Board, 36, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, stating that the attention of the Board had been called to the fact that printed lists of pig fairs to be held in various centres in Donegal were anything but dependable. They wished to know if the Council would prepare and furnish to the Board each month a list of the Pig Fairs to be held the following month, with particulars as to the estimated number of pigs to be on sale, and the number of pigs sold at fair held about the same date in the preceding year.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Board that the Pig Fairs were now as fixed by the Board themselves, and that the Council had no information as to the number of pigs to be on sale.

Councillor Baxter complained that whilst the dates of fairs had been arranged by the Pigs Marketing Board, they failed to send representatives to purchase the pigs. As a result, people were kept standing on the street all day at Milford on the 27th September, and it was only the following morning that instructions came from the Board as to what was to be done with the pigs. A similar impasse occurred at Falcarragh that day also, and he urged the Council to get in touch with the Board by telephone, with a view to having the position remedied.

Councillor McIvor compared the price paid to the producer with the price of bacon, which he stated was nothing short of a scandal.

The Council unanimously agreed that Councillor Neal Blaney, T.D., get in touch with the Board that day by telephone.

1162/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCE AT BELCRUIT, KINCASSLAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, stating that Mr. Daniel J. Boyle, Belcruit, Kincasslagh, had consulted him in reference to the action of the County Council in knocking down without notice or permission about 28 yards of the fence bounding his land on the public road, and in trespassing on his land and building a new fence on it also without notice or permission. Before taking any further steps he wished to be furnished with an explanation of the Council's action.

The following report was submitted from the Engineer-in-Charge, Mr. T. W. Callagy:-

"With reference to the attached letter from Mr. P. O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, Mr. Boyle, I am informed, gave verbal permission to the County Council Ganger in charge to carry out this necessary work previous to the commencement of the work on his land on the 13th August, 1937. Mr. Boyle, I understand, did not raise any objection until the 17th September, 1937, although he frequently visited the work in progress. Work on these lands has now ceased.

The work consisted of removal of a clay and sod fence and the re-placement of this by a stone wall. The amount of land required to do this is very small, and the land is of a very poor quality. The name of the Ganger is Patrick Gallagher."

The Council decided to send a copy of Mr. Callagy's report to Mr. O'Donnell.

1163/37. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NOS. 9 AND 14 DISTRICTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th September, 1937, G.75102/37, Dun na nGall., acknowledging the Secretary's letter of the 1st September regarding the appointment of a Rate Collector for Districts Nos. 9 and 14, and drawing attention to the terms of Article 96 (a) and (b) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, in regard to the grounds for disqualification for appointment to the post of Rate Collector, which state that no person shall be deemed to be qualified to be appointed to or to hold such Office:-

- (a) who is engaged in retail trade of any kind;
- (b) whose wife or husband, or any member of whose family, with whom he resides, is engaged in retail trade of any kind.

It appeared from the replies furnished to queries that Mr. Gallagher was not qualified for appointment, and the Minister was not, therefore, in a position to sanction the Council's proposal.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Aloysius Gallagher, Bridge Street, Donegal, who was appointed Rate Collector for Districts Nos. 9 and 14 at last Meeting, stating that he had been engaged in the egg exporting business, but he did not think that this was classed as retail. He was, however, willing if his appointment as Rate Collector was sanctioned, to cease his connection with the egg exporting business, and to reside in a separate dwelling not connected with any retail business.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Scott, the Council unanimously decided to accept the arrangement mentioned by Mr. Gallagher, and to request the Department to re-consider their decision.

1164/37. QUESTION OF CONTINUANCE OF MR. PETER GREENE AS COLLECTOR FOR NO. 13 DISTRICT.

The Secretary adverted to the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 8th September, 1936, G.177808/36, Dun na nGall. Fa., and he stated that when the Department sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Peter Greene as Collector for the No. 13 District, they stated that the arrangement did not involve the permanent re-assignment of this District to that previously held by Mr. Greene, and that the position should be again reported when the warrant was closed.

The Secretary further stated that Mr. Greene had closed his collection for No. 13 District for 1936/37 on the 14th September, 1937, and he recommended his continuance as Collector for this District.

The Council unanimously adopted the Secretary's recommendation.

1165/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF RENT OF QUARRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, stating that Mr. Alexander Knox, Craigalogue, Culdaff, informed him that the Council was in arrears with £5 rental for quarry. He wished to have payment of £5 and 10/- costs within one week; otherwise, legal proceedings would be instituted.

The Acting Co. Surveyor submitted the following report from his Assistant:-

"In October, 1936, the Co. Surveyor instructed me to inform Mr. Knox that in future all payments would be made at 3d. per ton. I informed Mr. Knox accordingly on the 19th October, 1936.

Mr. Knox was paid £5 yearly up to and including the 30th June, 1936, and no material was quarried in his quarry since May, 1936.

I do not know the nature of the Agreement entered into between Mr. Steadman, the late County Surveyor, and the owner of the Quarry, but my instructions from the former were that the rental was £5 per annum whilst the quarry was in use."

The Council instructed the Secretary to send a copy of the report to Mr. White.

1166/37.

MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th September, 1937, SGQ/201/37, stating, for the information of the Council, that a sum of £16,000 had been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the Road Improvement Grant, 1937/38, for Main Road Improvement as follows:-

1.	T.73.	Buncrana-Clonmany Road; Clonbeg to Glasmullan; Widen, strengthen, surface, and surface dress..	£2,500.
2.	L.78.	Milford-Portsalon; Milford-Carrowkeel; Work as in No. 1.....	£2,100.
3.	L.76.	Kilmacrenan-Creeslough; Barnes to Creeslough; Work as in No. 1.....	£3,000.
4.		Provision and erection of a 20-ton weighbridge at Letterkenny.....	400.
5.	T.72.	Inver-Ardara; at Inver, Bruckless, and Stragar; Widen, strengthen, and surface in tar bitumen macadam.....	£2,500.
6.	L.74.	Glenties-Letterkenny; Shallogans towards Fintown; Work as in No. 5.....	£3,500.
7.	L.75.	Ballybofey-Dungloe; Galwolie Bridge to Letterbrick; Work as in No. 5.....	£2,000.

The letter also set out the conditions on which the Grant would be payable.

The Chairman (Councillor Michael Og McFadden, T.D.) protested against the omission from the Scheme of all the roads between Killybegs and Glencolumbkille.

Councillor Blaney complained of the omission of the road from Kindrum to Ballymagowan.

Councillor Scott objected to the repeated failure of the Department to provide for the important roads in the former Derry No. 2 District.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle, it was unanimously decided to accept the Grant under protest.

1167/37. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING FACILITIES TO SERVE THE DISTRICTS OF CURRANSPORT, GLASSERCHOO, AND MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 9th September, 1937, S.W.1/3/10, stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had received representations as to the necessity for the provision of landing facilities to serve the fishing and other interests at Curransport, Glasserchoo, and Meenlaragh; and, before considering the question of a Grant from the Employment Fund, he would be glad to be favoured with the views of the Council as to whether in fact they considered that the expenditure of funds for the purpose indicated would be justified, and, if so, what form the work should take.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

1168/37. BREAKING OF CONTRACT NO ROAD NO. 1875, KILLYBEGS TO COMMONS SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Mr. Louis Walsh, Solicitor, Glenties, stating that he intended having Civil Bill served in connection with the breaking of the Contract on Road No. 1875, Killybegs to Commons School, and inquiring if the Council would be agreeable to have the case heard at Killybegs District Court instead of at Lifford District Court.

The Secretary stated that Civil Bill had since been served in the case.

The Council decided to refer the matter to their Solicitor with instructions to protect the Council's interests.

1169/37.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

Notices were submitted of intentions to apply for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, in respect of premises known as "Bruckless Parochial Hall", and premises at Letter, Clonmany, owned by Mr. Michael Doherty.

Notice of an Appeal against the conditions of a licence granted in respect of St. Eugene's Hall, Moville, was also submitted.

1170/37.

CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th August, 1937, stating that the Minister had been informed by the Office of Public Works that in the original plans for Poolawaddy Boatlip an approach road down a cliff path from the north was included. The owner of the land, Mr. Neil Gallagher, consented to give a strip of land for the purpose. When work was nearing completion a rough approach road around the head of the beach was constructed by the fishermen who undertook to maintain it. This was destroyed by storm. The County Council then agreed to construct an approach road, provided the quay was extended to the top of the beach. This latter work was done. In the circumstances, the Minister considered that the County Council might make a further effort to provide an approach road.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

1171/37.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - MR. JOHN GALLAGHER, MAIN STREET, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd September, 1937, referring to the granting of a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Gallagher, Main Street, Falcarragh, and inquiring what the amount of the advance now proposed. Information should also be supplied as to the occupation of the applicant; his annual income; and whether the Council were satisfied that he was in a position to re-pay the advance punctually when due; and to maintain the premises in a proper condition.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Department that the amount of the advance proposed in this case now was £330.

Mr. Gallagher replied on the prescribed form that he was a Merchant; that his annual income was about £100; and that his occupation was permanent.

On the motion of Councillor McClefferty, the Council unanimously decided to inform the Department that the Council were satisfied that Mr. Gallagher was in a position to re-pay the advance punctually when due, and to maintain the premises in a proper condition.

1172/37.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - MR. MANUS LOUGHREY, KERRYKEEL.

The Secretary stated that he had sent the Department's questionnaire to Mr. Manus Loughrey, Kerrykeel, in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Loughrey stated that he was an R.I.C. Pensioner with a pension of £82 : 7 : 9 per annum, and that he was also an Insurance Agent at a salary of £22 per week.

The Council unanimously decided to inform the Department that they were satisfied that Mr. Loughrey was in a position to re-pay the advance punctually when due, and to maintain the premises in a proper condition.

1173/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - MR. JOSEPH B. GALLAGHER, GLENTIES.

The Secretary stated that he had sent the Department's questionnaire to Mr. Joseph B. Gallagher, Glenties, in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he was a farmer and Army Pensioner with an annual income of £60 per annum.

The Council unanimously decided to inform the Department that they were satisfied that Mr. Gallagher was in a **position** to re-pay the advance punctually when due, and to maintain the premises in a proper condition.

1174/37. APPOINTMENT ON CLERICAL STAFF OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from Dr. M. McGettigan, Dunkineely, protesting, on behalf of himself and Mrs. Mary McGill, Dunkineely, against the action of the County Board of Health in not appointing to a vacancy on their clerical staff, Mr. George McGill, who took second place at a recent Examination for a Clerkship in the County Council Office, and who, by a resolution of the County Council dated 30th June, 1936, was automatically entitled to the vacancy on the staff of the Board of Health. He also wished to protest against the fixing of the age limit for the Board of Health Examination at 25 years of age, thereby debarring Mr. McGill, who was only 20 years of age, from competing.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the attention of the Board of Health be drawn to the resolution of the County Council, and that the appointment go to Mr. McGill.

Councillor McShane seconded.

Mr. Flanagan, Secretary of the Board of Health, who was in attendance at the Meeting, stated that the Board were prohibited from appointing on their staff any person under twenty-one years of age.

1175/37. BALANCES OWING BY BUNCRAHA URBAN COUNCIL TO CO. COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Buncrana, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Buncrana Urban Council at their Meeting on the 6th September:-

"That this Council hereby undertake to strike such a sum as Town Rate for a period of five years as will wipe out any balance now due by the Council in respect of interest and other payments, and will each year in addition strike such rate as will meet the expenditure for that year. And in connection therewith, we request the Local Government Department to extend our financial credit, and relieve the present pressure against the Council. And further that this Council request the Donegal County Council to accept payment of their demands for Poor Rate now overdue in such sums spread over a period of five years as may be agreed upon."

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Urban Council that the Council had no legal authority to agree to the arrangement.

1176/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONTINUANCE OF ROAD PARTLY MADE UNDER A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME AT DRUMBOE.

A letter was read from Mr. William Leeper, Ballinaglack, Ballybofey, applying for a grant for the continuation of the road partly made to Drumboe. An extension from Ballinaglack to Creggan would be a much-desired improvement.

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

1177/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. John Keeney, Meenatea, Ardara, stating that he had about four tons of screened sand on the road, and the Ganger took it and used it without asking his permission. He wished to be paid for same immediately.

The Acting County Surveyor submitted the following report:-
"The Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Lennon, informs me that the gravel was taken off the land with permission of the present owner, Mr. Dan Maloney, Brackey, Ardara. He states that he has no evidence to prove that this gravel was Keeney's property, and will certify for payment only when he satisfies himself that the gravel really belongs to Keeney."

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

1178/37. WAGES OF MR. PHILIP McDERMOTT, DRIVER, ROLLER NO. 27.

A letter was read from Mr. Philip McDermott stating that he was recently appointed to be Driver of the new Diesel Roller (No. 27), and he was surprised to find that he was being paid at the same rate as Flagmen. He had been sixteen years in the Council's employment, and as the new Roller was oil-driven he had not the assistance of a Flagman, and he considered that he should be paid at the same rate as the other Roller Drivers.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"The facts are substantially correct as stated in the letter of Driver McDermott. He is not supplied with a Flagman as I do not consider it necessary. He has, on that account, to spend some time after working hours oiling and greasing the machine, etc."

Councillor Mahony proposed that in view of the fact that this Driver was without the services of a Flagman, and that thereby he would have more work to do, his commencing salary be fixed at £2 : 10 : 0 per week, rising by annual increments of 2/- per year to a maximum of £3 per week.

Councillor McIvor seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously.

1179/37. COMPLAINT FROM DRIVER OF ROLLER NO. 20 RE BEING SHIFTED FROM THE ROSSES AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. F. J. O'Donnell, Driver, Roller No. 20, protesting against being shifted from the Glenties Area to work in the Killybegs Area. He had been 15 years in the Council's employment, all of which had been spent in the Glenties Area, and he considered it unfair that he should have to break up his home now. The Council had hired machinery working in the Rosses Area. The Roller on which he was working was also in a bad state of repair, and he wished to have a spare Driver in case of illness.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that he must reserve to himself the right to change machinery about, as he thought fit.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1180/37. COMPLAINT RE MAGHERALOSK-MEENADUFF ROAD FROM KNOCKASTOLAR N.S. TO EXTREME END.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Ferry, Meenaduff, Bunbeg, protesting against the condition of the Magheralosk-Meenaduff Road from Knockastolar N.S. to its extreme end. The road abounded in ruts and pot-holes, and was practically impassable for motor vehicles.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Acting Co. Surveyor.

1181/37. COMPLAINT RE ROAD FROM DERRYBEG TO MIDDLETOWN.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Connaghan, Magheragallon, Derrybeg, complaining of the condition of the road from Derrybeg to Middletown between Middletown Three Roads and the sea at Magheragallon.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Acting Co. Surveyor.

1182/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF RIVER BED AT GLENMALIN, MALINMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. F. McElroy, Glenmalin, Malinmore, applying for a grant for the cleaning of the river bed in the townland of Glenmalin. Owing to the height of the river bed his land was being flooded.

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

1183/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR EXTENSION OF ROAD IN QUIGLEY'S POINT DISTRICT PARTLY MADE UNDER A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. George Doherty, Meedanmore, Quigley's Point, applying for a grant for the extension of the road commenced two years ago in Meedanmore Hill in the townland of Three Trees. Unless the road was completed, it was of no benefit to the locality.

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

1184/37. DEPOSITS LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAYS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Quinn, Building Contractor, Bundoran, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 which he lodged in connection with the opening of the road in Bundoran.

A letter was read from Mrs. E. Melly, Main Street, Donegal, applying for a refund of the deposit of £2 which she lodged in connection with the opening of the public roadway.

The Council decided to refer the matters to the Acting County Surveyor.

1185/37. APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick McGrory, Tonduff, Linsfort, stating that he intended withdrawing his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and applying for a refund of his deposit.

The Council decided to refund the deposit, less any legal expenses incurred.

1186/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING OF VILLAGE OF MALIN.

A petition was submitted from Rev. J. O'Brien, P.P., and a number of ratepayers of the Malin District, protesting against the action of the Council in levying rates on the townland of Carrowmore to defray the cost of the public lighting of Malin.

A deputation, which was headed by Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, appeared in support of the complaint. Mr. McCormick suggested that the charge be fixed on the neighbouring townlands.

The Council decided to ask Mr. McCormick to suggest an equitable area of charge to the County Board of Health.

1187/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD TO LEAD INTO TULLYNANARM BOG, GREENCASTLE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Leonard Bovaird, Lisheen, Shrove, Merville, applying for a grant for the construction of a Bog Road leading into Tullynanarm Bog from the Greencastle-Glenagivney County Road at Barnes Hill.

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

1188/37. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR HORSE KILLED ON ROAD AT DRUMKEEN.

A letter was read from Mr. George Daisley, Callanor, Drumkeen, stating that he noted from the extract from the Council's Minutes of the 31st August that the Acting County Surveyor stated that there was nothing wrong with the Leglands Road, which would have caused the injuries to his horse, yet, after the accident to the horse, the road was repaired.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1189/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD NO. 54, APRIL 1937, STRANORLAR AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McMenamin, Dooish, Ballybofey, complaining of the condition of the road leading to his house. He had a car for hire, and owing to the dangerous condition of the road, he often had narrow escapes.

The Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"This refers to Road No. 54, April 1937, Stranorlar Area. The portion complained of is about 40 perches of a very hilly and rocky road, from 8 to 10 feet wide, with a water-course along one side. The road ends at the bog about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles further on. Therefore, there is not very much traffic on it except turf traffic. To effect any improvement this portion would require overhauling by widening, blasting rocks, and grading hill, and would cost about £80 or £100. Consents for this work would also be required."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1190/37. COMPLAINT RE DANGEROUS CROSSROADS, AND REQUEST FOR ERECTION OF DIRECTION SIGN.

A letter was read from Captain J. S. Hamilton, Brownhall, Ballintra, asking if nothing could be done to improve that very dangerous crossroads, Lifford - Letterkenny, and Raphoe - Derry. There was a lot of traffic at this point, and he hoped the Council would take the matter up with the County Surveyor. He also suggested that a Direction Sign should be erected on the Raphoe side of St. Johnston as if going towards Carrigans it looked as if one should go straight on instead of turning sharp right.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

1191/37. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR PIPES PURCHASED.

A letter was read from Mr. Vincent Sweeney, St. Eunan's, Moville, claiming payment for pipes, the purchase of which was rendered necessary by the fact that the County Council, without authority, connected a pipe carrying off road surface water with a private sewer off No. 1, Montgomery Terrace, Moville, and thereby, owing to defective connection, flooding the cellar of this house. In addition, he claimed such reasonable proportion of the cost of labour entailed as the County Surveyor might determine.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

1192/37. CONTINGENCY FUND.

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

<u>Alleach District.</u>	
Road No. 925 torn by cloud-burst.....	£5 : 0 : 0.
Road No. 938 torn by cloud-burst.....	£2 : 0 : 0.
<u>Lifford District.</u>	
Road No. 1419 torn by cloud-burst... <i>M.R.</i>	£3 : 0 : 0.
<u>Milford District.</u>	
Road No. 267 torn by cloud-burst.....	£12 : 0 : 0.
Road No. 272 torn by cloud-burst.....	£15 : 0 : 0.
Road No. 731a torn by cloud-burst.....	£22 : 0 : 0.
Road No. 125 torn by cloud-burst.....	£15 : 0 : 0.
Repair of breaches in Portsalon Pier.....	£30 : 0 : 0.

The application was granted unanimously.

1193/37. REQUEST TO HAVE CERTAIN ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS CARRIED OUT.

Letters were read from Mr. James McHugh, Ardara, asking the Council to carry out the following works:-

- (a) Widening the road from Meentinadea New School and rolling with light roller on to the Mullains or Drindoo.
- (b) Drainage of land at Stravalley River.
- (c) Road from Con White's, Drimitten, made new or repaired on to the lane at Thomas Given's, Drimitten.
- (d) Deepening and widening of Cashel River from Brackey Bridge through Common, Aighe, and Brackey.
- (e) Erection of a light on the road leading from Rosbeg Pier.

As regards (a), the Acting County Surveyor reported as follows:-

"Portion of this stretch (Tullintain to the Mullains) is on rolling specification, and is at present awaiting a Roller. There are no funds available at present to widen and roll the remainder from Tullintain to Meentindea. The other matters referred to are for the Board of Works."

The Council decided to send a copy of the report to Mr. McHugh, and to inform him that the other works suggested were not within the province of the Council.

1194/37. DATES OF MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following dates were fixed in connection with the half-yearly Meetings re payments to Road Contractors:-

Aileach.....	Thursday, 4th November, 1937.
Ballyshannon.....	Saturday, 30th October, 1937.
Donegal.....	Tuesday, 2nd November, 1937.
Dunfanaghy.....	Saturday, 6th November, 1937.
Dungloe.....	Friday, 29th October, 1937.
Glenties.....	Saturday, 30th October, 1937.
Kilcar.....	Thursday, 4th November, 1937.
Inishowen.....	Monday, 1st November, 1937.
Letterkenny.....	Friday, 5th November, 1937.
Lifford.....	Wednesday, 3rd November, 1937.
Milford.....	Saturday, 30th October, 1937.
Stranorlar.....	Saturday, 30th October, 1937.

1195/37. MALINBEG BOATSLIP.

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

"The following repairs are urgently required for Malinbeg Boatslip:-

8-10 c. yds. rough concrete on Pier.....	£12 : 10 : 0.
Cutting out cracks and filling with cement mortar.....	£4 : 0 : 0.
Repairs in concrete to slipway.....	£5 : 10 : 0.
Repairs to winch, and provide and fix new chain.....	£3 : 0 : 0."

The Council unanimously decided to place the required amount in Mr. O'Reilly's hands.

1196/37. CRAPACHAIN CIGIRI BIADH AGUS DRUGANNA.

Do leigheadh litir ó'n Ard-Cheannphort, Garda Síothchana, Leitir Ceannainn, ag iarraidh ar an Chomhairle Chonndae Garda R. T. de Burca, Craosloch, agus Garda Liam P. Arnold, Bun Beag, a cheapadh mar Cigirí um Biadh agus Druganna.

Shocraigh an Chomhairle Gardai de Burca agus Arnold a cheapadh.

1197/37.

RAMELTON PIER.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, stating that the Board had accepted Tenders for the public lighting of Ramelton village, but the Board considered that the public lighting of Ramelton Pier was a matter for the County Council.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

1198/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN FANAD AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. P. P. Sweeney, Doaghbeg, Ballylar, enclosing petition from a number of ratepayers of that district for a grant for the repair of the road, which was a branch of No. 132 leading from Portsalon to Fanad Head and running from a point at Three Roads, Old R.I.C. Barracks, Doaghbeg, to a point at Jimmy Callaghan's, Drumnacraig, and which was about 240 perches long. The improvement of this road would be much appreciated by the people of the locality and also by tourists who availed of it.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until the Annual Road Works Meeting.

1199/37.

SGOILAIREACHT EIBHLIN T. NI SHUIRPLEIS, MOINEIS, BEART.

