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18	2436	A letter dated 22nd September, 1925, from the Department of Justice, enclosing claim for recoupment of expenses under Weights and Measures Acts, etc., for period ended 31st March, 1925, was read.
19	2411	A letter dated 23rd September, 1925, from the Local Government Department, relative to the question of the financial accommodation of Local Authorities, was read.
20	2418	A letter dated 23rd September, 1925, from the Local Government Department, returning Collector Dempsey's claim for irrecoverable arrears of rate approved, was read.
21	2421	A letter dated 23rd September, 1925, from the Valuation Department, asking that the valuation lists be returned for revision purposes, was read.
22	2422	A letter dated 23rd September, 1925, from the Local Government Department, relative to abolition of Rural District Councils, was read.
23	2463	A letter dated 28th September, 1925, from the Local Government Department, returning Collector Connolly's lists of irrecoverable arrears of rate approved, was read.
24	2471	A letter dated 29th September, 1925, from the Local Government Department, enclosing £7,870 5s supplementary agricultural grant to 30th September, 1925, was read.
25	2486	A letter dated 29th September, 1925, from the Local Government, relating to former Union liabilities, was read.
26	2506	A letter dated 1st October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, relative to appointment of County Medical Officer of Health, was read.
27	2517	A letter dated 1st October, 1925, from the Local Government (Roads) Department, relative to licensing of motor vehicles, was read.
28	2535	A letter dated 30th September, 1925, from the Valuation Department, acknowledging receipt of Valuation Lists, was read.
29	2536	A letter dated 5th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, relative to payment of travelling expenses to members of Committees of County Council, was read.
30	2557	A letter dated 6th October, 1925, from the Local Government (Roads) Department, acknowledging receipt of surplus licence cards for quarter ended 30th September, 1925, was read.
31	2558	A letter dated 6th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, relative to collection of arrears of poor rate in Collector's O'Toole's district, was read.
32	2559	A letter dated 6th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, approving of irrecoverable arrears of poor rate submitted by Collector Joseph O'Connor, was read.
33	2576	A letter dated 7th October, 1925, from the Department of Lands and Agriculture, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture relative to purchase of woodlands on the Leinster Estate, was read.
34	2584	A letter dated 7th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, advising the issue of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, etc., in due course, was read.
35	2621	A letter dated 12th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, advising payment on behalf of the Celbridge No. 1 R.D.C., as recoupment from National Grant for maternity and child welfare, was read.
36	2640	A letter dated 12th October, 1925, from the Department of Agriculture advising with regard to payment of bonus on Secretary's salary under Diseases of Animals Acts, was read.
37	2662	A letter dated 16th October, 1925, from the Local Government (Roads) Department, relative to the maximum laden weight of heavy motor cars, was read.

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38	2657	A letter dated 15th October, 1925, from the Department of Agriculture, asking to be furnished with particulars of samples taken under the Food and Drugs Acts to 30th September, 1925, was read.
39	2647	A letter dated 15th October, 1925, from the Local Government (Trade) Department, relative to the appointment of official contractors under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, was read.
40	2668	A letter dated 16th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, assenting to arrears of rates in Collector O'Toole's district being carried forward without prior lodgment pending collection, was read.
41	2669	Sealed Order, dated 14th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, defining area of charge in connection with water supply at Athgarret, was read.
42	2684	A letter dated 19th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, approving of retention of the services of Mr W. E. Coffey as Secretary to the Tuberculosis Committee for month to 31st October, 1925, was read.
43	2691	A letter dated 19th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, enclosing list of motor vehicles, for which compensation has been paid, for comparison purposes with Council's registers, was read.
44	2795	Sealed Order dated 28th October, 1925, from the Local Government Department, defining area of charge in connection with water supply at Tankardsgarden, was read.
45	2799	A letter dated 27th October, 1925, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, relative to the provision of two date stamps and special stencils for the Inspector under the Weights and Measures Acts, was read.
46	2804	A letter dated 29th October, 1925, from the Department of Agriculture, asking for a return of samples taken under Food and Drugs Acts for quarter ended June, 1924, was read.
47	2856	A letter dated 4th November, 1925, from the Local Government Department, approving of the continued employment of Miss Behan in County Surveyor's Office at £2 10s per week for a further three months during sick absence of Mr J J O'Neill, was read.
48	2867	Letters dated 4th November, 1925, from the National Education Office, giving names of members of the several School Attendance Committees, was read.
49	2882	A letter dated 5th November, 1925, from the Local Government Department, enclosing Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts of Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council for period ended 30th September, 1925, was read.
GENERAL		
50	2185	A letter dated 24th August, 1925, from the Secretary, Co. Kildare Insurance Society, notifying the appointment of Mr M Fitzsimons, Naas, as Trustee, in room of Rev J. Boyd, resigned, was read.
51	2292	A letter dated 4th September, 1925, from the Meath County Council, forwarding resolution relative to salaries of Government officials, was read.
52	2293	A letter dated 4th September, 1925, from the Secretary, Meath County Council, forwarding resolution relative to heavy motor traffic, was read.
53	2294	A letter dated 3rd September, 1925, from the Secretary, Galway County Council, forwarding resolution relative to the use of Irish cement and slates for houses built under the Housing Act, 1925, was read.

SUBJECT.

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54	2357	A letter dated 12th September, 1925, from Mrs M Shiel, notifying the transfer of her son, Thomas Shiel, a Scholarship holder from Knockbeg to Roscrea College, was read.
55	2417	A letter dated