Do leigheadh litir ó Oifig an Oideachais Naisiunta faoi dhata an 15adh lá de'n Mean Foghmhair, 1937, C.U.1752, ag tagairt do sgoiltaireacht Eibhlin T. Ni Shuirpleis, Moineis, Beart, Tir Chonaill, agus ag radh go dtuigtear nach bhfuil an Comhairle sasta an sgoiltaireacht a chur ar faghail do dhaoine a n-eirigheann leo ait a fhaghail i gColaiste Ullmhuchain, agus ag tagairt do imlitreacha an Roinne dar dataí 28adh Márta, 1929, agus 24adh Eanáir, 1930, ag radh nach bhfeictear aon chuis le sgoiltaireacht a laghdughadh nó a dhiultadh do dhuine a mbeadh ceann aige ar dhul isteach dho i gColaiste Ullmhuchain, mar go n-aithnítear na Colaistí Ullmhuchain mar Meadhon Sgoileanna i gcoir sgoiltaireachtaí na gComhairlí gComndae.

Shocrúigh an Chomhairle gan bacadh leis an cheist.

1200/37.

FIRE-FIGHTING SERVICES OF AN SAORSTAT.

A letter was read from the Clerk, County Borough of Cork, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Cork County Borough Council:-

"That we, the Council of the County Borough of Cork, respectfully ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to introduce legislation with a view to nationalising the fire-fighting services of the Saorstat."

The resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Scott.

1201/37.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONERS.

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

"That, as the Appointments Commissioners have not the confidence of the people or the Local Authorities in Eire, this Council requests their immediate abolition, and further that an expression of an opinion be sought from the various Local Authorities with a view to having the Commissioners abolished."

The Council unanimously decided to mark the resolution "read."

1202/37.

DEDUCTIONS FROM OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the City Manager, Limerick, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Limerick City Council:-
 "That we call on the President of the Executive Council of Dail Eireann to introduce legislation whereby Old Age Pensioners in the Free State who are in receipt of small allowances from their Trade Unions or from former employers shall be entitled to the full 10/- per week Old Age Pension, without any deduction by reason of being in receipt of the above referred to Superannuation or Pension. It is understood that in the Six Counties and in Great Britain no disability is placed on people of the kind referred to provided they contributed to the National Health Insurance Fund during their working years; and it is a harsh law which penalises the good citizen for providing for himself in some small measure in his old age, while the "ne'er-do-well" member of the community who has never contributed to the wealth or welfare of his country automatically becomes entitled to the full 10/- per week when he attains his 70th year."

On the motion of Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to adopt the resolution as far as the words "working years."

1203/37.

RESOLUTION REGARDING PROVISION OF PENSIONS AT 65 YEARS, AND REGARDING MEDICAL ATTENDANCE TO INSURANCE CONTRIBUTORS.

A letter was read from the Dublin Typographical Benevolent Fund enclosing for the Council's support the following resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting of the Society:-

(1) "That in order to reduce unemployment amongst younger workers, Trade Unions should be encouraged by the State (by subvention or otherwise) to provide Pensions at 65 years of age for all their members on attaining that age."

(2) "That all insured workers be eligible for the Old Age Pension at the age of 65 years, irrespective of the question of means, in accordance with the system existing in Northern Ireland and Great Britain."

(3) "That Medical Attendance and Medicine be afforded to all Health Insurance Contributors in addition to present benefits, in accordance with the system existing in Northern Ireland and Great Britain, thus reducing the heavy expenditure entailed by working-class families in providing same."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt the resolutions, with the deletion of the words "in accordance with the system existing in Northern Ireland and Great Britain."

1204/37.

RADIATOR IN COUNCIL OFFICES.

The Secretary applied for permission to have Radiator removed from Council Chamber to back Office on ground floor, as the Radiator at present in that Office was insufficient for heating the place.

Permission was granted unanimously.

1205/37.

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF SENTINEL WAGGON.

Two Tenders were submitted for the purchase of the old Sentinel Waggon at Gorey Quarry, Buncrana, as follows:-

Messrs. Brown's Foundry, Ltd., Letterkenny.....£1 : 10 : 0.

Alexander Carlin, Drumatoland, St. Johnston.....£1 : 3 : 0.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the Tender of Messrs. Brown's Foundry, Ltd., Letterkenny.

1206/37.

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF OLD CORRUGATED IRON.

Eight Tenders were submitted for the purchase of old corrugated iron at Carndonagh Workhouse, and the Council decided to accept the highest Tender, that of Mr. Michael Diver, Terrynerry, Glencely, at 1s/9d per sheet, damaged and undamaged.

1207/37. EXECUTION OF GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH MR. JAMES KEE,
BALLINATONE, WELCHTOWN.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, Grant of right-of-way with Mr. James Kee, Ballinatone, Welchtown.

1208/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PETROL PUMP.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, applying for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.
The application was granted unanimously.

1209/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR PROTECTION FROM SEA EROSION
AT BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th September, 1937, S.W.1/3/1, referring to the Council's application for a grant for protection from sea erosion at Bundoran, and stating that if it could be shown that the proposed work, if undertaken, would be of general public utility, and if the parties whose interests were affected were prepared to (a) bear a reasonable proportion of the cost; (b) maintain the works when completed; and (c) submit a scheme on that basis, the proposal would be examined in competition with any others which might be received for the same area, and having regard to the unemployment position in the district.
The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

1210/37. WORKS APPROVED UNDER MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd September, 1937, SGP/7, referring to the works approved under the Road Improvement Grant for 1936/37, and stating that these works were to have been completed by the 31st July last. Accordingly, they wished to be informed of the cause of the delay, and an indication as to when the works would be finished.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyors.

1211/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD METAL SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. John McLaughlin, Cottian, Kilmacrenan, stating that there were 323 tons of side-filling taken from his quarry on the Kilmacrenan-Churchill Road. This metal was quarried by Anthony Coyle, and carted by his father, Eddie Coyle. The permanent surface-man, John Coyle, spread the metal on the road. He wished to know if his name had been submitted for payment, or if the Coyle's had been paid for the metal.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that this metal was supplied under a Contract, and that the question of payment to Mr. McLaughlin was not a matter for the County Council.

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Confirmed.

Michael O'Meara

Chairman of Co. Council.

26th October, 1937.

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U.S. blamed in fuel crisis

Arab oil company officials in Beirut blamed the United States for what they called a self-inflicted fuel crisis. They said the current short-term crisis had nothing to do with a long-term energy gap that will hit the United States between the years 1975-1985.

And one oil company executive, who declined to be named, said he could not resist saying, "I told you so" on hearing of the U.S. fuel shortages.

"We have been warning the U.S. administration for years that this was going to come," he said. "Through a mixture of pig-headedness, out of place altruism and simple bad planning they have brought these problems upon themselves."

Record profits for 'Clays'

Shares in English China Clays, the quarries to civil engineering group, got a late boost last night with the announcement of record results. A gain of 7p after the official close of stock markets wiped out an earlier loss to leave the shares 2½p higher at 19p.

English China Clays reported a jump of almost £2,500,000 in profits to a new pre-tax peak of £14,219,000, despite losses of more than £900,000 at one offshoot, Sydney Green and Sons (Contractors). The freeze forced the directors to shelve plans to lift the final dividend to 8½ p.c. It is held at 6½ p.c. to make a same again total for the year to the end of September of 10½ p.c.

Arab oil sources said the United States could buy as much crude oil as it wanted in the Middle East. "But even if it had the crude oil, there is some doubt it has the necessary facilities for importing, processing and converting into power," one said.

Another executive said he had heard colleagues expressing the hope the United States would suffer a fuel crisis this winter so that it would "bring home to the bureaucrats the seriousness of the situation."

Oil company officials said the U.S. administration had badly underestimated power needs for this winter, which had been unusually severe.

"But the basic problem is that the administration—which has something like a dozen federal agencies handling different parts of the problem—has sat too long on essential energy projects," an executive said.

"If the Alaska oil plan had gone ahead the country would now be receiving 50 to 100 million tons of oil a year from that area," he said. "Instead, environmentalists have held up the whole thing and the area hasn't even begun producing."

The executive said pressure from environmentalist groups had made it virtually impossible for an oil company to obtain a licence for a terminal on the U.S. east coast. Oil sources viewed the current crisis as temporary. But they warned that by 1985, according to current estimates, the United States will have to import half its oil needs. Of the 30 million barrels a day the United States will need, some 12 million will come from the Arab Middle East. One major result would be a massive balance of payments deficit, they said.

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A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1937.

1212/37.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

1215/37.

A P O L O G Y.

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

1214/37.

THE LATE MR. DENIS O'NEILL, CO.C.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Denis O'Neill, Co.C., on his early death.

Councillor Brady, in seconding the motion, paid a warm tribute to Mr. O'Neill's loveable personality, and his splendid services to the National cause.

The Secretary, and Councillors McClafferty and Scott, associated themselves with the resolution, which was passed in respectful silence.

1215/37.

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 Council held on the 28th September, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

1216/37.

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

Arising out of the confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting, Councillor Baxter proposed that Mr. Caffrey be requested to make immediate arrangements for the lighting of Ramelton Pier, and the proposal was passed unanimously.

1217/37.

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 Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th September, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1218/37.

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 Reports of the Sub-Finance Committee Meetings held on the 28th September, 1937, the 11th October, 1937, and the 19th October, 1937, were adopted unanimously.

1219/37.

R E P O R T O F S H E E P D I P P I N G C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty, the Report of the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on the 19th October, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1220/37.

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 Brady, the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 19th October, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1221/37.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Brady, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 19th October, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1222/37.

REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the Report of the Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 19th October, 1937.

Councillor McClafferty seconded.

Councillor Mahony proposed that that part of the Report dealing with the Co-Ordination of the Engineering Services, and the appointment of an Engineer and Architect be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Councillor Friel seconded.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and it was eventually agreed to refer back this part of the Report (Minute No. 17/37), with a view to:-

- (1) Examine saving, if any, which would be effected by proposed appointments.
- (2) Amount saved by existing Co-Ordination Scheme.
- (3) Position of Engineers already appointed for
 - (a) Waterworks,
 - (b) Sewerage Schemes.
 - (c) Labourers' Cottages, and
 - (d) Hospitals.
- (4) If one Engineer would be sufficient for the two appointments.
- (5) If the proposed appointments would be temporary or permanent.
- (6) Consideration of scrapping of the whole Co-Ordination Scheme.

It was decided that the Committee should meet on Tuesday, the 2nd November, 1937, at 12.30 p.m.

The remainder of the Report was adopted unanimously.

1223/37.

QUARTERLY LIST OF PAYMENTS.

The List of Payments for the quarter ended 30th September, 1937, as approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted, and payment ordered in each case.

In the case of the allowance to the County Surveyor for Grant Work, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Scott, to pay this amount to Messrs. J. J. Caffrey and T. J. O'Reilly, who were Acting County Surveyors for the half-year ended 30th September, 1937, and who performed the work.

1224/37.

VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL OWING TO THE DEATH OF COUNCILLOR O'NEILL.

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Mahony seconded that the seat on the Council formerly held by the late Mr. Denis O'Neill be declared vacant, and that a co-option of a person from the County Electoral Area of Donegal be made at next Meeting to fill the vacancy.

1225/37.

PURCHASE OF AN 8-10 TON DIESEL TYPE ROAD ROLLER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 22nd September, 1937, R/IR/20, stating that the Minister was prepared to sanction the purchase of an 8-10 Diesel type Road Roller for the Southern Division.

1226/37.

CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL ISSUED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, dated 23rd September, 1937, stating that the Certificate of Approval issued under the Housing Acts to Mrs. Mary McGinty, Drumderrydoonan, Commeen P.O., had been cancelled.

1227/37. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH AND SEA-WALL ALONG THE
SEA FRONT AT MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th September, 1937, S.W.3/1/18, referring to the Council's request for a grant for the construction of a footpath and sea-wall along the sea front at Moville, and stating that applications for grants towards the cost of schemes on roads or other property in the care of local authorities must be addressed in the first instance to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The Council's letter had, accordingly, been forwarded to the Department for attention.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that the proposed public work was not near a County Road or other property in the care of the local authority.

1228/37.

ROAD MAINTENANCE STATISTICS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th September, 1937, R.42(1937), referring to Tables B. and C. of Road Expenditure, and stating that the figures furnished on Table C. were similar to those furnished on Table B. (Maintenance). Table C. was, accordingly, returned for amendment.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th September, 1937, R.42(1937), requesting to be furnished with Table C. duly revised and completed as required.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th September, 1937, R.42(1937), referring to the return furnished on Table B. in respect of the ordinary Road Maintenance Statistics, and requesting to be furnished with certain information relating to the road mileage maintained.

1229/37.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1935.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 30th September, 1937, L.3595/37, stating that some Local Authorities appeared to be in doubt as to whether the methods at present employed for the slaughter of animals under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with particular reference to the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, had been affected by the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935. The requirements of the Act did not apply to the slaughter of animals by the Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors, under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Where, however, Local Authorities decided to purchase humane killers for use by such Inspectors, the Minister would be prepared to allow the cost of same to rank for recoupment from the General Cattle Diseases Fund provided he was satisfied beforehand as to the price and type of instrument required.

1230/37.

CONTINUANCE OF MR. PETER GREENE AS RATE COLLECTOR FOR
NO. 13 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd October, 1937, G.81814/37, Dun na nGall. Ec., stating that the Minister sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. Peter Greene as Rate Collector for District No. 13 during the current financial year on the terms and conditions already approved.

1231/37.

MOTOR VEHICLE I.H.4161.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 29th September, 1937, R/MT/7, requesting to be furnished with file in connection with Motor Vehicle I.H.4161.

1232/37. APPOINTMENT OF MR. E. A. GALLAGHER AS RATE COLLECTOR
FOR DISTRICTS 9 AND 14.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th October, 1937, G.81812/37, Dun na nGall., regarding the appointment of a Rate Collector for Districts Nos. 9 and 14, and stating that on the definite understanding that Mr. E. A. Gallagher discontinued his connection with the Egg Exporting business in which he was a partner, and provided an Office in the Collection District for the convenience of the ratepayers, the Minister, subject to compliance with the terms of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaoltacht) Orders, 1928-1936, sanctioned his appointment as Poor Rate Collector on a part-time and non-pensionable basis on the terms and conditions set out in queries.

1233/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD INTO
BALLEIGHAN BOG, MALIN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, dated 23rd September, 1937, C.2510, referring to the Council's resolution No. 1136/36 regarding the construction of a road into Ballicaghan Bog, Co. Donegal, and stating that their Supervising Engineer had been unable to locate the work as there were several roads leading into the Bog, and the Council's application gave no particulars of the location, and requesting to be furnished with further detail that would more specifically identify the work.

1234/37. DELAY IN FURNISHING FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH BOVINE
TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 6th October, 1937, asking to be furnished with Form T.2/3 in connection with a suspected case of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Mr. Thomas McCorkell, Ballinahone, Fahan.

1235/37. GENERAL BYE-LAWS FOR CONTROL OF TRAFFIC, 1937.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th October, 1937, enclosing a copy of General Bye-Laws for the Control of Traffic, 1937, made by the Commissioner, Garda Síochána, under Section 147 of the Road Traffic Act, 1937.

1236/37. ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1936/37.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th October, 1937, R/SGE/7, referring to a letter from the Acting County Surveyors dated 27th September, regarding the non-completion of certain works under the Road Improvement Grant for 1936/37, and stating that Road Improvement Work should be given precedence over other road work.

1237/37. INSURANCE OF CASH IN TRANSIT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th October, 1937, MT/203/7, referring to correspondence with the Secretary in connection with the insurance of motor taxation monies in transit between the Offices of the Donegal County Council and the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Strabane, and stating that the quotation of the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., Ltd., might be accepted.

1238/37. COMMITTEL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from Garda E. Galligan, Letterkenny, stating that the application for the committal of children named McCollum to an Industrial School was dismissed.

1239/37. GRANT FOR ERECTION OF HOUSE BY MR. JAMES McLAUGHLIN,
BALLYNALLY, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th October, 1937, Cert. A.09580, Dun na nGall. (HBF.), relative to an application for a grant in respect of the erection of a new house by Mr. James McLaughlin, Ballynally, Moville, and asking to be furnished with a reply to the Department's letter of the 11th June, 1937, in this connection.

1240/37. AMOUNTS DUE BY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th October, 1937, Circ. No. 126/37, asking to be furnished with a statement showing the payment made by each Urban District Council in the County on foot of the Poor Rate Demands for 1936/37 and 1937/38.

The Secretary stated that the following amounts were due by the Urban District Councils in respect of the period ended 30th September, 1937:-

Buncrana.....	£3,337 :10 : 1.
Bundoran.....	£595 : 0 : 1.
Letterkenny.....	Nil.

The Council unanimously decided to call on the Urban District Councils of Buncrana and Bundoran to lodge the outstanding amounts at once.

1241/37. PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE TO MR. MCKAY IN RESPECT OF
EXTRA DUTIES CAUSED BY ADDITIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th October, 1937, G.81801/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister was prepared to sanction the payment of an ex-gratia allowance of £30 to Mr. McKay in respect of extra duties devolving on him in connection with additional Road Improvement Grants allocated in County Donegal during 1936/37.

1242/37. CLAIM BY MR. ANDREW HERON OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE
FOR ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION IN RESPECT OF EXTRA WORK
CAUSED BY ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Arising out of the Department's letter of the 15th October, 1937, G.81801/37, sanctioning the payment of an ex-gratia allowance of £30 to Mr. McKay, Accountant, Councillor Baxter inquired if the proposal of the Sub-Finance Committee, which was adopted by the Council, to allow a bonus of £40 to Mr. Andrew Heron of the County Surveyor's Office in respect of extra work caused by Road Improvement Grants, had been sanctioned.

On the Secretary's replying in the negative, it was unanimously decided to ask the Department for an early sanction.

1243/37. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT ROSBEG SLIPWAY.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 29th September, 1937, C.87.119/1/37, stating that as the site of the work at Rosbeg slipway was exposed to westerly gales, and as the season was now far advanced it had been decided to hold over the commencement of the work and include it in next year's programme.

1244/37. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments of application for Minor Relief Grants for works at Tullynanarm, Balleighan, Foxborrow, Drumbog, Glenmalin, and Quigley's Point were received.

1245/37. LOAN OF £18,000 FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY IN THE ROSSES DISTRICT.

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 Co. Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum not exceeding £18,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply in the Rosses District."

1246/37. TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £250 to cover temporary clerical assistance required in connection with the proposed Employment Schemes on Roads amounting to £47,600.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to grant the Secretary's application.

1247/37. SCRAP CORRUGATED IRON LYING AT CARNDONAGH WORKHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Diver, Terrynerry, Gl. Beely, whose Tender for scrap iron at Carndonagh Workhouse was accepted at last Meeting, stating that he understood the iron was ten feet in length, but he now found it was only nine feet, and if he got a reduction for the 250 feet he would be short, he would take the iron.

The Council unanimously decided to re-advertise the scrap iron for sale.

1248/37. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th October, 1937, G.81813/37, Dun na nGall., referring to the Council's resolution of the 26th September on the subject of Overdraft accommodation, and stating that the Overdraft required was much higher than that sanctioned last year. This increase appeared to be due to the deterioration in the position of the Rate Collection, which at the 30th September was the most backward in the country. It should be understood that the Minister would not sanction Overdraft merely to cover insufficient Rate Collection, and before considering the present proposal he would be glad to have the views of the Council as to how it was proposed to improve the position.

The Secretary stated that the issue of the Collection Books had been delayed in some cases through the failure of the printers to supply them in time. They themselves were delayed in obtaining paper by certain tariff restrictions.

A very large number of ratepayers who had Credit Notes considered that as the First Moiety Credit Notes were valid to the 31st October, they were not obliged to pay their rates before this date.

Whilst sanction had been asked for Overdraft accommodation of £85,000 for the month of October, the full amount was not actually required, and a sanction for accommodation not exceeding £75,000 would suffice.

As a transfer for £10,000 was due to the Board of Health, and as the next instalment of Agricultural Grant would not likely be received before Mid-November, accommodation not exceeding £80,000 would be required for the month of November.

The Council unanimously decided to request the Minister to sanction Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £75,000 for the month of October, and £80,000 for the month of November.

It was also decided to request the Minister to arrange that First Moiety Credit Notes in future years be valid only up to the 30th September, with such power for extension as the County Council might consider necessary.

1249/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR PROTECTION FROM SEA EROSION AT BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th September, 1937, S.W.1/3/1., referring to the Council's application for a grant for protection from sea erosion at Bundoran, and stating that if it could be shown that the proposed work, if undertaken, would be of general public utility, and if the parties whose interests were affected were prepared to (a) bear a reasonable proportion of the cost; (b) maintain the works when completed; and (c) submit a scheme on that basis, the proposal would be examined in competition with any others which might be received for the same area, and having regard to the unemployment position in the district.

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

"At their Meeting held on the 31st August, 1937, the Co. Council unanimously adopted the following resolution:-

"That the Board of Works be asked to provide the necessary protection against erosion from the sea at Bundoran.

On 24th September, the Board of Works sent the following reply:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to your communication of the 9th instant relative to a grant for protection from sea erosion at Bundoran, and to say that if it can be shown that the proposed work, if undertaken, would be of general public utility, and if the parties whose interests are affected are prepared to (a) bear a reasonable proportion of the cost; (b) maintain the works when completed; and (c) submit a scheme on that basis, the proposal will be examined in competition with any others which may be received for the same area, and having regard to the unemployment position in the district."

This letter came before the Co. Council at their Meeting held on the 28th September, 1937, and the matter was then referred to me for a report.

Accompanied by Mr. Cunningham, Assistant County Surveyor, Donegal, I inspected the site of proposed protection. The portion affected is 335 yards long. The proposed protection would be in the nature of a retaining wall, 8' high, 4' wide at foundation, tapering to 2' wide at top. The first 200 yards of this proposed wall would serve in the nature of a protection against potential damage to the Main Road, T.18. The remaining 135 yards would serve only as protection against potential damage to private property. The possible danger to the road is rather remote. There is at present a clay bank averaging 14 feet high by 14 feet wide. From inquiries I have made, I have found that the actual erosion that has taken place at this spot in the past number of years has been very slight. If in the unlikely eventuality of any damage being done to existing protection wall to Trunk Road, T.18., it would be a much cheaper matter to repair this damage if, and when, it occurs, than now to erect a retaining wall to cater for alleged potential damage.

As regards the question of utility and the suggestion that the County Council bear a reasonable proportion of the cost, I am of the opinion that this is purely a matter for the Urban District Council. It would be an ideal Scheme for a free Grant.

As regards the protection of the private property affected, this is a lot more urgently required, but again this is not a matter for County Council expenditure.

The estimated cost of total length of retaining wall is £4 per lineal yard."

The Council decided to send a copy of Mr. O'Reilly's report to the Office of Public Works.

1250/37.

ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The Council noted a Medical Certificate from Dr. Taylor, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, W.5., dated 6th October, 1937, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey was still in Hospital and under his care, and would not be able to resume work for at least one month from that date.

1251/37. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING FACILITIES TO SERVE THE DISTRICTS OF CURRANSPORT, GLASSERCHOO, AND MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 6th October, 1937, SW.1/3/10, referring to their letter of the 9th ultimo relative to the necessity for the provision of landing facilities to serve the fishing and other interests at Curransport, Glasserchoo, and Meenlaragh, and stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance would be glad to be favoured with the Council's views on the proposal.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"There seems to be a good case for the construction of a landing-stage at Curransport. For the odd twenty miles stretch of coast between Dunfanaghy Pier and the new landing-place being constructed at Bunaninver, there are only two landing-places, namely, Falcarragh Pier and Magheraroarty Boatlip. The sand bar at Falcarragh has so silted up as to make approach to Falcarragh Pier very difficult, even for small boats. Magheraroarty is very exposed, and can only be approached in calm weather. It can only be used between tides, as low tides leave it and high tides cover it. I was informed that twelve mainland fishing-boats would be served by proposed landing-place at Curransport. It appears also that the Tory Island people, numbering 60 families, and the Inishbofin people, numbering 25 families take their turf by boat from Curransport. At present it is necessary for them to wade into the water to load their boats. When I visited the place, the spring tide was full, and I was not able to make any estimate for the cost of such a landing-place. From what I saw, however, I am of the opinion that the construction of a suitable landing-place would be both difficult and costly."

The Council instructed the Secretary to forward a copy of Mr. Caffrey's report to the Board of Works.

1252/37. ERECTION OF BEACONS AT ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th September, 1937, C.87/30/1/36, stating that there is a balance of £7 : 3 : 6 due by the Council in respect of the erection of Beacons at Arranmore Island, and asking to be furnished with a Paying Order for that amount.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

1253/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BRANCHING OFF CARRIGART - CREESLOUGH ROAD AT AGHADAHOR.

A letter was read from Mr. George Speer, Aghadahor, Glen P.O., complaining of the condition of the road which branched off the Carrigart-Creeslough Road at the house of David Speer, Aghadahor, and extended via Aghadahor N.S. to his house. He understood that a dispute existed as to which Assistant Surveyor's District this road was situate in, and he wished the Council to investigate the matter.

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

"There is no dispute as to whose district this road belongs. It is a short length of a connecting road, a few hundred yards long. Mr. Melvor, the Assistant Surveyor responsible for it, reports that he is getting it repaired by putting the adjacent surfacemen to work on it."

The Council noted Mr. Caffrey's report.

1254/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IN CROAGH, DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Burke, Croagh, Dunkineely, applying for a grant for the construction of a road in Croagh, which would accommodate 30 ratepayers who had no other way of getting through their lands.

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

1255/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF DRAIN IN TOWNLAND OF CROSSCONNELL, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Gill, Crossconnell, Clonmany, stating that there was a drain in the townland of Crossconnell in great need of being cleaned, widened, and deepened. This drain ran through the land of 20 small farmers, and a grant for its improvement would be much appreciated.

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

1256/37. ROAD WORKS REQUIRED IN THE CREESLOUGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Councillor Blaney enclosing a list of road works required in the Creeslough District, which had been forwarded to him by Rev. T. J. Gallagher, C.C., Cashelmore:-

- (1) The repair and rolling of three miles of road from W. Kelly's, Creesloughbeg, to Rooskey Bog, a distance of three miles.
- (2) Repair of Bridge near Glassan N.S., Creeslough, and levelling of the road leading up to and away from bridge towards Glassan N.S.
- (3) The cutting of several feet off the top of Mollytee Hill about a mile above Glassan N.S.
- (4) Repair and light rolling of Gortnaleck Road, Creeslough, for over 900 perches.
- (5) Levelling of road up to and away from Greenasmear Bridge, and levelling of road on both sides of Swillybrin Road Bridge on Kildarragh Road.

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

1257/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN ANNEY AND INNISKIL, RATHMULLAN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Rev. John O'Doherty, P.P., Rathmullan, complaining on behalf of the residents of Lagherdan against the condition of the road between Anney and Inniskil. The road is barely passable in winter with water flowing down from the hillside, and pedestrians have to wade through the water. Portions of the surface are often torn up.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1258/37. EXPORT OF LIVE TURKEYS TO NORTHERN IRELAND.

A letter was read from Messrs. Thomas Robinson, Sons & Co., Ltd., Strabane, protesting against having to bring all Donegal Turkeys for export to Stranorlar for inspection. They suggested that arrangements be made to have an Officer in attendance at Lifford on six days of the week, and they stated that if they did not get this concession they would not be interested in the purchase of Donegal Turkeys this year.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Messrs. Robinson's suggestion, and it was decided to request the Department to have Officers in ~~attendance~~ at Bridgend and Killea also.

1259/37. APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNCIL'S SCARIFIER.

An application was submitted from Mr. Charles McKomey, Agent to the Earl of Leitrim, for the use of the Council's Scarifier.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor with authority to give the use of the scarifier on the usual terms.

1260/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGE
AT LAKE NACUNG, GWEEDORE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Colonel A. F. S. Hill, Himbleton, Manor, Droitwich, England, stating that he had been asked by his former tenants of Glentornan (Dunlewey) and Meenacung (Gweedore) to bring to the Council's notice the inconvenience caused to them by the destruction of the light footbridge between the two lower Lakes. An excellent footbridge had been constructed at the north end of Lake Nacung, and if a similar bridge could be constructed on the piers of the old bridge at the south end of the Lake it would be a great convenience to the inhabitants, and he would be glad to make a contribution of £4 towards the work.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for special consideration when allocating future Minor Employment Grants, and the Secretary was instructed to convey the best thanks of the Council to Colonel Hill for his generous offer.

1261/37. ESTIMATE OF ROAD EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1938/39.

Messrs. J. J. Caffrey and T. J. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyors, submitted the following report:-

"Gentlemen,

In order to prepare the Road Works Scheme for the year 1938/39, we bring before you the estimate for the maintenance of the roads for the coming year. We have based this estimate on a sum of £65 per mile for Main Roads, and £13 : 10 : 0 per mile for County Roads. To this we have added a sum of £5,500 to cover the increase in road workers' wages which comes into force in the coming financial year. This increase amounts to 15.4%. We have, therefore, increased the portion of estimate which covers wages by this percentage.

The estimate is as follows:-

Main Roads.....	£41,821.
County Roads.....	£44,886.
Contingencies.....	£1,500.
Urbans.....	800.
Councillors' applications.....	£2,550.-
Direction and Danger Signs.....	100.

Total.....£91,657.

These figures are for maintenance only, and do not include loans for former relief works, or any provision for such works in the coming year."

Councillor McClafferty proposed and Councillor McShea seconded that the Estimate be adopted.

Councillor Mahony proposed, as an amendment, that the amount to be allowed for Main Roads be reduced by a sum of £9,000. He stated that owing to the increase in the cost-of-living increased demands were expected from the Board of Health and the Mental Hospital Committee.

Councillor Brady seconded the amendment.

On a show of hands 17 voted for the amendment, and 11 against.

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

1262/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR THE BUTT MEMORIAL
HALL, BALLYBOFEY.

An application was submitted for a Cinematograph Licence for the Butt Memorial Hall, Ballybofey.

The application was granted unanimously.

1263/37. APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE FOR THE PAROCHIAL HALL, GLENTIES.

An application was submitted for a Cinematograph Licence for the Parochial Hall, Glenties.

The application was granted, subject to a satisfactory report from Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor.

1264/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF CORNAGILL, ELECTORAL DIVISION OF CASTLEWRAY.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, referring to their letter of the 17th February last enclosing memorial from seven ratepayers in the townland of Cornagill drawing attention to the bad state of the road leading to their lands. The Council's reference of the matter to the Board of Works had not resulted in anything practical being done, and as the state of affairs set out in the Memorial had not since improved, they wished the Council to give the matter further consideration, and have something done which would ensure the road being made passable.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road, and that the matter had already been referred to the Board of Works. (Minute No. 308/37.)

1265/37. PROPOSED REPAIR OF MEENANILLAR-CORVEEN-GWEEDORE ROAD AND BRANCHES.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 29th September, 1937, P (A).56169/37, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution of the 31st August regarding the proposed repair of the Meenanillar-Corveen-Gweedore Road and branches (2), and repair of Bridge, and stating that as the Council was not prepared to take over these works until they were completed to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, the Land Commission did not propose to carry out the repair of this road and branches and bridge, as the Council were not prepared, without conditions, to maintain them when completed.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that he was not prepared to take over the works.

1266/37. PROPOSED REPAIR AND EXTENSION OF DEERAGH BOG ROAD.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 29th September, 1937, P.(A).49846/37, referring to the Council's resolution of the 27th July last regarding the repair and extension of Deeragh Bog Road, and stating that the Land Commission did not propose to carry out the repair and extension of this road as the Council were not prepared, without conditions, to take over permanently the maintenance of the road when completed.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that he was not prepared to take over the works.

1267/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR DRAINAGE OF THE CROLLY RIVER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th September, 1937, 8636/27, referring to the Council's resolution of the 26th January, 1937, applying for a substantial free grant towards the drainage of the Crollly River, and stating that this proposal was already the subject of a petition under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925. The petition was received by them on the 14th June, 1926, and subsequent investigation revealed that the proposal was wholly uneconomic, and it was, therefore, rejected. They regretted they had no funds out of which to make the grant asked for by the Council.

On the motion of Councillor O'Boyle it was unanimously decided to refer the matter back to the Board of Works with the request that they have the work carried out as a Minor Employment Scheme.

1268/37. APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF
OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

Applications for the issue of fresh Paying Orders in lieu of Paying Orders which had gone out-of-date were received from the following:-

<u>Name of Applicant.</u>	<u>Name of Payee.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>	<u>Date of original Paying Order.</u>
Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny.	John Sheridan, Ballyboes, Creeslough.	16s/8d.	23/3/1937.
Miss Teresa Kelly, Cloghan.	Miss Teresa Kelly, Cloghan.	4/-.	29/12/1936.
Mrs. Mary Byrne, Kilcar.	Mrs. Mary Byrne, Kilcar.	6s/2d.	19/5/1936.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for permission to have fresh Paying Orders issued.

1269/37. DATE OF ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING.

The Council unanimously decided to hold the Annual Road Works Meeting on Tuesday, the 4th January, 1938.

1270/37. AREA OF CHARGE IN RESPECT OF BURNING OF DANCE HALL
AT MEENACLADDY.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor referring to the discussion at last Meeting of the County Council regarding the Malicious Injury Decree awarded in respect of the burning of Gallagher's Dance Hall, Brinlack, and stating that he had looked up his notes in connection with the case, and had found that the Counsel for the Co. Council asked the Judge to fix a larger area of charge than the Electoral Division of Meenacaddy on account of the amount of the Decree. His note of the Judge's reply to the request was as follows:- "Fire synchronised with a climax of roudyism; was local, with local sympathies; therefore, must be on local area of Meenacaddy." The Judge went on to say that the surest way of putting down these crimes was to penalise the locality when it clearly was the act of locals, as in this case.

1271/37. COMPLAINT RE CHANGING OF COURSE OF RIVER ON THE UPPER
LEABGARROW-LIGHTHOUSE ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Jack Bonner, Scragatoke, Arranmore, stating that he wished to know if the Council intended to allow him any cement for the protection of his property owing to the changing of the course of the River on the Upper Leabgarrow-Lighthouse Road.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this matter was being dealt with.

1272/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT BY COUNCIL'S WORKMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Devlin, Grocer, Ballyliffin, asking the Council to send him the Paying Order due to Sean Grant, Tornabratilly, Clonmany, in respect of road work, as he owed him a few pounds for goods.

It was decided to inform Mr. Devlin that the Council had no power to do as he requested.

1273/37. CLOSING OF RAILWAY GATES AT LISAHULLY, BALLYSHAMON.

A letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Co., Amiens Street Station, Dublin, referring to the complaint regarding the closing of the Railway Gates at Lisahully, Ballyshamon, and stating that they found that the Gates were closed across the roadway between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6.30 a.m., which was in accordance with the provisions of their Statutory obligations. When required, the Gatekeeper, who performed his duties in an efficient manner, rose promptly during the night to open the gates for any vehicles that might require to pass through. This, however, occurred very infrequently.

1274/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF PORTNOO-NARIN-ROSBEG MAIN ROAD.

A letter was read from Rev. R. E. Devlin, Secretary, Narin and Portnoo Development Association, stating that it was felt that more tourists would be attracted to Narin and Portnoo Districts if the roads were in better condition. They wished to have the Portnoo-Narin-Rosbeg Road classified as a Main Road, and they wished to draw attention to its bad and dangerous state. There were several corners on this road which should be cut, particularly those at the Rectory Gate, the Post Office corner, Portnoo, and Scott's corner, Narin.

Councillor Byrne also complained of the corner at the Nuns' Residence, Portnoo.

The Council decided to refer the matters to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, to keep in mind when applying for Grants.

1275/37. QUESTION OF INSURANCE OF DIESEL AND STEAM ENGINES AGAINST MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN, OVERHEATING OF BEARINGS, ETC.

A quotation was submitted from the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., College Green, Dublin, for the insurance of the new Diesel Engines against Mechanical Breakdown, Overheating of Bearings and cracking or fracturing of Cylinders from frost or the like.

A quotation was submitted from the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., College Green, Dublin, for the insurance of Steam Engines against Mechanical Breakdown, and cracking or fracturing of cylinders from frost or the like.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that neither he nor Mr. O'Reilly would recommend the Council to take this insurance.

1276/37. ROAD FROM DUNMORE CORSS (NEAR CARRIGART), VIA GLEN VILLAGE, TO BARNES GAP.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Dorrian, Glen, Kilmacrenan, asking the Council to recommend to the Local Government Department that 6½ miles of the road from Dunmore Cross (near Carrigart), via Glen village, to Barnes Gap, be classified as a Main Road.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Loughrey, it was unanimously decided to request the Local Government Department to have this road scheduled as a Main Road.

1277/37. GLENTIES NO. 1 O.A.P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McNelis, Clerk, Glenties No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, enclosing letter from Mr. F. J. McLoone, Portnoo, tendering his resignation as a member of the Sub-Committee. Mr. McNelis pointed out that the Committee wished to have a member appointed from the Ardara District.

Councillor Byrne proposed, and it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Thady Campbell, Glenties, a member of the Sub-Committee.

1278/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO NORTHTOWN, MALIN HEAD.

A petition was submitted from the inhabitants of the village of Northtown, Malin Head, complaining of the condition of the road leading to the village. At a point about ten yards from the hill the gradient was so steep that it was not possible to take a heavy load up or down, and they wished the Council to have the road lowered to a maximum of four feet for about twenty yards.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until the Annual Road Works Meeting.

1279/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM CONWALL TO GLENKEO.

A letter was read from Messrs. William Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, referring to their complaint at the August Meeting about the condition of the County Road leading from Conwall to Glenkeo, and stating that they had been informed that the only thing that was done to the road since was to spread some loose stones on it rather loosley, and it was still far from being in a condition for ordinary traffic. The damage to the road was occasioned through the carting of material for the Council.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, applied for a sum of £20 out of the Contingency Fund to carry out the necessary repairs to this road.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to grant the amount.

1280/37. COMPLAINTS RE PIGS MARKETING BOARD.

A letter was read from the Pigs Marketing Board, 36, Upper Mount Street, Dublin, stating that the Council's complaint that their representatives failed to attend at Fairs was utterly unwarranted and unjust to the Board. They wished to inform the Council that the services of the Board had been and always would be reasonably at the services of pig producers, and that to date the County of Donegal had had from the Board more than its due proportion of attention. They enclosed a copy of an advertisement which appeared on various dates during the months of April and May in the Press regarding the attendance of their Inspectors during the month of May at various centres, and they stated that it was quite clear that there was no obligation on the Board by reason of any undertaking to continue its Inspectors' attending the centres named subsequent to the month of May.

Mr. Blaney remarked that there had been no complaints except from Milford.

1281/37. EVICTIOIN OF TRADERS IN TRALEE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Kerry County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by that Council:- "That we, the members of the Kerry County Council, protest against the recent evictions of three Traders in Tralee while negotiations were proceeding for a settlement on the Estates involved; that we request the Government to reinstate them to their homes and stay any further ejectments pending the introduction of legislation for Urban leaseholders which we call on the Government to introduce as soon as possible."

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Kerry County Council that this Council had no information or interest in this matter.

1282/37. RELEASE OF REPUBLICAN PRISONERS.

A letter was read from the Mallow Urban District Council enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by that Council:- "That this Council calls for the immediate unconditional release of all Republican prisoners held in the jails of Northern Ireland and the Free State, and that copies of this demand be sent to the heads of the Twenty-Six County and Six-County Administrations for their immediate attention."

It was decided to refer the Mallow Urban District Council to previous resolutions which were adopted by this Council to the same effect.

1283/37. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, stating that sanction to the Council's overdraft on General, Subsidiary, and Capital Accounts had expired.

The Secretary stated that the matter was having attention.

1284/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CONTINUATION OF ROAD FROM CRONAGUIGGY TO MEENCORWICK.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis Sharkey, Meencorwick, Crolly, asking the Council to apply for a grant for the continuation of the road from Cronaguiggy to Meencorwick started under a Minor Relief Scheme.

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

1285/37. COSTS INCURRED IN PROSECUTION UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from Garda J. H. Flanagan, Food and Drugs Inspector, Buncrana, applying for 4s/6d in respect of costs incurred by him in bringing a prosecution under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, in which the Defendant was fined one penny, with 15/- costs.

The Council decided to refund the amount to Garda Flanagan.

1286/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING INTO THE TOWNLAND OF CLOUGHGLASS, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the townland of Cloughglass, Burtonport, complaining of the condition of the road leading into that townland. The tide frequently crossed the road, making it absolutely impassable. An Inspector of the Irish Land Commission visited the place, and stated that the County Council should take charge of the business.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that inquiries were being made into this matter.

1287/37. PORTSALON 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 12th October, 1937, T.I.F.4010, stating that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1901 - 1920, were not being observed at Portsallon Dock:-

Dock Regulations, 1928, Form F.I.938, not affixed.

No lighting on Dock.

No First Aid provided.

Pendant Chains between posts protecting steps broken.

No means at water's edge to support a person immersed.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

1288/37. RAMELTON 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 11th October, 1937, T.I.F.11037, stating that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1901-1920, were not being observed at Ramelton Quay:-

No First Aid box provided.

No lighting provided.

No means of support at or near water's edge to enable a person immersed to support himself.

Opening at steps not securely fenced.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

1289/37. REPORT ON HEARING OF MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing report on Malicious Injury Claims disposed of at Ballyshannon Circuit Court on the 12th October, 1937.

The Council noted the report.

1290/37. REQUEST TO HAVE ROAD CONSTRUCTED TO LEAD TO LIME-KILN
AT CLASSIE, DOOCHARY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Boyle, Classie, Doochary, stating that he was asked by an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture to open a lime-stone quarry and build a kiln. He had done so, but there was no road to the Quarry. The Inspector told him to apply to the Council to have the required road constructed.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1291/37. BATH GREEN, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th October, 1937, enclosing copy of letter sent by them to the Council's Solicitor regarding the transfer to the Board of Health of the Bath Green, Moville.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 13th October, 1937, enclosing copy of letter from the Local Government Department regarding the transfer of the Bath Green, Moville, to the Board of Health, and stating that the Minister would be prepared to consent to the proposed transfer.

The matter was referred to the Board of Health.

1292/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM MUFF TO
ISKAHEEN CHURCH.

A letter was read from Rev. W. Meehan, C.C., Iskaheen, drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the road leading from Muff to Iskaheen Church. Between what was locally known as Keady Bridge and Iskaheen there were three very sharp turns, which required to be carefully negotiated and were very dangerous. If the Council could see their way to repair and roll the old road, which measured only 500 yards, and which was only occasionally out for contract, a much more convenient and shorter route would be available for traffic to the Church.

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

"The old road referred to by Father Meehan would require to be widened by setting back the fences, and proper side drains made before any rolling could usefully be done. The existing road is in good order apart from the existence of the sharp bends referred to. If land could be obtained for easing these bends the difficulty could be overcome more cheaply than by making the new road."

The Council noted Mr. Caffrey's report.

1293/37. ERECTION OF HOUSE AT COMMONS, DONEGAL, WITHIN LEGAL
DISTANCE FROM CENTRE OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Gorrell, Main Street, Donegal, stating that he erected an outhouse near his house at Commons, Donegal, without the Council's permission, as he was not aware of the law requiring such permission. He wished the Council to allow the building to remain, and he would remove it at any time he might be required to do so.

Permission was granted on condition that Mr. Gorrell signs an undertaking to remove the building at any time he may be called upon to do so.

1294/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Lafferty, Carrowbeg, Carrowmena, Moville, applying for a job as surfaceman. He had eight young children and when working only got 7s/6d per week of Unemployment Assistance.

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

"Mr. O'Neill reports that there is no opening available at present for this man, but he will endeavour to give him work, not necessarily as a surfaceman, when an opportunity arises."

The report was noted.

1295/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR BANKING OF THE BURNDALE RIVER,
RAPHOE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of labourers of Cloughfin, Kilmoneaster, Cottown, and Beltoney, asking the Council to apply for a grant for the purpose of repairing the banking of the Burn Dale River. The work would serve a very useful purpose and provide much-needed employment.

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

1296/37. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

Messrs. O'Neill & McHenry (Donegal), Ltd., Bridgend.

Mr. Neil Faulkner, Culdaff.

Mr. George Wilkin, Carrigans.

The applications were granted unanimously.

1297/37. CONTINGENCY FUND - SOUTHERN DIVISION.

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

To repair damage to Road No. 15, April 1937, Letterkenny Area.....	£20.
To repair Road, Map No. 1700, Kilear Area.....	£15.
To repair Road, Map No. 1759, Donegal Area.....	£25.
To repair a pipe on Road No. 1297, L.74.....	£5.
To repair a pipe on Road No. 1564a.....	£5.
To re-build protection walls on Bridge on Road No. 1173, T.72....	£10.
To re-build a pipe on Road No. 1552.....	£5.

The application was granted unanimously.

1298/37. CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, applied for a sum of £80 for repairs to the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Scheme, and he submitted the following report:-

"This application arises out of my report to the August Meeting of the Council in which representations were made to the Office of Public Works for a Grant for the purpose of clearing certain shoals in this river. As the list of Minor Employment Schemes is to hand, and no Grant has been made, I think nothing can be done except to charge the work against the Drainage Scheme."

The application was adjourned until next Meeting.

1299/37. CONTINGENCY FUND - NORTHERN DIVISION.

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

Inishowen Area.

Re-placing planks on timber decking of Milltown and Sharagore Bridges on Map Nos. 212, 289, and 347.....	£20.
Repairing wing wall of Bridge on Map No. 304a.....	£9.
Repair breach in Road No. T.73. 87, at Collin.....	£5.

The application was granted unanimously.

1300/37. BREAKING OF ROAD CONTRACTS, INISHOWEN AREA.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported that it was necessary to break the following contracts by ten-day notices:-

Road No. 24, April 1937, Map No. 370, William Coyle, Tullynavin,
Redcastle.

Road No. 129, April 1937, Map No. 369, Bernard McDermott, Tullyalley,
Redcastle.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of Mr. Caffrey's action.

1301/37. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard McCauley, St. Johnston, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by him in connection with the opening of the public roadway.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that the amount had been refunded.

1302/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF BOG ROAD AT UPPER KEELDRUM, GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McGowan, Upper Keeldrum, Gortahork, applying for a further Grant to complete the Bog Road at Upper Keeldrum, Gortahork.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this work was included in the latest list of Minor Employment Schemes.

1303/37. DAMAGE TO A WINDOW IN BALLYBOFEY BY A STONE THROWN BY A GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY 'BUS.

A letter was read from Mr. W. T. McMenamin, Solicitor, Ballybofey, enclosing Civil Bill, which was being served on the Council and the Great Northern Railway Co., in respect of damage to the premises of Mr. Patrick Keegan, Ballybofey, when a Great Northern Railway 'Bus caused a stone, a portion of the road surfacing, to be thrown through a window, the property of Mr. Keegan, thereby damaging same.

The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to protect the Council's interests.

1304/37. STORAGE OF ROAD MACHINERY IN PORTION OF STRANORLAR MARKET YARD.

A letter was read from Assistant Surveyor Callaghan enclosing, for execution by the Council, Agreement in connection with the letting of portion of Stranorlar Market Yard for the storage of Road Machinery.

The Council unanimously decided to execute the Agreement.

1305/37. PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

Notices of Applications for licences under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, were submitted in respect of the following premises:-
 Leghowney Hall, Leghowney, Donegal. (Bernard Travers, Applicant.)
 Drumlaghdruid Hall, Dungloe. (James Ward, Applicant.)
 St. Patrick's Hall, Backmountain, Malin. (Roger Doherty, Applicant.)
 Cashelinney Hall, Pettigo. (Henry Packenham, Applicant.)

A Notice of Appeal against conditions of licence under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, granted in respect of the A.O.H. Hall, Dunlewey, was also submitted.

The Council noted the applications and the Appeal.

1306/37. EXCAVATION IN KERRY KEEL STREET BY MR. PATK. COYLE.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. O'Leary, Solicitor, Milford, stating that he would be grateful to have discussion of the subject matter in connection with excavation in Kerrykeel Street by Mr. Patrick Coyle adjourned until the October Meeting of the Council, as his client had not yet succeeded in getting Architect's Plans of the improvements in question.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that it was necessary to institute proceedings within six months, and he had, therefore, instructed the Council's Solicitor to take the necessary action.

1307/37.

INJURY TO EWE AT CARRYGAWLEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Cleary, Cullion, Letterkenny, stating that when he was dipping sheep at Carrygawley a ewe got a leg broken owing to the tank being in an unfit state. He claimed £2 :15 : 0 for the loss of the ewe.

A report was submitted from Sub-Inspector Bradley stating that the accident to the ewe occurred through Cleary's own carelessness.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1308/37.

APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS BY MR. NEAL MCGREADY, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that the title of Mr. Neal McGready, Mountcharles, had now been duly registered and the Council's security completed. The advance could now be made and the Paying Order should be sent to him to enable him to forward it to the National Bank, Donegal.

The Council unanimously decided to issue the additional advance.

1309/37.

RATES ON HOUSE ON OLD JAIL SITE, LIFFORD, OCCUPIED BY MR. ANDREW MCINTYRE.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew McIntyre, County Librarian, Lifford, stating that he had received a Demand Note for £2 :10 :11 in respect of a moiety of the rates for the half-year ended 30th September, 1937, in respect of his house on the Old Jail Site, Lifford. He was only in occupation of this house since the beginning of August, and he had already paid £1 :11 : 4 rates, being the proportion of rates for the four months of the half-year on the house in the Barrack Yard, Lifford, which he had occupied until the end of July. He wished the Council to make an adjustment in the rates claimed for the house on the Old Jail Site, Lifford.

The Council unanimously decided to make the required adjustment.

1310/37.

APPLICATION BY LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR USE OF "TECHNICAL OFFICE" IN COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. Andrew McIntyre, County Librarian, Lifford, stating that at a recent Meeting of the Library Committee the question of congesting in the Library and the shortage of storage and shelf space was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed to request the Council to grant the Library Committee the use of the room in the County House set apart for the former Technical Education Committee.

The Secretary stated that this room was required for the use of his own Staff.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the Library Committee to purchase additional book stacks.

1311/37.

HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC ON COUNTY ROADS.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, referred to the traffic on County Roads and Bog Roads which had increased very considerably in recent years. As large numbers of people were using Railway Lorries entirely to bring home their turf supplies, he stated the Council would either have to increase their expenditure very considerably if they wished to keep these roads in order, or else have some restriction imposed on the weight of these vehicles.

The Council decided to inquire from the Department if they would entertain proposals for the restriction of weight of lorries on County Roads only.

1312/37.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th September, 1937, G.80315/37, inquiring the action taken by the Council on the Department's letter of the 6th September regarding the carrying out of the necessary repairs at the Parochial Hall, Dungloe, in order that the building might be used for the purpose of a Courthouse.

A letter was read from Mr. Seamus Doogan, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore, District Court Clerk for Bunbeg and Dungloe, stating that he had to attend at Dungloe two days each week and on all Court days, and as there was no suitable Office attached to the Courthouse in Dungloe, it had been necessary for him to rent an Office. He wished to know if the Council would allow him Office expenses, and if he could have a refund of his expenses since April last.

A further letter was read from Mr. Doogan stating that he had made inquiries from the Secretary of the Dungloe Hall Committee regarding the using of the Committee Room at the back of the Hall as an Office, and that he had been informed that Domestic Science Classes would shortly start in that quarter of the building. He also understood that the public had access to the Committee Room on the occasion of social functions in the Hall.

The Council decided to inquire from Mr. Doogan if he could not arrange to use the Committee Room at times other than when the Domestic Science Classes were in progress, or, alternatively, if the room could be divided.

1313/37. CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th August, 1937, stating that the Minister had been informed by the Office of Public Works that in the original plans for Poolawaddy Boatslip an approach road down a cliff path from the north was included. The owner of the land, Mr. Neil Gallagher, consented to give a strip of land for the purpose. When work was nearing completion a rough approach road around the head of the beach was constructed by the fishermen who undertook to maintain it. This was destroyed by storm. The County Council then agreed to construct an approach road, provided the Quay was extended to the top of the beach. This latter work was done. In the circumstances, the Minister considered that the County Council might make a further effort to provide an approach road.

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

"I understand the difficulty in building the approach road at Poolawaddy Boatslip is the fact that Consents could not have been obtained for the building of this road. The County Council last year voted a sum of £25 for the building of this road, but owing to Consents not being obtainable, the money was struck off the books at the end of the financial year. I regret that I have not been able to make a personal inspection to see what the position now is, but if Consents are likely to be obtained, I will include this work in the coming year's Estimate."

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of Mr. O'Reilly's report to the Department.

1314/37.

APPLICATION TO HAVE CONTRACT NO. 78, STRANORLAR AREA, BROKEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Doherty, Drumdoit, Castlefin, stating that he had entered into a Contract No. 78 for three years at £20 yearly. His horse had died, and he was unable to carry out the work, and he wished the Council to relieve him of the Contract.

The Council unanimously decided to break the Contract.

1315/37. ROAD FROM MONARGAN CROSSROADS TO TULLINTAIN CROSSROADS,
BRUCKLESS DISTRICT.

A memorial was submitted from a number of ratepayers of Crocknagapple, Altnagapple, and Meentinadea, complaining of the condition of the road from Monargan Crossroads to Tullintain Crossroads. No repair had been done to the road for years, and it was in a most dangerous condition and almost impassable.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, submitted the following report from his Assistant, Mr. Lennon:-

"This is Road No. 1655, Kilcar Area. The Contractor who had this road for the three years previous to this one neglected this road for the last year of his Contract. He was paid nothing and the money reverted to the Council. The present Contractor does not seem to be an improvement on the last, but as he has cut the price for the road, I am going to insist on him carrying out his work, or I will have proceedings instituted against him. I have sent the necessary warning notices to him; and unless results follow, I will take the course mentioned above."

The Council noted Mr. Lennon's report.

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Confirmed.

Michael J. Gaden

Chairman of County Council,

3rd November, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1937.

1316/37.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

1317/37.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor
McClafferty the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council
held on the 26th day of October, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

1318/37.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor
Scott, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the
26th day of October, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1319/37.

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 26th
October, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott,
the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 2nd
November, 1937, 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
November, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott,
the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 22nd
November, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1320/37.

REPORT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE - ASSISTANT
SURVEYORS AND MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

The Secretary submitted for adoption the Report of the
Engineering Services Committee Meeting held on the 2nd November,
1937.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 22nd
November, 1937, S.W.5/4/9, referring to the Minute of the Engineering
Services Committee regarding the arrangement whereby Minor Employment
Schemes were supervised by Assistant County Surveyors, and stating
that it would be quite impossible at this late date to arrange for
the supervision of this year's Schemes from headquarters, but they
had no objection to the appointment by the Acting County Surveyors
of one or more temporary Engineers to assist them in carrying out
these Schemes, provided that the remuneration of such temporary
Engineers would be met out of the fees allowed already to the
Acting County Surveyors.

Councillor Scott expressed dissatisfaction with the letter
from the Office of Public Works, and he proposed that the Report
be referred back to the Engineering Services Committee for further
consideration.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Councillor Scott's
suggestion.

1321/37.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony
the Report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 22nd
November, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1322/37.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The Secretary submitted the List of Payments to Road Contractors for the half-year ended 30th September, 1937.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty seconded by Councillor Mahony payment was ordered, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

1323/37. COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION OF MR. PATRICK MURPHY, CORLEA, BALLYSHANNON, FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that Mr. Patrick Murphy, Corlea, Ballyshannon, had paid the balance of costs incurred in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and applying for a cheque for the amount of Mr. Murphy's deposit.

The Council decided to send the amount of the deposit to the Council's Solicitor.

1324/37. COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION OF MR. EAMONN WARD, FORMERLY OF MOUNTCHARLES, FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that Mr. Eamonn Ward, formerly of Mountcharles, had paid the balance of costs incurred in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and applying for a cheque for the amount of Mr. Ward's deposit.

The Council decided to send the amount of the deposit to the Council's Solicitor.

1325/37. PREPARATION OF THE SIXTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS IN RATE COLLECTION DISTRICTS 30 AND 32.

A letter was read from the County Registrar stating that as at present there was no Rate Collector acting in Collection Districts 30 and 32, he had appointed Mr. J. B. O'Donnell of Milford to carry out the preparation of the Register of Electors for the year 1938/39.

The Council noted the appointment.

1326/37. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AND INJURIES ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED BY BLASTING OPERATIONS AT GLENAHILT, BURTONPORT.

The Secretary submitted Civil Bill served by Mr. James P. Sweeney, Solicitor, Falcarragh, claiming damages for £150 on behalf of Miss Mary Boyle, Glenahilt, Burtonport, for personal injuries and loss sustained by the Plaintiff alleged to be caused by blasting operations in a quarry the property of the Council adjoining the public highway from Burtonport to Keadue at or near Glenahilt on or about the 31st day of May, 1937.

The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to protect the Council's interests.

1327/37. APPLICATION BY MR. P. MCGLINCHY, V.S., FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

A letter dated 29th November, 1937, was submitted from Mr. P. McGlinchey, V.S., Letterkenny, applying for annual leave from the 6th to the 23rd December, 1937, inclusive, and stating that he had arranged with Mr. McIlhargey, V.S., Milford, to carry out his duties during his absence.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to grant the required leave.

1328/37.

APPLICATION BY DR. J. E. SNODGRASS, RAPHOE, FOR REFUND OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th October, 1937, MT.7/Rfd., relative to the application of Dr. J. E. Snodgrass, Raphoe, for refund of Motor Licence Duty, and inquiring whether Vehicle Z.3924 was used upon the public roads during the period from 1st to 19th April last.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd November, 1937, MT.7/Rfd., relative to the application of Dr. J. E. Snodgrass, Raphoe, for refund of Motor Licence Duty, and stating that, in the circumstances, no refund was allowable.

1329/37.

AMOUNT OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY PAYABLE ON HEAVY LORRIES.

Councillor Baxter referred to the hardship imposed on lorry-owners in being prevented from using, without payment of the extra tax, crates on their lorries for the conveyance of their own cattle to occasional fairs, and he proposed that the Department be requested to make a concession in these cases.

Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

1330/37.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926 - RECOUPMENT CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 27th October, 1937, asking to be furnished with claims for recoupment under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order for the quarter ended 30th September, 1937.

1331/37.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - DELAY IN FURNISHING FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 8th November, 1937, asking to be furnished with Forms T. 2/3. in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of:-

Mr. William Marshall, Carrickanee, Inch Island.

Mr. Mark McLaughlin, Crislaghkeel, Burnfoot.

Mr. Thomas Magee, Drumnashear, Carrigans.

Mr. William Taylor, Carrickshandrum, Killygordon.

Donegal Mental Hospital, Letterkenny.

The Secretary stated that the matter had been referred to the Veterinary Inspectors concerned.

1332/37.

EXPORTATION OF LIVE TURKEYS TO NORTHERN IRELAND.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th November, 1937, SW.1/Sec. 2., relative to the Council's resolution in connection with the exportation of live turkeys from the Saorstát to Northern Ireland, and stating that as the circumstances which necessitated the proposed restriction of exports were no longer operative, it had been decided to make no change in the existing arrangements. Bounty would, accordingly, continue to be paid on exports to Northern Ireland regardless of the place or day of exportation.

1333/37.

LOAN OF £680 TO DEFRAY COST OF PURCHASE OF SIX-TON DIESEL ROLLER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th October, 1937, S., Dun na nGall., sanctioning the raising of a loan of £680 to defray the cost of the purchase of a six-ton Diesel Roller; the loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer and to be re-paid over a period of five years with interest at the usual rate.

A letter was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, enclosing, for execution, Deed of Charge in connection with the raising of a loan of £680 to cover the cost of the purchase of a six-ton Diesel Roller.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to execute the Deed of Charge, under Seal.

1334/37.

EXPENSES INCURRED BY WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 29th October, 1937, L.4339-37, stating that properly vouched statements in support of the expenditure should be submitted, and the Minister for Agriculture would offer no objection to the refund to the temporary Inspectors of the necessary expenditure incurred by them in visiting the Islands during the treatment period in the current year. The Minister would, likewise, offer no objection to the refund to the temporary Inspectors of the expenditure incurred on postage.

1335/37.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st November, 1937, G.91163/37, Dun na nGall., stating that in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, the Minister had consented to the Donegal County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses a sum not exceeding in the aggregate, £80,000. This sanction extended to the period ending 30th November.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd November, 1937, G.91163/37, Dun na nGall., stating that in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, the Minister had consented to the Donegal County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses a sum not exceeding in the aggregate, £75,000. This sanction extended to the period ended 31st October.

The Secretary stated that Overdraft Accommodation of £80,000 would be required until the 31st December.

The Council unanimously decided to apply to the Department for sanction to Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £80,000 until the 31st December.

1336/37.

WAGES OF ROAD WORKERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 2nd November, 1937, R/RM/7, regarding the wages of road workers in County Donegal, and stating that the terms of the Council's resolution had been noted.

The Secretary stated that the Department had not intimated as to whether they accepted the Council's proposal for the increased wages to workers on Road Grants, and it was unanimously decided to ask them for a decision.

1337/37.

PREPARATION OF THE SIXTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd October, 1937, F.108/1937, enclosing for the information of the Council copy of a Circular Letter addressed to the Registration Officer in connection with the preparation of the Sixteenth Register of Electors.

1338/37.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD GRANTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th November, 1937, R/RS/7, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the expenditure of a sum of £250 to cover temporary clerical assistance required in connection with Road Grants.

1339/37.

EXTRA REMUNERATION ALLOWED TO MR. ANDREW HERON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th November, 1937, R/RS/7, sanctioning the proposal of the Donegal County Council to make a payment of £40 in lieu of overtime to Mr. Andrew Heron of the County Surveyor's Office.

1340/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS BY MR. MANUS LOUGHREY, KERRYKEEL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th October, 1937, H.84418/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister's sanction to the making by the Council of an advance of £300 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Manus Loughrey was conveyed to the Council in the Department's letter of the 14th September, 1934, Ref. H.104380/34. The payment of the amount sanctioned or an instalment thereof was, accordingly, a matter for the Council.

1341/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS BY MR. JOHN GALLAGHER, FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th October, 1937, H.84419/37, stating that the Minister sanctioned the making by the Council of an advance of £330 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Gallagher, Main Street, Falcarragh. The advance was to be re-paid over a period of twenty years.

1342/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS BY MR. NEIL MCGREADY, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th October, 1937, H.84790/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had already sanctioned the making by the Council of an advance of £350 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Neil McGready, Mountcharles.

1343/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS BY MR. JOSEPH GALLAGHER, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th October, 1937, H.86063/37, Dun na nGall., regarding the application of Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Glenties, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and inquiring what action was taken by the Council in connection with the Department's letter of the 10th March last stating that the proposed loan of £250 was regarded as excessive. They also wished to know if Mr. Gallagher had applied for a State Grant towards the cost of erection of his house.

The Secretary stated that the Department had been informed that the amount of the proposed loan had been fixed at £200, and that Mr. Gallagher had not yet applied for a State Grant.

1344/37. COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR THE FIXING OF A SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT FOR TOWNS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 13th November, 1937, R/RV/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 5th August last enclosing copy of the Council's resolution requesting that a speed limit be fixed for motor vehicles passing through towns, and stating that the Minister had been in communication with the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána whose considered opinion was that the provisions of Section 50 and 51 of the Road Traffic Act were adequate to deal with "speeding" without the fixing of a special speed limit for particular areas. The Minister had, accordingly, deferred further consideration of the Council's application until evidence was forthcoming that the above-mentioned provisions were not sufficient to cope with the position.

1345/37. RATE COLLECTORS' BONDS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th November, 1937, G.92123/37, Dun na nGall., returning the Personal Surety Bond of Mrs. Ellen Dorrian, Rate Collector, and stating that the Minister approved of the form thereof.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th November, 1937, G.94886/37, Dun na nGall., returning the Personal Surety Bond of Collector E. A. Gallagher, Nos. 9 and 14 Districts, and stating that the Minister approved of the form thereof.

1346/37. AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1938.

A memorandum was submitted from the Local Government Department dated 11th November, 1937, stating that a Paying Order for £9,497 in respect of a further instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1938, had been forwarded to the Council's Treasurer.

1347/37. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING FACILITIES TO SERVE THE DISTRICTS OF CURRANSPOORT, GLASSERCHOO, AND MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th November, 1937, S.W.1/3/10, relative to the necessity for the provision of landing facilities at Curranspoort, Meenlaragh, and Glasserchoo, and inquiring the present position in the matter.

A further letter dated 24th November, 1937, S.W.1/3/10, was read from the Office of Public Works relative to the provision of landing facilities at Curranspoort, Glasserchoo, and Meenlaragh, and stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance would be glad if the Council would furnish him in due course with an estimate of the cost of providing a landing-place suitable to the requirements of the locality. He would also be glad if an indication was given of what sum the Council were prepared to contribute towards the estimated cost of the proposed structure.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor with instructions to prepare a report and estimate for next Meeting. (1251/37 C.C.)

1348/37. FINES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OR NON-ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th November, 1937, P.H.88629/37, Dun na nGall. Pg., returning for certain corrections two copies of a bye-law determining the fine for non-attendance or non-acceptance of Office by members of the Council.

1349/37. SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th November, 1937, G.2623/37, enclosing return for particulars of samples taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in the six months ended 30th September, 1937.

1350/37. REDUCTION OF GRANTS ALLOCATED UNDER HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, dated 18th November, 1937, stating that the grant of £80 allocated to the St. Eunan's P.U.S. in respect of the erection of a new house for occupation by Mr. Michael McDaid, Camatha, Carndonagh, had been reduced by £1.

1351/37. PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MR. GEORGE MCGILL ON THE CLERICAL STAFF OF THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 19th November, 1937, R/RS/7, enclosing query form for completion and return by Mr. George McGill.

1352/37. PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS, AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION.

An invitation was submitted to the Ninth Public Works, Roads, and Transport Congress and Exhibition (1937) to be held in London from the 15th to the 20th November.

1353/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Croagh; Crosconnell; Lake Nacung; Cronaguiggy; the Crolly River; and the Burndale River.

1354/37. APPLICATION BY THE EARL OF LEITRIM FOR USE OF SCARIFIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McKeney thanking the Council, on behalf of the Earl of Leitrim, for granting the use of the scarifier.

1355/37. RE-SURFACING OF CARRICKARORY PIER, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the General Manager & Secretary, Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners, stating that he had been asked by the Commissioners to convey to the County Council an expression of their thanks for the courtesy of the Council in undertaking the re-surfacing of Carrickarory Pier, Moville.

1356/37. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM MINOR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES FOR WORKS IN THE GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from Councillor Houston enclosing the following applications for Grants from Minor Employment Schemes:-

- (1) Request from a number of residents in townlands of Cleengort, Derryloughan, and Classy for a grant for a new road to connect the Main Glenties-Doochary Road to Derryloughan Road, a distance of about 300 yards.
- (2) Request for a grant to construct a new bog road to serve about six families in Upper Classy, a distance of about one mile, to lead from the Glenties-Doochary County Road.
- (3) About 300 families in the Lettermacaward Area cut turf on the bogs east of the Main Glenties-Dungloe Road, and are at present unable to bring their turf home, owing to the bad state of the bog road leading from the Main Glenties-Dungloe Road, through the townlands of Boyoughter and Ballinacarrick.
- (4) Residents in the townland of Meenalargin require about 200 yards of a new road for turf-cutting.
- (5) Seven families in the townland of Mully require about 320 perches of a new road leading from the Graffy-Greenans County Road to James Kennedy's house.
- (6) A Grant to improve about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles of an existing road through the townlands of Meenacuit and Meenaleenaghan, and connecting the Main Road at Ballinagrath. This road serves about thirty families for Church and School.
- (7) A Grant to build an embankment or wall of stone or concrete for about 100 yards along the Owentucker River in the townland of Straughter. The river at this particular place is damaging a number of holdings.
- (8) The No. 1 and No. 2 Bog Roads at Ardara, which serve about 250 tenants for turf, require immediate repairs.

The Council unanimously decided to refer Councillor Houston's letter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Employment Schemes.

1357/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF COUNTY ROAD IN TOWNLAND OF GLENCONWELL, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Councillor Houston enclosing a request from the tenants in the townland of Glenconwell to have the existing County Road improved as it was in a bad state for traffic.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor.

1358/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM INVER STATION TO MEENABRADDEN, THROUGH KEELOGS.

A letter was read from Councillor Houston applying for a grant to improve the existing County Road leading from Inver Station to Meenabraddden, through Keelogs.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this road was scheduled for a grant of £820, and work would be commenced immediately.

1359/37. MINOR RELIEF SCHEME, NO. 277, 1936/37 - FORMER RURAL DISTRICT OF MILFORD.

Councillor Loughrey proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Board of Works be requested to reinstate Minor Relief Scheme, No. 277, 1936/37, £180, for the construction of concrete Bridge at end of County Road on laneway leading to Manuel Boyle's, Legland, which was approved and afterwards withdrawn."

1360/37. PERIOD OF ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS.

Councillor Gallagher proposed:- "That all Road Maintenance Contracts be advertised for a period of five years instead of one year as at present."

The Secretary read Article 54 (2) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, and Councillor Gallagher amended his motion to read "for a period of three years."

Councillor Gallen suggested that a system should be devised which would give the Surveyors power to fix a price for a road, and get the work done over a period of years.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, supported Councillor Gallagher's proposal, which was seconded by Councillor McShane, and passed unanimously.

1361/37. WAGES OF CARTERS ON ROAD WORK.

Councillor Walsh proposed:- "That the wages of carters on road work as from the 1st April, 1938, be increased from 8/- per day to 9/- per day."

Councillor Friel seconded.

Councillor Scott submitted that as this motion sought to rescind a decision of the County Council of the 30th March last (Minute No. 390/37), it was not in order.

After a lengthy discussion, the Chairman upheld Councillor Scott's objection.

1362/37. LOAN FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY FOR THE VILLAGE OF CASTLEFIN.

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 £2,100 for the purpose of providing a water supply for the village of Castlefin."

1363/37. DANGEROUS CORNER AT THE JUNCTION OF MALIN STREET AND THE DIAMOND, CARNDONAGH.

In the absence of Councillor Cole, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was proposed by Councillor Lynch:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make provision in the Annual Road Works Scheme for the removal of a dangerous corner at the junction of Malin Street and The Diamond, Carndonagh."

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for this work, which would cost about £300.

It was decided to adjourn the matter until the Annual Road Works Meeting.

1364/37. ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. Taylor, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, dated 6th November, 1937, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey was still in Hospital, and would not be able to resume work for at least one month from that date.

The Council noted the matter.

1365/37.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN WHICH ONE OF THE COUNCIL'S STONE-
BREAKERS WAS INVOLVED.

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

"I beg to report a fatal accident in which one of our stone-breakers was involved on the morning of Saturday, 30th October, 1937.

The accident occurred about 9 a.m. on the Main Laghey - Pettigo Road, in the townland of Ballinakillew Mountain. The Stone-breaker, with living-van and Traction Engine, driven by John Peoples, was proceeding towards Laghey. A cyclist, Albert Flood, Laghey, was cycling in the Pettigo direction. While passing Traction Engine, he took one hand off the handle-bar to salute the Driver; lost control; was thrown from the Bicycle, his head coming in violent contact with the road, killing him almost immediately.

As a result of a telephone message from the Superintendent, Garda Siathchana, I immediately proceeded to the spot and took all the necessary measurements. I also notified Mr. McMullin, Solicitor, re accident, time of inquest, etc.

I am of opinion that the accident was unavoidable, and that no blame whatever attaches to Driver of Breaker."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

The Secretary reported that he had instructed the Council's Solicitor to attend the inquest to look after the Council's interests.

The Council approved of the Secretary's action.

1366/37.

AFFOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR DISTRICT NOS. 30
AND 32.

In accordance with the Council's advertisement applications for the position of Rate Collector for the Nos. 30 and 32 Collection District comprising the Electoral Divisions of Cranford, Glen, Kilmacrenan, Loughkeel, Milford, Termon, Carrickart, and Rosguill, were received from:-

Mr. Hugh McBride, Larganreagh, Downings.

Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell, Milford.

The Secretary reported that the credentials of the persons proposed as Personal Sureties by Mrs. O'Donnell had been examined that morning by the Sub-Finance Committee, and considered satisfactory.

Mr. McBride had not submitted any Bankers' references regarding the persons proposed by him as Personal Sureties, as required by the terms of the advertisement.

Neither Mr. McBride nor Mrs. O'Donnell was in attendance, and, consequently, could not be examined in Irish, but a letter was submitted from Mrs. O'Donnell stating that she was suffering from a chill, and had been advised not to travel to Lifford that day.

Councillor Baxter stated that he had authority from Mr. McBride to withdraw his application, and he proposed that Mrs. O'Donnell be appointed to the position, and he asked the members of the Dail on the Council to use their influence to have her appointment sanctioned.

Councillor MacCreadie seconded the proposal, which was supported by Councillor Mahony, and passed unanimously.

1367/37.

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

Councillor Brady proposed that Mr. Brian McRory, Mountcharles, be co-opted a member of the Council in place of the late Mr. Denis O'Neill, Donegal.

Councillor McShane seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Councillor Blaney (who was then in the Chair) extended a hearty welcome to Mr. McRory, in which he was joined by Councillor Scott, and the Secretary.

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

1368/37. TENDERS FOR SCRAP IRON AT CARNDONAGH WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS.

In accordance with the terms of the Council's advertisement, the following Tenders were submitted for the scrap corrugated iron lying at Carndonagh Workhouse Buildings:-

Alexander Carlin, Drumatoland, St. Johnston.....	£4	3	4.
James McLaughlin, Urbalreagh, Malin Head.....	£14	1	3.
John McGrory, Bree, Malin Head.....	£14	1	3.
Patrick McDonnell, Ballyharry, Carrowmena.....	£14	11	8.
Neil D. Doherty, Ballyliffin, Clonmany.....	£15	0	0.
Robert J. Kirkland, Cooley, Moville.....	£15	12	6.
Owen McElhinney, Glack, Glenegannon, Carndonagh.....	£16	2	6.
James McNulty, Ringsend, Castlefin.....	£16	13	4.
Robert Porter, Main Street, St. Johnston.....	£19	15	10.
Hugh Clarke, Porthall, Clonleigh.....	£20	16	8.
James Steen, Muff.....	£21	17	6.
Thomas Millar, Aught, Ture.....	£22	0	0.
E. J. Stewart, Castlefin.....	£25	7	6.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the Tender of Mr. E. J. Stewart, Castlefin, at £25 : 7 : 6.

1369/37. PROPOSED PURCHASE OF HUMANE KILLERS FOR VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Marner, V.S., Carndonagh, referring to the letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 30th September stating that the Minister would be prepared to recoup from the General Cattle Diseases Fund the cost of humane killers for use by Veterinary Inspectors, and stating that the need for such had been severely felt by the Veterinary Inspectors in Donegal, and applying, on behalf of the Inspectors, to be supplied with an implement in accordance with the terms of the Department's letter.

It was decided to inquire from Mr. Marner the type and price of instrument required.

1370/37. PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF MR. T. W. CALLAGY FROM POSITION AS ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE OF THE ROSSES ROAD SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. T. W. Callagy, Sweeney's Hotel, Dungloe, tendering his resignation as Engineer-in-Charge of the Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme, as he had obtained an appointment of a permanent nature. He wished to be released as soon as possible.

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

"Mr. T. W. Callagy, who is the second Temporary Engineer for the Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme, informs me that he has obtained a permanent appointment with the Kildare County Council. As he has carried out his duties satisfactorily during his time in Donegal, I am not particularly anxious to dispense with his services, and I have, therefore, asked him to apply to the Kildare County Council for leave of absence, without pay, until such time as the Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme is completed. If the Kildare County Council are not agreeable to this arrangement, I would not like to stand in Mr. Callagy's way as regards this permanent appointment, and I would, therefore, suggest that if the Kildare County Council do not agree to this arrangement, that we be granted permission to re-advertise the position at the present rate of £3 : 8 : 0 per week."

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1371/37. APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-DATE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Boyle, Upper Dore, Bunbeg, asking to have a fresh Paying Order issued for 18s/10d in lieu of Paying Order No. 6830 dated 20th April, 1937, which was out-of-date.

The Council decided to apply to the Department for permission to issue a fresh Paying Order.

1372/37.

CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, applied for a sum of £80 for repairs to the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Scheme for the purpose of clearing certain shoals in this river.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGinley, Rate Collector, Dunfanaghy, in connection with the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Rates, and stating that some of the ratepayers were opposed to the Scheme and refused to pay, as their land was not gaining any benefit from the cleaning of the river.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Sweeney, Drumnatinney, Falcarragh, stating that he understood that an application was coming before the Council for a grant of £80, chargeable to Drainage Rates, for the Carrowcannon (Ray River) Drainage Scheme. A similar grant of £100 appeared to have been made without the knowledge of the vast majority of the people affected. He wished to protest on his own behalf against the present proposal for this £80, and also against this or any further unauthorised and unnecessary charges until the parties affected by these payments were first notified and given an opportunity of being heard. It would be much in the interests of the Council if the demands of the two people responsible for these applications were completely ignored.

Councillor McClafferty proposed and it was unanimously agreed to authorise the County Surveyor to expend a sum of £40 on repairs to this Scheme. (1298/37 C.C.)

1373/37.

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 Newtowncunningham-Bridgend Road from Bridgend to Burt House, Speenogue.

Permission was granted 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.

1374/37.

GRANTING OF WAYLEAVE APPLICATIONS FOR TELEGRAPHS.

A letter was read from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, complaining of the delay which occurs in connection with the granting of wayleave applications, and stating that several County Councils had delegated authority to their County Surveyors to grant wayleave applications for telegraphs. If the Donegal Co. Council would consider the making of a similar arrangement it would be much appreciated by the Department.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to authorise the County Surveyor in future to grant wayleave applications, where it would delay them unduly to await a Council Meeting.

1375/37.

BALLYWHORISKEY SLIPWAY.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 27th October, 1937, C.87.25/1/36, stating that the completed works at Ballywhoriskey Slipway were now formally handed over to the Council for future maintenance in accordance with their undertaking of the 19th December, 1933, communicated to the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) on the 22nd December, 1933.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for a report for next Meeting.

1376/37.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Co. Councils' General Council stating that their next Meeting would take place on the 7th December, and any matters which the Council desired placed on the Agenda should reach them before the 27th November.

The Council decided to refer the matter to their representatives on the General Council.

1377/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM DOOISH N.S.
TO BARNES ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McMenamin, Dooish, Ballybofey, complaining of the condition of the road leading from Dooish School to Barnes Road. He would hold the Council responsible for any accident to his car caused by the condition of this road.

A letter dated 25th November, 1937, was submitted from Mr. L. J. McFadden, Solicitor, Donegal, stating that he had had been instructed by Mr. Daniel McMenamin to bring to the notice of the Council the condition of the road leading from Dooish School to Barnes Road. His client was paying heavy road tax and had to use this road every day.

The matter was referred to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, for his attention.

1378/37.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO OPEN DOOR ON GABLE OPENING
ON TO LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE SQUARE.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward O'Donnell, Upper Main Street, Letterkenny, stating that he proposed opening a door in the gable of his premises opening on to the Courthouse Square. The opening of the door would in no way tamper with the Council's property.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Blaney seconded that the required permission be granted.

The Secretary pointed out that as this was Court property it was now vested in the County Registrar, and that he alone had authority to grant the application.

It was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the County Registrar.

1379/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Maloney, Brackey, Ardara, stating that there was four tons of sand belonging to John Keeney on his land of Meenatea, which the Co. Council used.

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

"This was the sand mentioned in Minute No. 1177/37 of the September Meeting. I stated that I would certify for payment only when I was convinced that John Keeney was the owner. As Mr. Maloney, the owner of the land, now states that Keeney owned the sand, I will arrange to pay Keeney at the rate of 2s/6d per ton."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1380/37.

COMPLAINT RE MULLAGHFIN-TRENATABUOY ROAD, CONVOY DISTRICT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Mullaghfin, Convooy, stating that the Mullaghfin-Trentabuoy Road, which was recently made, remained in an unfinished condition, and was at present impassable at both ends. In its present state the road was useless, and they wished the Council to give the matter immediate attention.

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

1381/37.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING INCREASED TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO
COUNTY COUNCILLORS, AND ALLOWANCE OF £1 PER DAY.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Limerick Co. Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by that Council:-
"That as an increase of allowances to our Public Legislators seems to be the order of the day we call on the Government to pass legislation granting at least a pound a day and reasonable expenses to all members of County Councils for every Meeting attended, as the miserable pittance of 5d. per mile to place of Meeting, and no allowance for return journey, is quite inadequate to compensate our Public Administrators fairly."

Councillor Mahony proposed that the resolution be adopted, and Councillor McIlvor seconded.

Councillor Blaney proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that the resolution be marked "Read".
On a show of hands, the motion for the adoption of the resolution was carried by sixteen votes to nine.

1382/37.

ALLOCATION OF MINOR EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER ROAD GRANTS.

Councillor Callen referred to the allocation of Minor Employment Schemes for the past few years.

He stated that out of a total allocation of £84,932, Ballyshannon received £2,065; Donegal, £8,467; Dunfanaghy, £17,798; Glenties, £27,097; Inishowen, £10,932; Letterkenny, £1,530; Milford, £12,228; Stranorlar, £4,435; and Aileach, £380.

There were more able-bodied men receiving Home Assistance before the Unemployment Assistance Act came into force in Stranorlar Area than in any other area in the County, and out of the present allocation that area was only receiving £500, which went entirely to the Southern end of the district. When the Unemployment Assistance Scheme came into force, the total weekly sum paid by the Home Assistance Officer in Castlefin and Lifford Areas was over £30, and that had dropped to £11 10 : 0. That was an official figure and it showed the amount of want existing in the area.

Councillor Scott strongly supported Councillor Callen's protest, but he said that he thought it was futile. During the present year out of a total Grant of £12,513, Glenties Area received £3,470; Milford, £3,000; Dunfanaghy, £2,928; Donegal, £945; Stranorlar, £540; Ballyshannon, £325; Aileach, £175; and the Strabane No. 2 portion of Stranorlar Area received nothing.

Out of the Employment Schemes Vote of £47,000, Glenties received £13,200; Dunfanaghy, £7,000; Milford, £6,950, while the former Derry No. 2 and Strabane No. 2 Areas received nothing. The allocations had become absolutely ridiculous. He thought that the attention of the Surveyors should be drawn to the matter, and regard should be had to the Grants going into those particular areas, when the cut of £9,000 was being made in the Road Estimates. It would be very unfair if the amounts for Aileach and Stranorlar Areas were cut proportionately, when the meagre Grants given to these Areas were taken into account.

The Grants should be reflected in the expenditure of the road money, and he suggested that the Acting County Surveyors take this into consideration. These areas were the best rate-paying areas in the County, and the traffic on the roads was heavier than in any other part of the County.

1383/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR ERECTION OF SMALL BRIDGE ACROSS THE GWEEBARRA RIVER.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the townlands of Derrynabarrow, Doochary, and Derrynagriell, drawing attention to the necessity for a small bridge across a narrow area of the Gweebarra River at the townland of Derrynagriell, at a place where there was at present a right-of-way from the Main Road to a point at which the bridge was required. This work was included by the Board of Works in the list of Minor Relief Schemes sent down in October, 1936, but for some unknown reason nothing had since been heard of it. They wished the Council to have the work carried out as soon as possible.

Councillor O'Boyle proposed and it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating future Minor Employment Schemes.

1384/37.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the County Librarian stating that the Library Committee wished the County Council to make the following appointments on the Committee:-

Rev. T. J. Agnew, P.P., Strabane, in place of Rev. J. L. McGettigan, P.P., resigned.

Rev. Father Tinney, C.C., Donnyloop, in place of Rev. T. Bradley, C.C., Killygordon, resigned.

Rev. R. Hoffman, Castlefin, in place of Miss McKinley, resigned.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the required appointments be made.

1385/37.

COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Chief Agricultural Officer enclosing extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture held on the 19th October, in which it was recommended that Messrs. E. Gallen, Co.C., and W. H. Hunt, Gweedore Hotel, Gweedore, be appointed to the vacancies on the Committee caused by the disqualification of Messrs. B. Cannon and C. Gallagher.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, it was unanimously decided to appoint Messrs. Gallen and Hunt.

1386/37.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO LAY SEWER IN BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. John E. Gallagher, Burtonport, applying for permission to lay a new sewer from his premises to connect with the sewer under the Main Road. He stated that there would be no necessity to disturb any of the road surfacing.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this was a matter for the Board of Health, to whom he was sending a full report for their next Meeting.

1387/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROADS IN GORTAHORK DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Eugene McGinley, Glenholla, Meenlaragh, Gortahork, complaining of the condition of the roads in that district, particularly the road from Derryconnor to Glenholla.

On the motion of Councillor McClafferty, the matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1388/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING TO NORTHTOWN, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick McMackin, Northtown, Malin Head, complaining of the condition of the road leading to Northtown, Malin Head. The road was in a very bad state at present.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the road was in fair order and that the complaint dealt mainly with the cutting of a wall and a considerable sum would have to be expended in order to do anything worth while.

The Council noted Mr. Caffrey's report.

1389/37.

REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS ON TRUNK ROAD, T.18, BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Acting Town Clerk, Bundoran, inquiring when the work of the removal of the obstructions on Trunk Road, T.18, would be commenced, the estimated cost of which is included in the Poor Rate Charges for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

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

"Having discussed the matter with the local County Councillors, I am of opinion that the arbitration re removal of the obstructions on Trunk Road, T.18, may take sufficiently long to prevent the work being carried out before the end of the financial year. In the event of such a difficulty arising, I would ask that the £700 for this work be re-voted for the coming financial year. In the meantime, every effort will be made to speed up the arrangements for the acquirement of the necessary property."

The Council decided to adopt Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1390/37.

CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD TO POOLAWADDY BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 5th November, 1937, R/RM/7, stating that it was presumed that the Acting Co. Surveyor was looking into the question of obtaining consents in connection with the construction of an approach road to Poolawaddy Boatlip.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for his attention.

1391/37.

BATH GREEN, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing, for execution by the Council, original Conveyance and Memorial in connection with the transfer of the Bath Green, Moville, to the Board of Health.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to execute the Conveyance and Memorial, under Seal.

1392/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM LAPUTA TO THE BORDER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER ERNE.

A letter was read from Major R. L. Moore, Cliff Lodge, Ballyshannon, again drawing attention to the deplorable state of the road from Laputa to the Border on the north side of the River Erne. The stones which were broken had not been spread, and took up so much of the road in places that two vehicles could not pass each other.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"All stone has been rolled in on the road from Laputa to the Border on the North side of the River Erne, and this road is now in good condition."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1393/37. APPLICATION TO HAVE WALL ERECTED AT LEABGARROW, ARRANMORE, TO PREVENT FLOODING.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Ward, Leabgarrow, Arranmore Island, stating that he would need a wall put up in front of his house as water was coming in from the road to his house, especially when there was heavy rain.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, stated that arrangements had already been made to have the wall built.

1394/37. BOG ROAD FROM COUNTY ROAD AT KILDARRAGH TO COUNTY ROAD AT CARROWNAMADDY.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, enclosing memorial from residents and rated occupiers in the townlands of Kildarragh, Swillybrin, Derryreel, Roshine, Greenhill, Port, and Corcreggan, requesting that immediate steps be taken to render passable the Bog Road from the townland of Kildarragh to the County Road at Carrownamaddy. This road was constructed in 1934 by the Irish Land Commission, and it was now in such a wretched condition as to render it practically incapable of use for the purposes for which it was made.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Irish Land Commission for their attention.

1395/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR MAKING OF ROAD IN TOWNLAND OF CORGARY, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Rose McMonagle, Corgary, Ballybofey, asking for a grant for the making of a road in the townland of Corgary. She had to carry turf from the County Roads as carts could not come to her house.

As this was not a County Road, the Council decided to refer Mrs. McMonagle to the Board of Works.

1396/37. PROTEST AGAINST THE CLOSING OF THE RAILWAY GATES AT LISAHULLY, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. John Hernan, Lisahully, Ballyshannon, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter in which it was stated that the Great Northern Railway Co. kept the gates at Lisahully, Ballyshannon, closed across the roadway between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6.30 a.m., which was in accordance with the provisions of their statutory obligations. Mr. Hernan stated that if that was the law of the Railway Co., and if anything happened, the Company would be held responsible.

The Council noted Mr. Hernan's letter.

1397/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT DERRYNAMANSHER, ANNAGRY.

A letter was read from the Postmaster, Letterkenny, stating that the postmen at Annagry had complained of the state of the road at Derrynamansher. It was stated that $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the road were being coated with rough broken stone, making cycling impossible. If the facts stated by the Postmen were correct delay in public correspondence was most likely to ensue. He wished to know if it was the intention of the Council to steam-roll the road referred to or to improve it in such a manner that cycling would still be possible.

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

"The Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Kearney, reports as follows:-

"This is a U. Grant. When the sides of the road were built up and pitched - metal broken - I asked Councillor O'Donnell would there be any objection to spreading the stones, as there was no hope of getting a Roller, and the result would be that the balance of money would be struck off, and this he agreed to. It is not true to say that the road is coated with stones for a distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles (I would say half-a-mile). The Ganger has been instructed to coat the stones with gravel."

I will endeavour to have a Roller sent to this road at first available opportunity."

The Council noted and approved of Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1398/37.

COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF WORK ON THE ROAD FROM CROLLY TO BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Ward (Charles), Upper Keadue, Meenbanad, complaining of the unfair allocation of work on the road from Crollly to Burtonport. The one squad had been working constantly for the last three months, and there was no fair play or justice being done.

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

"I have had no report from Mr. Callagy re this item, but I am of opinion that the complaints received are altogether unfounded, as the allocation of work is strictly in accordance with the instructions received from the Department."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1399/37.

WORKS CARRIED OUT BY THE BOARD OF WORKS AT GOLA ISLAND PIER, BENWEE BOATSLIP, BUNANINVER LANDING-PLACE, AND BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th November, 1937, stating that the works at Gola Island Pier, Benwee Boatslip, and Bunaninver Landing-place were now completed. They would be glad if, with a view to furnishing the certificate of completion required under the Agreement accepted by the Council, the County Surveyor or his representative would arrange for the necessary joint final inspection with their Engineer on a date convenient to both. On hearing from the Council, their Engineer would communicate with the County Surveyor in the matter. As the extension of breakwater and erection of storm wall at Bundoran was now nearing completion, the joint inspection of this work might be made at the same time.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Messrs. Caffrey and O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyors.

1400/37.

QUARRY ON LANDS AT CORREFFRIN, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Browne, Rate Collector, Ballyarrell, Killygordon, suggesting that the Council take over the quarry on the lands of the late James McMenamin, Correffrin. The lands were derelict and no rates were being paid. If the Council took over the farm for the quarry it would save them money for stones.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that the Irish Land Commission had at present under consideration an application for the taking over of the holding in question, and he suggested that, pending a decision on the application, Collector Browne's application be adjourned.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until their next Meeting.

1401/37.

COMPLAINT RE FLOODING OF PREMISES AT GLENFINN STREET,
BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. W. T. McMenamin, Solicitor, Ballybofey, stating that he had been consulted by Mrs. Anne McMenamin, Glenfinn Street, Ballybofey, regarding the flooding of her house as the result of the re-making of the roadway in front of her premises. Prior to the road being re-constructed there was a grating or trap some yards in front of her door which prevented the water in times of rain from entering her house. On the 13th August last, Mrs. McMenamin's house was flooded to the extent of 12 inches. At that time the Council's Surveyor undertook to have the road made secure by putting a grating or trap where one had previously been. Unless steps were taken to remedy the matter, Mrs. McMenamin would institute proceedings before the expiration of six months from the 13th August last.

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

"Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, reports as follows:-

"The flooding of this house is nothing new. The floor of the house is under the level of the street. The grating referred to had to be removed when the street was rolled, and would serve no useful purpose in its old position. I ordered a gully trap which I intend putting in convenient to Mrs. McMenamin's door. This trap has not yet been delivered from Brown's Foundry, Letterkenny."

The Council decided to forward a copy of the report to Mr. McMenamin.

1402/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Speer's Lane, Letterkenny, stating that he was working for a month on roads, and he only received half of his pay.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that O'Donnell had since been paid.

1403/37.

COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD METAL SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. James Campbell, Cruckamore, Rampart, Burtonport, stating that he raised 188 tons of metal which he carted on to the Main Road between Dungloe and the Railway Station. He got paid last June by Mr. Hackett for two-thirds of the quantity, but he had not yet been paid for the remaining third, for which he claimed a sum of £9.

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

"I will be seeing Mr. Callagy on the 2nd December, and if I find that Mr. Campbell's claim is a legitimate one, I will make arrangements for payment of the amount claimed."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1404/37.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. Seamus Doogan, District Court Clerk, Dungloe, referring to the question of the provision of Office accommodation for him in Dungloe Courthouse, and stating that he could not arrange to use the Committee Room at the back of the Hall, because various utensils in connection with the Domestic Science Classes were stored there, and he could not accept responsibility for them. The room could not be divided as the windows were arranged to one side of it.

It was decided to write to the Hall Committee and to inform them that unless they supplied the necessary accommodation, the Council would have to consider making other arrangements.

1405/37.

FANNY'S BAY BOATHOUSE, MULROY COASTGUARD STATION, CARRIGART.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th November, 1937, stating that the Commissioners of Public Works had intimated that the tenant of Fanny's Bay Boathouse, Mulroy Coastguard Station, near Carrigart, had determined his tenancy as on 1st January, 1938. The Minister would be glad to know if the Council would require these premises for any purpose.

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

1406/37.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th November, 1937, SGQ/7, approving of the scheme of Road Improvement proposed to be carried out by the Council under the terms of the Minister's letter of the 14th September, 1937, (Road Improvement Grant, 1937/38), and assigning certain numbers to the works.

The Council noted the letter.

1407/37.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1937/38.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 19th November, 1937, RU/204/7, approving of the scheme of road works proposed to be carried out by the Council under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38. The amount allocated by way of grant was £43,600, subject to a local contribution of £4,000. The work must be completed in time to permit of the final payment of the grant before the 31st March, 1938.

The Council noted the letter.

1408/37.

CLAIM OF WILLIAM LYNCH, MEENYANLY, BUNCRANA, FOR DAMAGES ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ROAD WAS REPAIRED.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor referring to the claim of Mr. William Lynch, Meenyanly, Buncrana, for £25 for damages sustained by the Plaintiff as a result of the alleged negligence of the Council's servants in the repair of the roadway leading to Meenyanly, whereby, it was alleged, the Plaintiff's horse and cart were damaged. The Plaintiff's Solicitors had offered to settle with the Council on payment of a sum of £16, with £2 : 12 : 6 costs. He wished to have the Council's instructions in the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, it was decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

1409/37.

DAMAGE TO CAR, PROPERTY OF REV. P. DEENEY, C.C., GWEEDORE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, stating that he had been consulted by Rev. P. Deeney, C.C., Gweedore, with reference to damage to his car sustained as a result of the negligent manner in which the road from Gweedore to Dunlewey was being repaired. The petrol tank and exhaust of Father Deeney's new Vauxhall car were broken as the result of large boulders of stone being placed on the road. The cost of the damages sustained was £16 : 1 : 6, and he would be glad to hear that the Council admitted liability in the matter.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1410/37.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

John Doherty, Drung, Quigley's Point.

Edward Deeney, Rathmullan.

William Norris, Moville.

R. McCausland, Milford.

The applications were granted unanimously.

1411/37.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

An application was received from the Templecrone Co-operative Society, Ltd., Dungloe, to be registered for the sale of Mixed Explosives under the Explosives Act, 1875.

The application was granted unanimously.

1412/37. PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Co. Clare Swimming and Life-Saving Association, forwarding copy of the following resolution adopted at a Meeting of the Association:-

"That we, the members of the County Clare Swimming and Life-Saving Association, are unanimously of the opinion that a National Swimming and Life-Saving Association should be formed for Ireland, and we direct that the various County Councils, Boards of Health, Borough and Urban Councils, and Town Commissioners, be requested to take steps to form County Associations with a view to the establishment of a Central Association."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1413/37. PROTEST AGAINST INCREASING OF SALARIES OF OFFICIALS.

A letter was read from Mr. James Ward, Tullyloskin, Donegal, Secretary of the Donegal Branch of the U.I.P., stating that the Branch wished the following matters put before the Council:-

(1) "We, the members of the above Branch, call upon the Co. Council to put a stop to rising salaries on all Officials, and we further call upon any Official not being satisfied with their present salary to resign, and we are sure there will be 100 applicants for the job."

(2) "We further expect the Co. Council should take a better interest in the ratepayers because of their suffering from the Economic War. We think the farmers don't look to be in a healthy state, when the Home Assistance Officers state their work is doubled this last few years."

The Council noted the resolutions.

1414/37. DEPOSITS LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAYS.

A letter was read from Mr. Emmett Travers, Bundoran, applying for a refund of £4 in respect of two deposits lodged by him in connection with road openings at Bundoran.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that these deposits had been refunded.

1415/37. MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing report on the hearing of the following Malicious Injury Claims:-

Thomas and Sarah McCorkell v. the Co. Council.

Department of Posts and Telegraphs v. the Co. Council.

Patrick Foy and Henry McGowan v. the Co. Council.

The Council noted the report.

1416/37. MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM - PATRICK FOY AND HENRY MCGOWAN v. CO. COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor in connection with the Malicious Injury Claim of Patrick Foy and Henry McGowan v. the Co. Council, and giving particulars of claims from the Council's witnesses, which amounted to £13 : 6 : 1. In the case of Mr. Convery, the Diver from the Londonderry Harbour Commissioners, the Commissioners were precluded from claiming any sum other than his actual pay, but they thought that, as he gave evidence in an expert capacity and was of considerable assistance in reducing the amount of the claim, favourable consideration might be given to the question of making him some allowance in addition to the sum claimed by the Harbour Commissioners.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the Council express their thanks to the Londonderry Harbour Commissioners for their courtesy in letting the Council have the services of the Diver, and the motion was passed unanimously.

It was unanimously decided to inquire from the Council's Solicitor what remuneration he would consider reasonable to the Diver in his capacity as an expert witness.

1417/37.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT, 1935.

Notices of Applications for Dance Hall Licences for the following premises were submitted:-

Meehan's Hall, Port, Inver.

Tanatallon Hall, Mountcharles.

St. Patrick's Hall, Altaghaderry, Carrigans.

The Council noted the matter.

1418/37.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT WALL AT SLIEVEBAWN, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Bonner, Slievebawn, Malin Head, applying for permission to erect a wall opposite his house on the Main Road to Malin Head at Slievebawn.

Permission was granted on condition that Mr. Bonner sign an undertaking agreeing to remove the wall at any time he might be called upon to do so.

1419/37.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN CLAGGAN AND BOCAN CHAPEL, KNOWN AS THE LAGNASHINNAGH OLD ROAD.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the Culdaff District applying to the Council for the repair and upkeep of the bye-road between Claggan and Bocan Chapel, situate in the townlands of Dein and Laraghirl, and known as the "Lagnashinnagh Old Road." Heretofore, it was repaired by the Council, and it was now in bad need of repair.

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

1420/37.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS - RETURNS OF EXCEPTED PERSONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Branch, dated 23rd November, 1937, referring to the instructions issued regarding persons in excepted employment, and urging the need for greater care in preparing the half-yearly returns B. and C.

The Council noted the letter.

1421/37.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS GANGER, AND PROTEST AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF MR. DANIEL D. FERRY AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Secretary, Cumann De Valera, Glassagh, Derrybeg, asking to have his name put forward in connection with any vacancies for Supervising Gangers. He had a wife and six children and had a poor way of living.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Secretary, Cumann De Valera, Glassagh, Derrybeg, stating that he had been asked by the Cumann to protest strongly against the appointment of Daniel D. Ferry, Bunaninver, Derrybeg, as a Ganger.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1422/37.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN - MOVILLE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McCorriston, Terryrone, Moville, applying for a position as surfaceman. His only income was 10/- per week of Unemployment Assistance.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1423/37.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN - TURE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Neil Harkin, Ture, stating that some time ago the Co. Council directed that he be given first preference when a vacancy occurred for a surfaceman in that district, and asking that Mr. W. J. Doherty's attention be drawn to this as a vacancy might occur at any moment.

The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1424/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN ON A COUNCIL ROLLER.

A letter was read from Mr. William Flanagan, 3, Helen Street, Govan, Glasgow, stating that he was a flagman on one of the Council's Rollers. He left this job and went to Scotland to improve his position. His wife was now seriously ill, and the Doctors had ordered her to return to Ireland, and he wished to join her. He would like to know if there was any prospect of his being reinstated as a flagman. The Acting Co. Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1425/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN - FALCARRAGH AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis McClaafferty, Clonbarra, Falcarragh, stating that he was employed by the Council as surface-man on the Falcarragh Station Road for ten years. His employment was terminated 14 months ago, and he had been unemployed since then. He would like to know if a surfaceman would be appointed for that road again.

Mr. Gaffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that it was not intended to appoint a surfaceman for this road again.

1426/37. COMPLAINT RE DISMISSAL FROM POSITION AS GANGER.

A letter was read from Mr. John Gamble, Sessiagh, Castlefin, stating that for five years he was employed as a carter. His brother was unemployed for nine months recently, and after making applications to the Council for work he was given his (John Gamble's) job, and he was sent home.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, it was decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

1427/37. APPLICATION TO PURCHASE NEW TYPEWRITER FOR SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The Secretary applied for permission to purchase a new typewriter for his Office. He stated that he was being allowed a rebate of £8 for the old machine, which had been in use for seven years.

The Secretary's application was unanimously granted.

1428/37. PREPARATION OF SIXTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £25 to cover the cost of the preparation of the Sixteenth Register of Electors.

The application was granted unanimously.

1429/37. LOAN OF £5,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

On the application of the Secretary it was decided to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for an advance of £380 out of the loan of £5,000 obtained for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

1430/37. COST OF RATE COLLECTION, DISTRICTS NOS. 30 AND 32, DIRECT THROUGH THE OFFICE.

The Secretary applied for a sum of £30 to cover the cost of collecting the rates for Nos. 30 and 32 Districts direct through the Office.

The application was granted unanimously.

1431/37. DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council unanimously decided to hold the December Meeting on Tuesday, 28th December, 1937.

1432/37.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR THE STAFF.

The Council unanimously decided to leave the question of Christmas Holidays for the clerical staff in the hands of the Secretary, with authority to facilitate any members of the Staff who wished to travel home on Christmas Eve.

It was decided to authorise the Acting County Surveyors to allow Engine-Drivers and Flagmen the half-day on Christmas Eve.

1433/37.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PAY RATES.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGroarty, Tullynagrena, Letterbarrow, complaining of his valuation and stating that his rate for the year was £5 : 6 : 3. He had no stock and no means of paying. If he got an extension he would try to pay the first half before the 31st December and the second half next April.

Letters were also read from the Rate Inspector and the Rate Collector, in connection with this matter.

It was decided to instruct the Rate Collector to utilise all the means in his power to compel McGroarty to pay his rates at once.

1434/37.

CONTINGENCY FUND.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, applied for the following amounts out of the Contingency Fund:--

<u>Aileach District.</u>	
To repair bridge at Carrownamaddy on Map No. 856.....	£5.
To repair breach in sea wall at Ture on Map No. T.73.536.....	£30.
<u>Lifford District.</u>	
To repair bridge at Lismoghery on Map No. 1086.....	£8.
<u>Letterkenny District.</u>	
To repair pipe at Ruskey on Map No. 1193.....	£2.
<u>Inishowen District.</u>	
To repair Cregnahorna Bridge on Map No. 152.....	£30.
To repair Carrowkeel Bridge.....	£40.

The application was granted unanimously.

1435/37.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

Mr. J. J. Caffrey applied for permission to purchase a paraffin stove for heating the store-room in the basement of Lifford Courthouse where records were kept at a cost of £5 : 10 : 0.

The application was granted unanimously.

1436/37.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT FORGE ON GROUND AT KILLYBEGS KNOWN AS "THE COWHILL".

A letter was read from Mr. H. Kyles, Killybegs, applying for permission to erect a small shed for a forge on the unused ground known as "The Cowhill" about 60 yards on the left-hand side of the road leading from the Niall More N.S. to Bridge Street, at a nominal rent.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that this ground was not the property of the Co. Council.

1437/37.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS BY MR. HUGH LYNDEN McNALLY, LETTERKENNY.

An application for a loan of £350 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was submitted from Mr. Hugh Lynden McNally, St. Eunan's Terrace, Letterkenny.

The Council's Solicitor reported that while Mr. McNally's title was one which he would be prepared to advise an ordinary mortgagee to accept, it was not one which the Council was at liberty to accept, at the moment, under the particular Statutes. This was due to the fact that the title was not registered under the provisions of the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Act, 1891, or capable of being immediately so registered.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for sanction to the raising of the loan in the meantime.

1438/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO FENCES AT CRANFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McGonigle, Cranford, stating that the fences on his land at Cranford were pulled down by order of Mr. Dawson, Assistant Surveyor, when removing the bend on the road. Mr. Dawson promised him that he would be compensated, but he had heard nothing about it since, and his cattle were wandering on to the public road.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that Mr. Dawson was looking into this matter.

1439/37. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd November, 1937, S.85758/37, enclosing copy of an Order made under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, and stating that the amount assessed on Donegal was £143 : 6 : 4. A Paying Order for that amount should be forwarded as soon as possible.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

1440/37. STORAGE OF POLLING COMPARTMENTS IN KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from Mr. John Ward, The Diamond, Raphoe, stating that he had custody of Polling Compartments at Killybegs from the 1st January, 1924, to the 31st December, 1936, when his premises were taken over by Messrs. Gallagher Bros., Teelin. He wished to be compensated for the storage of the compartments.

The Council unanimously decided to allow Mr. Ward payment at the rate of 10/- per annum for the twelve years from the 1st January, 1924, to the 31st December, 1936, and to allow Messrs. Gallagher Bros., Teelin, at the same rate as from the 1st January, 1937.

1441/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF STATION ROAD AT DRUMBRICK, TERMON.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward McGinty, Drumbrick, Termon, stating that when the Station Road was rolled in October last his right-of-way to the bog was left in such a bad state that he could not get out or in with a cart.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1442/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO MILL DAM AT GLENALLA.

A letter was read from Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, stating that he had been consulted by Mr. Andrew McMahon of Glenalla who informed him that serious damage had been done to his Mill Dam. It appeared that the Co. Council in cleaning out the river above Orr's Bridge in Glentidally and Davis's Bridge in Glenalla, allowed the mud and refuse taken out of this river to run into his client's Dam causing damage thereto and preventing his client from getting a necessary and proper water supply. Unless steps were taken to have the matter remedied at once his client would be obliged to take proceedings for damages.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting Co. Surveyor, stated that this was a matter for the Board of Works, but that he was taking up the matter with Mr. Wray on their behalf.

1443/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD IN TOWNLANDS OF SHANNAGH, COOLADERRY, AND ROSSKIRK.

A letter was read from ratepayers and residents of the townlands of Shannagh, Cooladerry, and Rosskirk, requesting that immediate attention be given to the road through the aforesaid townlands. The road was in a deplorable condition. For the past three years it was repaired by a local Contractor and the tonnage was insufficient, as only £8 was allowed. They were determined not to pay any more rates until the road was repaired properly.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this was a fourth-class road, and that it was being repaired.

1444/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF AGHADAHOR-GREEVY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Gallagher, Greevy, Glen P.O., Kilmacrenan, again drawing attention to the deplorable state of the Aghadahor-Greevy Road, and inquiring what steps the Council proposed taking for the repairing and widening of this road.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this was a third-class road in fair order, and that it was being attended to.

Confirmed.

Michael J. J. J. J.

Chairman,

28th December, 1937.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1937.

1445/37.

A T T E N D A N C E.

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

1446/37.

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 Miss Kate Breen, Vice-Chairman of the County Councils' General Council.

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

1447/37.

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 Brady, the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 30th November, 1937, were confirmed unanimously.

1448/37.

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 Brady, the Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 30th November, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1449/37.

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 30th November, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 14th December, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1450/37.

R E P O R T S O F L A W 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 Law Committee Meeting held on the 30th November, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott, the Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 14th December, 1937, was adopted unanimously.

1451/37.

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

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 19th December, 1937, R/RV/7, referring to the Council's Minute of the 26th October, 1937, No. 1311/37, re Heavy Lorry Traffic on County Roads. Section 159 of the Road Traffic Act empowered the Minister after holding a public inquiry to make an Order prohibiting the driving of any specified class or classes of vehicles on specified roads. Before an inquiry could be held it would be necessary to furnish a map and a list of the roads with full description and a note against each as to the reason why the Council consider that its use by vehicles over a specified weight should be prohibited.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that the number of roads for which prohibition would be required was so great that it would be much easier to set out those roads for which no prohibition was required, and the Council unanimously decided to ask the Department if they would accept an application in this form.

1452/37.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Stranorlar, stating that an application would be made at Stranorlar District Court on the 1st December, 1937, for the committal to Industrial Schools of children named Peter Harkin, Patrick McGlinchey, Thomas McGlinchey, and John Brown.

A further letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Stranorlar, stating that an application would be made at Stranorlar District Court on the 1st December, 1937, for the committal to St. Joseph's Industrial School, Dundalk, of a child named Mary Anne McGrory.

1453/37.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - DELAY IN FURNISHING FORMS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 25th November, 1937, requesting to be furnished with Forms T. 2/3 in connection with suspected cases of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Messrs. Robert Gourley, Tober, Ballindrait, Bernard O'D. Browne, Gabry, Quigley's Point, William Taylor, Carrickshandrum, Killygordon, and the Donegal Mental Hospital, Letterkenny.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Veterinary Inspectors concerned.

1454/37.

CANCELLATION OF GRANTS ALLOCATED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd November, 1937, F.1./297, Donegal, stating that the Grant allocated under the Housing Acts to Mr. Louis Wilkie, Letterkenny, had been cancelled.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th November, 1937, F.1.457/ Donegal, stating that the Grant allocated under the Housing Acts to Mr. John McAuley, Carrownassul, Kilmacrenan, had been cancelled.

1455/37.

REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNTS OF GRANTS ALLOCATED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd December, 1937, enclosing copy of letter sent to the St. Eunan's P.U.S. informing them that the Grant allocated under the Housing Acts to Mr. Joseph McLaughlin, Malin Street, Carndonagh, had been reduced by £6 in view of the fact that one imported range and three imported fire-grates had been installed in the house erected by Mr. McLaughlin.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd December, 1937, enclosing copy of letter sent to Mr. James McKinney, Castlefin, informing him that the Grant allocated to him under the Housing Acts had been further reduced by £5 in view of the fitting of five imported doors.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd December, 1937, enclosing copy of letter sent to Mr. George Patton, Knather, Ballyshannon, informing him that the Grant allocated to him under the Housing Acts had been reduced by £5 in view of the fitting of five imported fire-grates.

Councillor McIvor again protested against the reductions in the amounts of Grants allocated under the Housing Acts owing to the fitting of imported ranges, grates, and doors. He stated that in many cases these articles were imported free of duty on a licence from the Department of Industry and Commerce. He also complained that the issue of the Grants in many cases was unduly delayed.

1456/37.

HEALTH CONGRESS OF THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

An Invitation was submitted to the Health Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute to be held at Portsmouth in July, 1938.

1457/37. SHEEP DIPPED DURING THE 1937 DIPPING PERIOD.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 29th November, 1937, L.4639/37, enclosing form for return of sheep dipped, etc. during the 1937 Dipping Period.

1458/37. AREA OF CHARGE FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING OF CLONMANY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th December, 1937, P.H.89242/37, Dun na nGall. Pg., enclosing copy of Sealed Order made by the Minister fixing the Area of Charge for the special expenses of providing for the public lighting of Clonmany.

A letter was read from Councillor Friel stating that a fully-representative Meeting of the ratepayers of Straid Electoral Division was held in Clonmany on the 23rd December to protest against the cost of the lighting of the village of Clonmany being levied on Straid Electoral Division, and it was unanimously agreed that the cost should be levied over the whole Parish, consisting of the Electoral Divisions of Ballyliffin, Dunaff, and Straid.

The Council decided to refer Councillor Friel to the letter from the Local Government Department.

1459/37. PAYMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS OF WAGES DUE TO WORKMEN EMPLOYED ON ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th December, 1937, RU/204/12, requesting that arrangements be made, where possible, for the payment before Christmas of wages due to workmen engaged on works sanctioned under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38, (Roads), Rural.

1460/37. ARDUGHADH CREIDIUINTE O'N BHAINNC DO GHISTE AN CHOMHAIRLE.

Do leigheadh litir o Roinn Rialtais Aitiula agus Slainte Puiblí faoi dhata an 14adú Nodlag, 1937, G.102183/37, Dun na nGall., ag radh go gceadúigheann an t-Aire do Chomhairle Chonndae Dun na nGall airliughadh le fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £80,000. Tá an t-udaras seo dleaghtach suas go dtí an 31adh lá de'n mhí seo.

Dubhairt an Runaidhe go mbeadh £90,000 riachtanach go dtí an 31adh Eanáir, 1938.

Socrúigheadh go n-iarrfadh cead an Aire fiacha Bainne na rachaidh thar £90,000 suas go dtí an 31adh Eanáir, 1938.

1461/37. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th December, 1937, G.103794/37, Dun na nGall., acknowledging receipt of extract from the Minutes of the Council's Meeting of the 30th November relative to increased Travelling Expenses for County Councillors.

1462/37. DAIRY PRODUCE (PRICE STABILISATION) ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 13th December, 1937, P.1213/37, enclosing for distribution amongst the members of the Council copies of a pamphlet giving particulars of butter sales, etc.

1463/37. LOAN SANCTIONED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th December, 1937, H.104423/37, Dun na nGall., stating that the Minister had recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue to the Donegal County Council the sum of £380 being the second instalment of the loan of £5,000 sanctioned for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

1464/37. MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1937/38 - INCREASED RATE OF WAGES TO WORKMEN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 15th December, 1937, R/RM/7, stating that there was no objection to the County Council's increased rate of wages being paid on Grant Work as from the 1st April, 1938. If it became necessary to pay the increased rate on any works under this year's Improvement Grant, completion of the full length laid down would be expected.

Councillor Baxter took exception to the final sentence of the Department's letter, and it was agreed to inform the Department that the Council would complete such lengths as far as reasonable.

1465/37. FILE IN CONNECTION WITH VEHICLE I.H.3416.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th December, 1937, R/MT/7/Rfd., requesting to be furnished with file in respect of Vehicle I.H.3416, the property of Mr. John McGarvey, Rathmullan.

1466/37. BUTTER AND MARGARINE ACT, 1907.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th December, 1937, asking to be furnished with separate lists showing the names and addresses of the persons or firms who were registered with the Council under the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907, as (a) owners or occupiers of butter factories, and (b) owners or occupiers of manufactories of margarine, margarine-cheese, or milk-blended butter.

1467/37. CLERICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE SIXTEENTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th December, 1937, F.103792/37, Donegal Co., stating that no objection would be raised to the payment by the County Council of a sum not exceeding £25 for temporary clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of the Sixteenth Register of Electors.

1468/37. ERECTION OF SUBSIDY SHEEP DIPPING BATH BY MR. WILLIAM ELLIOTT, SKREEN, DONEGAL, AND TRANSFER OF BATH FROM FOXHALL TO FAHEYKEEN.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 7th December, 1937, L.4338-37, sanctioning the payment of a subsidy of £5 to Mr. William Elliott, Skreen, Donegal, in respect of the erection of a Sheep Dipping Bath. The Minister also sanctioned the proposed payment of £6 : 1 : 6 to Messrs. J. McConnell & Sons in respect of the transfer of a bath from Foxhall and its re-erection at Faheykeen.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th December, 1937, L.4338-37, regarding the erection of a sheep dipping bath by Mr. William Elliott, Skreen, Donegal, and making certain alterations in the Form of Agreement in use in connection with Subsidy Baths.

1469/37. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR RELIEF GRANTS.

Acknowledgments were received of applications for Minor Relief Grants for works at Glenties, Derrynagriell, Lagnashinnagh, Mullaghfin-Trentaboy, and Leglands, Kerrykeel.

1470/37. APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS BY MR. JOSEPH GALLAGHER, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th December, 1937, E.142021/37, Dun na nGall., referring to the application of Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Glenties, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and asking to be furnished with a plan and specification of the house proposed to be erected by Mr. Gallagher.

1471/37.

ANNUAL LEAVE TO VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 20th December, 1937, L.4968/37, stating that the Minister offered no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. L. McIlhargey, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector in the Letterkenny District during the absence of Mr. P. McGlinchey on annual leave from the 6th to the 23rd December, inclusive. No remuneration should be paid to Mr. McGlinchey in respect of any period of leave taken in excess of 14 days annually.

It was decided to convey the Department's ruling to each Veterinary Inspector.

1472/37.

LOAN FOR PROVISION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES AND PLOTS AT BALLYSHANNON 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 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 £11,900 for the purpose of providing 34 Labourers' Cottages and Plots at Ballyshannon Town."

1473/37.

INCREASE OF WAGES OF CARTERS ON ROAD WORK.

Councillor Walsh proposed the following Notice of Motion signed by himself and Councillors McDaid, McShea, Crerand, McClafferty, Kelly, and McGrenra:- "That Minute No. 390/37 deciding to make no change in the existing scale of pay for carters be, and is hereby, rescinded."

Councillor Brady seconded.

No amendment was proposed, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councillor Walsh then proposed the following Notice of Motion signed by himself and Councillors McDaid, McShea, Crerand, McClafferty, Kelly, and McGrenra:- "That the wages of carters be increased to 9/- (nine shillings) per day as from the 1st April, 1938."

Councillor Brady seconded.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell proposed, as an amendment, that the wages of carters be increased to 10/- per day, but the proposal was not seconded.

Councillor Walsh's motion was passed unanimously.

A discussion arose about the size of loads, and as to whether this resolution implied a corresponding increase in the rates of pay for donkeys and ponies.

Councillor McIvor contended that the object of the resolution would be defeated if the Surveyors would be compelled to avail more of lorries.

It was decided to instruct the Surveyors that the increased rates applied only to horses.

1474/37.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR CLEANING OF WATER-COURSE AND TAIL-DRAIN ALONG THE COUNTY ROAD LEADING FROM CASHEL TO CULDAFF RIVER.

A letter was read from Councillor Lynch enclosing memorial from a number of residents of Cashel, Gleneely, requesting the Council to allocate a Grant for scouring of water-course along the County Road running from Cashel towards Culdaff River, and also the scouring of tail drain from the said water-course to the River.

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

1475/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF THORR-MEENCORWICK ROAD.

A letter was read from Councillor Brian O'Donnell stating that the Thorr-Meencorwick Road was now absolutely impassable. It was over six months since he brought this matter to the notice of Mr. Caffrey. Recently, a quantity of pitching, gravel, and metal, had been put up, and notwithstanding that the Assistant Surveyor for the District had been notified over three weeks ago, the metal had not yet been measured. He failed to understand the attitude taken up by the County and Assistant Surveyors, and he wished an explanation at the next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor O'Donnell stated that he wished to withdraw the implications contained in his letter, as he was satisfied that the Surveyors were not to blame.

1476/37. BALANCE OF PENSION DUE TO THE LATE MRS. BRIDGET RICE.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Rice, 34, Summerhill Parade, Dublin, notifying the Council of the death on the 11th December, 1937, of his mother, Mrs. Bridget Rice. He wished to be paid the balance of pension due to her.

The Council unanimously agreed to pay the balance of pension to Mr. Rice, if Letters of Administration were not being taken out, on a Letter of Indemnity signed by himself and one other solvent surety.

1477/37. PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH AND SEA-WALL ALONG THE SEA-FRONT AT MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 23rd November, 1937, S.W.3/1/18, referring to Minute No. 1227/37 of the 26th October and previous correspondence relative to the proposed construction of a footpath and sea-wall along the sea-front at Moville. It would appear that the proposal resolved itself into a work for the prevention of coast erosion. Grants were not normally made from the Employment Schemes Vote for such works, but if it could be shown that the proposed work, if undertaken, would be of general public utility, and if the parties whose interests were affected were prepared to (i) bear a reasonable proportion of the cost; (ii) maintain the work when completed; and (iii) submit a scheme on that basis, the proposal would be examined in competition with any others which might be received for the same area, and having regard to the unemployment position in the District.

On the motion of Councillor McDaid seconded by Councillor Scott it was decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor for a report.

1478/37. ROAD FROM DUNMORE CROSS, VIA GLEN, TO BARNES GAP.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 24th November, 1937, R/RD/7, referring to Minute No. 1276/37 of the 26th October, and pointing out that the Council had furnished no reasons for their request that the road from Dunmore Cross, via Glen, to Barnes Gap, be declared a Main Road.

Councillor MacCreadie proposed and Councillor Baxter seconded that the Department be informed that this road passed through some of the most beautiful scenery in the County, and that it was a very important road. (1276/37 C.C.)

1479/37. STORAGE OF POLLING COMPARTMENTS AT BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from Mr. James F. O'Donnell, Burtonport, asking for payment for storage of Polling Compartments for three years.

The Council decided to allow Mr. O'Donnell remuneration at the rate of 10/- per annum.

1480/37. APPOINTMENT OF MR. DENIS KELEHER AS ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE OF THE ROSSES ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

In accordance with the terms of Minute No. 1370/37, and in response to the Council's advertisement, applications for the position of Engineer-in-Charge of the Rosses Road Re-Construction Scheme were received from:-

Edmund Barry, "The Moorings", Pope's Road, Cork.

Denis Keleher, Clooniffe, Moycullen, Co. Galway.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, recommended the appointment of Mr. Denis Keleher.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Keleher.

1481/37. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

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

Messrs. Gallagher Bros., Teelin.

Mrs. Annie Byrne, Carrick.

Mr. Phil Cannon, Carrick.

Mr. C. J. O'Sullivan, Mountcharles.

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

Messrs. Thomas Holmes, Ltd., Convoy.

Messrs. Andrew McGlinchey & Co., Buncrana.

Gartan & Kilmacrenan Co-operative Agricultural Society, Termon.

Mr. John Kelly, Main Street, Buncrana.

Mr. Joseph Docherty, Tirargus, Churchill.

Buncrana Co-operative Society, Buncrana.

Mr. Patrick Loughrey, Kerrykeel.

Messrs. McDonagh & Co., Carndonagh.

Mr. James Harley, Trentagh.

Mr. Harry Doherty, Buncrana.

Mr. Peter Stewart, Kilmacrenan.

The applications were granted unanimously.

1482/37. AMOUNT DUE IN RESPECT OF A ROAD CONTRACT HELD BY THE LATE MR. CHARLES McQUAIDE, THE ROCK, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Anne McQuaide, Market Street, Ballyshannon, asking to have a new Paying Order issued to her in lieu of one issued on the 25th May last for £64 :15 : 0 in respect of a Road Contract held by her late husband, who had died prior to the issue of the Paying Order.

The Secretary stated that Mrs. McQuaide had submitted Letters of Administration to the estate of her late husband, and that she had been appointed Executrix.

The Council decided to re-issue the Paying Order, and to apply to the Local Government Department for sanction as it was over six months since the claim was incurred.

1483/37. APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO MAKE A PAYMENT TO MR. MICK McCORMICK, SESSIAGHONEILL, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick McCormick, Sessiaghoneill, Ballybofey, applying for a fresh Paying Order in lieu of Paying Order No. 2128 dated 25th May, 1937, issued to him in respect of a Road Contract.

The Council decided to apply to the Department for permission to issue a new Paying Order in this case.

1484/37. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF DRIMARD, FROSSES.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Friel, Drimard, Frosses, calling attention to the condition of a road in the townland of Drimard. A grant of about £20 would be required for the repair of this road.

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

1485/37. PREPARATION OF SPECIAL PAPERS IN THE DONEGAL DIALECT FOR THE EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Office of National Education dated 25th November, 1937, Trg. 2/48713, referring to the rules governing the examinations for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, and asking to be furnished with a Paying Order for £19 : 4 : 5 in respect of special papers in the Donegal dialect prepared at the instance of the Council in respect of the 1937 examination.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

1486/37. BYE-LAW DETERMINING THE FINE FOR NON-ACCEPTANCE OR RESIGNATION OF OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th December, 1937, P.H.97642/37, Dun na nGall. Pg., regarding the adoption by the Council of a bye-law determining the fine for non-acceptance of Office by members of the Council, and requesting that a formal application for confirmation of the bye-law, under the Seal of the Council, together with a certificate that a copy of the bye-law was deposited for inspection for a full calendar month subsequent to the date of publication of the newspaper containing the public notice of intention to apply for confirmation and stating whether any objection had been received to the bye-law, might be transmitted to the Department.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided formally to apply for confirmation of the bye-law, under Seal.

1487/37. CONTINUED ILLNESS OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

A Medical Certificate dated 6th December, 1937, was submitted from Dr. Taylor, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, certifying that Mr. John Caffrey was still in Hospital, and would not be able to resume work for at least one month from that date.

The Secretary stated that the Department had not yet conveyed their decision to the proposal of the Engineering Services Committee, No. 12/37, of the 21st September last, recommending that Mr. Caffrey be paid full salary for the period from the 19th September to the 19th December, 1937.

The Council decided to draw the attention of the Department to the matter again.

1488/37. APPLICATIONS FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.

Applications were received for Cinematograph Licences for the following Halls:-

John Colgan Memorial Hall, Carndonagh.

Forester's Hall, Killybegs.

Chapman's Hall, Donegal.

The Council unanimously decided to issue the licences for these Halls.

1489/37. COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell, Dungloe, to offer his premises in Dungloe for use as a Courthouse. The building was a large stone and slate building, 40' x 25', with internal sanitary accommodation. His client would be prepared to build an off-shot for the District Court Clerk's Office. The hall was heated with a hearth fire and was lighted with electric light. His client would accept £20 per annum as rent and would carry out any other alterations necessary.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor, for a report.

1490/37.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Ward, County Registrar, Lifford, stating that Part IV of the Courts of Justice Act, 1936, was now in operation, and it was anticipated that the first Sittings of the High Court on Circuit would take place in a few months' time. Letterkenny was the place named in the Act as the Appeal Town where the High Court on Circuit would sit, and it would be necessary to have two suitable Court Rooms available there. At present there was only one Court Room in Letterkenny properly equipped for the holding of a Court, and temporary provision would have to be made in the way of furnishing and equipping a second suitable Court Room, pending the provision of a second Permanent Court. He wished to point out that apart from whatever arrangements were made for the first Sitting of the High Court on Circuit, it would be necessary for the County Council to undertake, as soon as possible, the work of providing a second Permanent Court.

Councillor Mahony proposed and it was unanimously agreed to refer the matter to a small Committee to consult with Mr. Ward on this matter.

It was agreed to appoint Councillors Mahony, ~~and Oregand~~, and the Secretary, and Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, to meet Mr. Ward and go into the matter.

1491/37.

PAYMENT OF MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. WALKIN (NEE O'BYRNE),
A FORMER DOMESTIC SCIENCE TEACHER.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee, stating that his Committee had unanimously agreed to grant a Marriage Gratuity to Mrs. Walkin (nee O'Byrne), a former Domestic Science Teacher. Mrs. Walkin had six completed years' service, and the amount of the Gratuity to which she was entitled was £101 : 2 : 10.

Payment of the amount was ordered, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

1492/37.

LOAN FOR ERECTION OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT LOUGHANURE.

Councillor Scott stated that there was great dissatisfaction amongst Contractors at the delay in being paid instalments certified as due to them by the Architects in connection with the erection of a Vocational School at Loughanure.

He also stated that as the Board of Works only issued instalments of the loan to cover expenditure which had actually been incurred, there was no means of paying Clerks of Works weekly, and they could not afford to await payment for an indefinite time.

He suggested that in connection with the recent application for an advance of £840 out of this loan, an additional sum of £200 be also applied for to cover wages for Clerks of Works, and other incidental expenses.

Councillor Myles stated that owing to the delay in paying Contractors they were very reluctant to tender, and the cost of the works was, therefore, often considerably increased.

The Council unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works, and to request them to advance an additional sum of £200 for the purpose mentioned.

1493/37.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT, 1936 - ^{Leave} ~~WAGES~~ OF ENGINE-
DRIVERS AND FLAGMEN.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, dated 2nd December, 1937, T.I.E.1542, referring to recent discussions with Miss I. H. Dowling, an Industrial Inspector of that Department, and enclosing, for favour of the Council's observations, a list of workers employed as Engine-Drivers and Flagmen by the Council, setting out the number of days of leave (including holy-days) granted to these workers in 1936, the number of such days that might be reckoned as annual leave within the meaning of the Act, and the number of days of annual leave that still appeared to be due to each of the workers in question.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee.

1494/37. FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS - MOUNTCHARLES PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 30th November, 1937, T.I.F.12895, stating that it had been found that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts were not being observed at Mountcharles Pier:-

Dock Regulations Form F.I.938 not affixed.

No life-buoy provided.

No first-aid outfit provided.

Safeload not marked on hand-crane.

No means of lighting provided.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor.

1495/37. FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS - DONEGAL QUAY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 8th December, 1937, T.I.F.3875, stating that it had been found that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts were not being observed at Donegal Quay:-

Dock Regulations Form F.I.938 not affixed.

No first-aid outfit provided.

No means of lighting provided.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor.

1496/37. FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS - BRUCKLESS QUAY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 9th December, 1937, T.I.F.3705, stating that the following requirements of the Factory and Workshop Acts were not being observed at Bruckless Quay:-

Dock Regulations, Form F.I.938 not affixed.

No lighting provided on dock.

No means at or near the surface of the water to enable a person immersed to support himself.

No first-aid outfit provided.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Reilly, Acting County Surveyor.

1497/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD BETWEEN UPPER CLOGHERNAGORE AND LOWER CLOGHERNAGORE, FINTOWN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGill, Glenleighan, Fintown, applying for a grant of about £200 from Relief Schemes for the completion of the road partly made between Upper Cloghernagore and Lower Cloghernagore, and for the improvement of the footpath from the houses at Lower Cloghernagore, which was at present unfit for traffic. A Bridge would also be required to connect this road with the Adderwell Road.

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

1498/37. COMPLAINT RE LACK OF RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PUBLIC ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Houton, Ballyhelion, Malin Head, stating that he wished to have a right-of-way constructed from his farm to the public road. He was recently summoned for non-payment of rates, and he told the District Justice he would not pay his rates owing to the lack of a right-of-way. The Justice said it was a matter for the County Council.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1499/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT FENCE ALONG THE ROAD FROM BALLYHARRY TO CARROWMENA.

A letter was read from Mr. John McLaughlin, Ballyharry, Carrowmena, Moville, stating that he intended to wire about sixty yards of his property along the Shore Road from Ballyharry to Carrowmena.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor, and to point out to Mr. McLaughlin that he could not erect a barbed wire fence.

1500/37. COMPLAINT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH RE NUISANCE AT TURK, BALLYMAGAN.

A Notice was submitted from the County Board of Health requiring the abatement of a Nuisance at Turk, Ballymagan, arising from a defective drain which crossed the road causing stagnant water to lie at the door of the house occupied by Reps. James McDaid. The drain should be given a proper fall to carry off the water.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for his attention.

1501/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR TWO WEEKS' WORK ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DONE IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1935.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. O'Leary, Solicitor, Milford, referring to Minute No. 1147/37 in connection with the complaint of Mr. John Connor, Cool, Cranford, of not being paid for work done at Meens, Cranford, in November and December of 1935. When Connor first approached the Ganger he was told that only men sent by the Labour Exchange could be started. A few days later the Ganger sent a message with Connor's sister that Connor could come and start on the job. He worked for two weeks in all, and unless he was paid legal proceedings would be instituted.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1502/37. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT WALL ON THE ROAD FROM CARROWBEG, CARROWMENA, TO THE GLEN.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Carey, Carrowbeg, Carrowmena, stating that with the Council's permission he intended to re-build a wall on the road from Carrowbeg to the Glen at the front of his house lately erected.

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

1503/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF SEA-WALL AT MALIN TOWN BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mrs. Frances Tonar, Malin, stating that years ago in the days of the Grand Jury a sea-wall was built at the rear of her premises at the end of Malin Town Bridge for the protection of her property. Owing to the severe storms of the last few winters the wall was not high enough to keep her property from being damaged when there was a high tide. She wished the Council to remedy the matter.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for a report.

1504/37. CONTINGENCY FUND - NORTHERN DIVISION.

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

Inishowen District.

Repairing Bridge on Map No. 553a.....£4.

Repairing Bridge on Map No. 153.....£20.

Milford District.

Repairing sea wall on Map No. 755.....£70.

The application was granted unanimously.

1505/37. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION OF MRS. CASSIE MCGONIGLE FOR A LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Cassie McGonigle, Bridge Street, Carndonagh, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by her in connection with an application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council decided to refund the amount of the deposit to Mrs. McGonigle.

1506/37. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION OF MRS. ANNE CAMPBELL FOR A LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Anne Campbell, Stranaglough, Glenties, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by her in connection with her application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Council decided to refund the amount of the deposit to Mrs. Campbell.

1507/37. DEPOSIT LODGED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION OF MR. HUGH L. McNALLY FOR A LOAN UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh L. McNally, St. Eunan's Terrace, Letterkenny, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by him in connection with his application for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Letters were read from the Council's Solicitor in connection with the withdrawal of the application of Mr. Hugh L. McNally for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and stating that he had been paid the costs incurred by the Council, less the deposit paid at the outset by Mr. McNally. He wished the Council to remit the deposit of £2 : 2 : 0 to him at their convenience.

The Council decided to send the amount of the deposit in this case to the Council's Solicitor.

1508/37. DEPOSIT LODGED BY THE LATE MR. PATRICK McNULTY, BRIDGE ST., DONEGAL, IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. John McNulty, Senior, Ardnablaask, Barnesmore, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by the late Mr. Patrick McNulty, Bridge Street, Donegal, in connection with the opening of a roadway. He was the next-of-kin of the late Mr. McNulty.

It was decided to refund the deposit when satisfactory evidence was produced as to the legal next-of-kin.

1509/37. DEPOSIT LODGED BY MR. J. P. O'CALLAGHAN, CLAR-LOUGHESKE, DONEGAL, IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF ROADWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. J. P. O'Callaghan, Clar-Lougheske, Donegal, applying for a refund of the deposit lodged by him in connection with the opening of the public roadway.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

1510/37. COMPLAINT RE DAMAGE TO BRIDGE ON ROAD LEADING FROM THE ST. JOHNSTON-RAPHOE ROAD TO TRENTAGH QUARRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Alex. Roulston, Trentamucklagh, St. Johnston, stating that part of the parapet wall, 8 feet by 3 feet, of the bridge between the townlands of Magheracloy and Trentagh on the road leading from the St. Johnston-Raphoe Road to Trentagh Quarry had fallen in or been thrown in to the bed of the river, causing an obstruction, and thereby doing considerable damage to the surrounding lands. If the obstruction was not removed within ten days, the matter would be placed in the hands of a Solicitor.

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

1511/37. REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD FROM CASHEL THREE ROADS TO WHINPARK, GLENTOGHER, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from ratepayers in the Electoral Division of Glentogher asking the Council for a further grant to gravel 250 perches of the road No. 232 from Cashel Three Roads to Whinpark, which was constructed under a Minor Relief Scheme and was at present in a terrible state.

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

1512/37. REQUEST TO HAVE ROAD CONSTRUCTED TO LEAD FROM TOWNLANDS OF CLEENGORT AND KILCRIN TO MAIN ROAD (GWEEBARRA), DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from ratepayers of Kilcrin and Cleengort, Lettermacaward, stating that they were very much inconvenienced as there was no ingress or egress from Cleengort and Kilcrin to the Main Road (Gweebarra) Dungloe. Some years ago the Land Commission gave a grant of £350 to have a new road constructed, but owing to difficulties in the way of consents the road was not constructed and the matter fell through. They wished the Council to apply for a grant for the construction of this road.

Councillor Brady stated that the consents which were refused some years ago were now given, and the matter was one of great urgency.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works with a strong recommendation that a grant be given for the carrying out of this necessary work.

1513/37. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1935.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretaries of the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals referring to the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, and asking the Council to do their utmost to have mechanical instruments used in every slaughter-house in the County.

The Council noted the letter.

1514/37. CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED TO A MARE THROUGH SLIPPING ON A TARRED ROAD.

Letters were read from Mr. James Lynch, Knocknagarron, Convoy, stating that on the 27th August last a mare, his property, slipped on the tarred road and was seriously injured. The two shafts of the cart were broken also. The mare died on the 13th December as a result of the accident. He claimed compensation of £15 from the Council for the mare, and £3 for damage to the cart.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

1515/37. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED THROUGH THE RAISING OF THE ROADWAY AT BROCKAGH, CLOGHAN.

The Secretary submitted Civil Bill served on behalf of Mr. Patrick Campbell, Brockagh, Cloghan, claiming damages in connection with the raising of the roadway outside the Plaintiff's house, thereby causing flooding of his property. An injunction was also requested ordering the Council to restore the roadway to its pre-existing level, and to restore the drains taking the surface water therefrom to their former state, with a further order restraining the Council from a repetition of the acts and matters complained of.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to protect the Council's interests,

1516/37. CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Bennie McBride, Carndonagh, applying on behalf of the Inishowen Divisional Board G.A.A. for the use of Carndonagh Courthouse to hold two Meetings each month.

The Secretary stated that the control of this Courthouse was now vested in the District Court Clerk.

1517/37. ENCROACHMENT ON COUNCIL'S PROPERTY AT NEW ROW, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor referring to the encroachment on the Council's property at New Row, Donegal, by Mr. Joseph O'Donnell, and stating that Mr. O'Donnell had now complied with the Council's demands and removed the encroachment.

The Council noted the letter.

1518/37. WIDENING OF STREET AT CARNDONAGH MARKET YARD.

A letter was read from Messrs. Knox, Gilliland & Babington, Solicitors, Derry, referring to recent negotiations between Captain J. C. McClintock and the Council regarding the sale of portion of Carndonagh Market Yard and Shed for the purpose of widening the Street leading into Malin Street, at which it was agreed that Captain McClintock should sell to the Council portion of the Market Yard and Shed sufficient for the purpose of widening the said Street, and that he would expend such portion of the purchase money as might be necessary in the erection of a public lavatory in the Cow Market. Captain McClintock had now re-considered the matter, and he had decided to give the Council free of charge a portion of the Market Yard and Shed 10 feet in width for the purpose of widening the Street on condition that the Council would erect a lavatory at their own expense. If the offer was accepted it would be subject to the Council bearing all costs, and enclosing the Market Yard and Shed in the same way as it was at present.

The Council decided to adjourn the matter until the Annual Road Works Meeting.

1519/37. DEFAULTING HOUSING ANNUITANTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that his efforts to induce the defaulting Housing Annuitants to pay the costs and arrears had proved fruitless in all cases except in that of Mr. Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan. Mr. Coyle had paid the costs of the Judgment and Execution Order, and had undertaken to discharge all arrears by increasing each of his future instalments on foot of his Mortgage by an equal proportion of the arrears due. The concession to which Mr. Coyle agreed was offered to all the other Defendants, but none of them availed of it. In the circumstances, he suggested that the question of levying Execution might have further consideration. The alternative proposal put forward by which the Council was asked to extend the term of payment by a period of years sufficient to permit of payment of the arrears being made at the ordinary rate might not be adopted by the Council as the Statutes under which the advances were made provided a limit of time for payment.

Councillor Baxter proposed that no proceedings be instituted until after next Meeting so that he would have an opportunity of explaining the position to Mr. Daniel Coyle, one of the defaulters.

The Council decided to adjourn the question of instituting proceedings against all the defaulters until after next Meeting.

1520/37. APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PAY RATES - WILLIAM MCGROARTY, TULLYNAGRENA, LETTERBARROW.

A letter was read from Councillor Brady regarding the Council's resolution at last Meeting in connection with the non-payment of rates by Mr. William McGroarty, Tullynagrena, Letterbarrow, and stating that he had been asked by reliable persons in the district to state that this was a very deserving case. The man was willing to pay, but unable, and he thought that to enforce payment in the arbitrary manner conveyed in the Minute would create a great hardship.

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

1521/37. LOUGH SALT WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor regarding the Lough Salt Water Supply, and stating that he had now received Professor Purcell's report on his recent inspection, together with plans and drawing. He had arranged with Mr. Doherty, Architect, to go into the entire matter, as a result of which he hoped to be able to carry out the Council's instructions without further delay.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Mental Hospital Committee.

1522/37. ROAD LEADING FROM UPPER GORTNASILLAGH, GLENTIES, TO KILKENNY NATIONAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Gortnasillagh Upper, Glenties, requesting the Council to allocate a sum of money for the improvement of the road leading from O'Donnell's Crossroads, Upper Gortnasillagh, to Kilkenny National School, a distance of about 900 yards. The road was of no service in its present condition.

As the road was not a County Road, the Council decided to refer the matter to the Board of Works for consideration when allocating further Minor Relief Schemes.

1523/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS DRIVER OF DIESEL ROLLER.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doherty, Carn, Ballybofey, applying for the position of Driver of the new Diesel Roller.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1524/37. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACE-MAN AT KILCAR.

A letter was read from Mr. John Campbell, Castlecarn, Kilcar, applying for a position as surface-man at Kilcar.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that there was no vacancy.

1525/37. APPLICATION FOR WORK ON ROAD FROM LETTERKENNY TO DUNGLOE, THROUGH GLENDOWAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Frederick Mullin, Glendowan, Churchill, applying for work on the road from Letterkenny to Dungloe, through Glendowan.

The matter was referred to the Acting County Surveyor.

1526/37. WAGES OF MR. PHILIP McDERMOTT, DRIVER, ROLLER NO. 27.

A letter was read from Mr. Philip McDermott, Driver, Roller No. 27, stating that the Council granted him an increase of wages at their Meeting on the 28th September last. He started as Driver of the new Diesel Roller on the 26th July last, and he felt that the increase in his wages should take effect from that date.

It was decided to pay Mr. McDermott at the increased rate from the date on which he took up duty as Driver of the Diesel Roller.

1527/37. RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNIFICATION OF IRELAND.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Cavan County Council, forwarding copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:- "That we observe a public desire for the removal of the Border and the unification of Ireland. We consider a Conference should be called of representatives of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, Labour, Independents, Republicans, with His Eminence, Cardinal McRory; His Grace the Lord Primate, Church of Ireland; The Moderator, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; Chairmen of County Councils; Lord Mayors of Corporations; and Chairmen of Borough Councils to consider a scheme of unification. All political prisoners to be released immediately as the forerunner of goodwill."

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that the resolution be noted.

Councillor Mahony proposed, as an amendment, that the resolution be adopted, and Councillor Houston seconded.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 13 votes to 2.

1528/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM BOGSTOWN TO TREBRACKEN, QUIGLEY'S POINT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Margey, Trebracken, Quigley's Point, stating that the road leading from James Steele's, Bogstown, to James Margey's, Trebracken, was in an impassable state. It was torn away in places to a breadth of six feet by a river which ran alongside.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Acting County Surveyor.

1529/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING AROUND LOUGH ESKE.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony O'Doherty, N.T., Townawilly, Barnesmore, stating that the residents of that locality would be grateful if the Council urged the Department from a tourist point of view to put the road leading around Lough Eske in a proper state of repair.

The Secretary stated that Mr. O'Doherty had again written enclosing a letter from the Irish Tourist Association in connection with this matter.

On the motion of Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to request the Department to give a grant for the repair of this road, and to refer the matter to Councillors O'Boyle and MacGreadie, members of the Irish Tourist Association, for their kind assistance.

1530/37. DECLARATION OF COUNTY ROADS NOS. 1353, 1218, 1161, AND 949 TO BE MAIN ROADS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th November, 1937, R/RD/7, stating that it was proposed to declare the Roads from Edenmore Three Roads to St. Johnston (County Roads Nos. 1353 and 1218), and from Dundee Three Roads to Rooskey Four Roads (County Roads Nos. 1161 and 949) to be Main Roads as from 1st April, 1938. Provision should be made in the Road Works Scheme, 1938/39, accordingly.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that by reason of the alteration of the status of these roads, he would require to provide an additional sum of £365 in the Provisional Road Works Scheme to cover the cost of the maintenance of these roads.

The Council unanimously agreed to Mr. Caffrey's request.

1531/37. PROPOSED PROVISION OF LANDING FACILITIES AT CURRANSPOINT, GLASSERCHOO, MEENLARAGH.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th November, 1937, S.W.1/3/10, referring to the Secretary's letter enclosing copy of Minute No. 1251/37 relative to the provision of landing facilities at Curranspoint, Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh, Co. Donegal, and stating that the Parliamentary Secretary would be glad to be furnished in due course with an estimate of the cost of providing a landing-place suitable to the requirements of the locality. The Parliamentary Secretary would also be glad if the Council would indicate what sum they were prepared to contribute towards the estimated cost of the proposed structure.

A further letter dated 16th December, 1937, was read from the Office of Public Works, S.W.1/3/10, inquiring whether a reply could now be furnished to their letter of the 24th ultimo on the subject of the provision of landing facilities at Curranspoint, Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh.

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

"Owing to pressure of work I have not been able to prepare an estimate for a proposed landing-place at Curranspoint. I would, therefore, ask that the matter be left over until next Meeting."

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until their next Meeting.

1532/37. ROAD BETWEEN CASHEL THREE ROADS AND FAHAN FOUR ROADS, SLUDDEN, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Sludden, Carndonagh, asking the Council to have the road between Cashel Three Roads and Fahán Four Roads and on the north side of Cuil, repaired for a distance of about 500 yards.

The Acting County Surveyor stated that this road was not a County Road.

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

1533/37. DRAIN LEADING FROM SLUDDEN, CARNDONAGH, TO THE CASHEL-FAHAN ROAD.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of Sludden, Carndonagh, asking to have the drain leading from Sludden to the Cashel to Fahan Road (lying to the south of the road) cleaned and sunk to a depth of three feet and a breadth of $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet; also that the tail drain be cleaned and sunk, and the pipe connecting the two sunk accordingly.

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

1534/37. BALLYWHORISKEY SLIPWAY.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 27th October, 1937, C.87.25/1/36, stating that the completed works at Ballywhoriskey Slipway were now formally handed over to the Council for future maintenance in accordance with their undertaking of the 19th December, 1933, communicated to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, on the 22nd December, 1933.

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

"The Ballywhoriskey Slipway was completed, I understand, two years ago. It is situated almost half-a-mile from the nearest road and there is no recognised right-of-way. I do not see how the Council can take over the slip under these circumstances."

The Council decided to take over the completed works, and to suggest to the people concerned that they approach the Board of Works for a Minor Employment Grant to make an approach road.

1535/37. COMPLAINTS RE ALLOCATION OF WORK ON DERRYNAMANSHER ROAD, ANNAGRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen McCafferty (Owen), Derrynamansher, Annagry, complaining of the allocation of work on the Derrynamansher Road. Three men had been working on it all summer, and lots of other men had been refused work. The ratepayers' money was being wasted on this road.

A letter was read from Mr. J. McCafferty, Derrynamansher, Annagry, inquiring if Councillor Brian O'Donnell had the right to direct Mr. Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, as to who were to be employed on the Derrynamansher Road. Three men had been employed on this road for the last five months.

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

"The Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Kearney, sent me the following report:-

'About nine months ago a grant of £250 came for the Derrynamansher Road. The Ganger, Hugh Coyle, called at the Labour Exchange, and got a list of workmen and proceeded with the work. Everything went on all right, and there were no complaints. When the Grant was almost spent, leaving a balance of £30 to cover cost of spreading and rolling, I stopped the work. After the lapse of three or four months when I saw that there was no hope of getting a Roller, I called with the Ganger, and told him to get five men to spread the metal and blind it with gravel. It appears that Messrs. Owen and J. McCafferty were not employed. The road was widened, sides pitched, and metalled throughout for almost three-quarters of a mile. Also the Ganger worked harder from the beginning than any man under his charge and his wage was 6/- per day (5 days - 30/-).'"

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

1536/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE IN JANUARY, 1936, RE-BUILDING A PIPE.

A letter was read from Mr. John McConnell, Glendowan, Churchill, stating that he took a contract in March, 1935, to re-build a pipe and deepen a stream. He took the contract at £9 : 8 : 0, and did the work in January, 1936, but he had not yet received any payment. Unless he was paid he would take legal proceedings without any further notice.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, for his attention.

1537/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT IN FULL FOR ROAD METAL SUPPLIED.

A letter was read from Mr. John Kelly, Tiernisk, Castlefin, stating that he supplied 50 tons of road metal for a contract, and cleaned up the contract for the year, and all he got was £7 : 5 : 0. The Surveyor said the metal was bad, and he would not measure them. He kept them and darned the Main Road with them. He would also like to get a start on Direct Labour Work, in the allocation of which there was no fair play.

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

"This refers to a Contract Road 82, April 1934, Lifford, Map No. 1601. On the 3rd August, 1934, Mr. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, inspected the road and Kelly was there breaking stones. He examined the stones and told him he would not accept them. Kelly then informed him that he did not care as it was another man who put in his (Kelly's) name and signed the Bond. Later on, Kelly promised to put up other stones for that year. The money was deferred at the November Meeting, and the matter lay over until the following April. In the meantime, Kelly requested Mr. Caffrey to inspect the road. Mr. Caffrey thought it advisable to put the road out for Tender again, and pay Kelly something for the stones, and that we could use them for darning. Accordingly, he was paid for 35 tons at 3/- per ton, plus £2 for verging, making a total of £7 : 5 : 0."

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

1538/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT DERRYKILLEW, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from the clergymen of the Parish of Kilbarron and the residents of the townland of Derrykillew, Ballyshannon, drawing the Council's attention to the awful state of the road going through the townland of Derrykillew. They wished to have the road widened and steam-rolled as it was in a terrible condition. About 50 perches of a new road made last year under a Minor Relief Scheme should be added to the County Road as it was a continuation of the said County Road.

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

"On the 20th December, 1937, I wrote to Mr. Patrick McGee, Derrykillew, one of the signatories to the memorial, and the following is a copy of my letter:-

"As the Derrykillew Road referred to in your memorial of the 23rd November is nearly three miles in length, the suggested widening and steam-rolling would mean an expenditure of over £4,000. The existing traffic is not sufficient to keep the grass from growing over the carriageway, and as the road is a cul-de-sac no additional traffic is anticipated."

The Council decided to instruct Mr. O'Reilly to confer with Mr. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, and see what could be done to meet the people.

1539/37. OFFER TO SUPPLY STONES FOR REPAIR OF ROAD IN TOWNLAND OF CORGARY, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. John McMonagle, Corgary, Ballybofey, stating that there was a road in the townland of Corgary which had not been repaired for twelve months as there was no quarry near it. He offered to supply the Council with 200 tons of stones for £3. This material would suffice to keep the road in repair for four years.

The Acting Co. Surveyor reported as follows:-

"The Assistant Surveyor writes me that the acceptance of Mr. McMonagle's offer is not advisable. However, I will make further inquiries before turning it down."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1540/37. SITE OF COACH FACTORY ON OLD JAIL SITE, LIFFORD.

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

"Previous to the building of the houses on the Lifford Jail Site by the County Board of Health, I laid out for Mr. O'Doherty, Coachbuilder, the boundaries of his holding as set out on his Lease. I notice that he has extended these boundaries recently by setting back a fence and incorporating in his holding a strip of ground which originally was situated between his holding and the rear boundary wall of the Board of Health houses."

The Council decided to ask Mr. O'Doherty for an explanation of his action.

1541/37. BRIDGE ACROSS THE MOYRA RIVER, FALCARRAGH, MADE UNDER A MINOR RELIEF SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. William Haigney, Moyra, Falcarragh, stating that the Bridge across the Moyra River was not completed last May, and the residents of the locality were unable to get their farm produce or turf home. About £30 would complete it properly.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this Bridge was constructed under a Minor Relief Scheme, but that the money allowed was not sufficient to complete the work.

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

1542/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF MEENADUFF-KNOCKASTOLAR ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Ferry, Meenaduff, Bunbeg, stating that the Meenaduff-Knockastolar Road was in a deplorable state. The road was practically unfit for use, and unless repaired, the ratepayers of the townlands of Meenaduff, Magheralosh, and Knockastolar would pay no more rates.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that this road was being attended to.

1543/37. COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF ROAD FROM LAPUTA TO THE BORDER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER ERNE.

A letter was read from Major R. L. Moore, Cliff Lodge, Ballyshannon, referring to the Acting County Surveyor's report at last Meeting that the road from Laputa to the Border on the north side of the River Erne was in good order, and stating that he did not consider that the road was in good order. It had been rolled in patches only and darned in other places. The money being spent on constructing a footpath should be spent in improving the road.

Mr. O'Reilly, Acting Co. Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"All the available money has been spent on the road complained of by Major R. L. Moore. The Assistant Surveyor informs me that it is in very good condition. I do not understand Major Moore's reference to the improvement of footpaths on this road."

The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1544/37. COMPLAINT RE ROAD LEADING FROM DERRYHASSEN N.S. TO CRUCKADOON.

A letter was read from Mrs. Sarah Gallagher, Cruckadoon, Downings, stating that the road at Derryhassen School leading to Cruckadoon was in a very bad state. The road was overflowing with water.

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

1545/37. OBJECTION TO CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AT FYCORRANAGH, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Malseed, Solicitor, Letterkenny, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. John McIntyre, Fycorranagh, Letterkenny, to object to the proposed construction of a road through Mr. McIntyre's lands. There was no necessity for the road in question, which, if constructed, would deprive Mr. McIntyre of land which he could not afford to lose.

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

1546/37. OBJECTION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD THROUGH THE LANDS OF
MR. JOHN MCINTYRE, FYCORRANAGH, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Malseed, Solicitor, Letterkenny, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. John McIntyre, Fycorranagh, Letterkenny, to object to the proposed construction of a road through Mr. McIntyre's lands. There was no necessity for the road in question, which, if constructed, would deprive Mr. McIntyre of land which he could not afford to lose.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor.

1547/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD METAL QUARRIED ON THE LANDS
OF MR. HUGH MCKENDRICK, KIRKSTOWN, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Hugh McKendrick, Kirkstown, Letterkenny, regarding the contract entered into between him and the Council about two years ago, whereby he was to be paid trespass at the rate of sixpence per ton for "blue" clay raised on his holding. A quantity of from 500 to 600 tons was raised, and he had only been paid for 40 tons. Unless he was paid for the balance immediately, proceedings would be instituted.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, submitted reports from Assistant Surveyors Dawson and McIvor.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to authorise Mr. Caffrey to pay a sum of £10 in settlement.

1548/37. COMPLAINT RE BLASTING OPERATIONS AT TERMON.

A letter was read from Messrs. W. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Hugh Murray, Termon, in regard to quarrying operations by the Council in two quarries situate near Mr. Murray's house. Their client's house had been damaged by stones landing on it on two previous occasions, and they wished to warn the Council that if quarrying operations were persisted in in these quarries, proceedings would be instituted.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he had instructed the Assistant Surveyor to direct the Gangers to take as much care as possible during the carrying out of blasting operations at these quarries.

1549/37. OFFER BY MR. JOSEPH DUNNE, COTTIAN, KILMACRENAN, TO SUPPLY
100 TONS OF ROAD METAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Dunne, Cottian, Kilmacrenan, stating that he owed £11 in rates and had been threatened with a Civil Bill. He had 100 tons of road metal quarried which he wished the Council would take over. On the 11th September last, Captain Scott, Co.C. informed him that the Acting County Surveyor was arranging to take over the metal and nothing had since been done. He had no other means of meeting the demand unless this metal was taken over by the Council.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, stated that he was now able to take over these stones at the standard price.

1550/37. COMPLAINT RE ROAD FROM LOUGHNABROGUE TO SALLAWS OR TIEVELOUGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen Gillespie, Tievelough, Kilraine P.O., inquiring if there was any improvement to be done on the road from Loughnabrogue to John Gillespie's of Sallows or Tievelough, as it was in a very bad state and was referred by the Council to the County Surveyor last year.

The Acting Co. Surveyor reported as follows:-
"Several applications have been received from the residents of this district to have a grant allocated for improving this road. It would take a very considerable amount of money to carry out the improvements asked. The annual maintenance money for this road is £16. This road was repaired in February/March last, and was cleaned together with the Doobin Road in July last. The maintenance money will now be spent on it, in the normal course of its annual repair."
The Council noted Mr. O'Reilly's report.

1551/37. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR STONES CARTED FOR THE
DOWNINGS - DOOEY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Cannon, M., Ardbane, Downings, stating that during the repair of the Downings-Dooley Road a quantity of stones to the value of £7 :10 : 0 were quarried and carted out from his land. He had only been paid £2, and he wished to be paid the balance of £5 :10 : 0 immediately.

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

"This matter has already been dealt with at the May Meeting of the Council. It arose then on a letter from Messrs. Osborne, Solicitors, who wrote on behalf of Mr. Cannon. The then Acting Assistant Surveyor reported that the Ganger, Mick McGettigan, came to an agreement with John Cannon for 15 to 20 tons at 2/- per ton. Twenty tons were taken, and Mr. Cannon was paid £2.

I have nothing further to add to this."

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

1552/37. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF RELIEF GRANTS FOR ELECTORAL
DIVISION OF MEENACLADDY.

A letter was read from Mr. Cormac Breslin, T.D., Bunbeg, stating that the ratepayers of the Electoral Division of Meenacladdy felt that they had been harshly dealt with in connection with the Area of Charge for the burning of a Hall in that area. In order to enable the poor people to meet their increased demands he suggested that the Council allocate additional grants for works to be carried out in the area concerned.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Breslin that the Council had no further monies to allocate, but that he should take up the matter with the Local Government Department himself.

1553/37. COMPLAINT RE MEN BEING STARTED ON WORKS A CONSIDERABLE
DISTANCE FROM THEIR HOMES.

Councillor Brian O'Donnell called attention to a position which had arisen in the Rosses District at present in regard to the employment of road workers. Men, he stated, were asked to travel from Bunbeg to Dunlewey, a distance of nine miles, and if they refused they were deprived of benefit at the Labour Exchange.

Mr. Caffrey, Acting County Surveyor, said that as regards Councillor O'Donnell's complaint he wished to point out that the position had arisen owing to the rotational system having to be abandoned on a big job started at Dunlewey some time ago. There were not enough men in the district to carry out the work, and all the men in the district got full-time work for some time. A similar job was started this year, and the fact was overlooked that the men on the job last year were at present drawing insurance money, and the Labour Exchange could not submit their names to the Surveyors. Machinery was lying idle and men had to be taken from a distance to have the work completed.

He further stated that lorries were placed at the disposal of the men who had to travel a long distance, and that it was an effort on his part to get the money spent on the Dunlewey Road.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

Confirmed.

W. M. J. Fadden

Chairman.

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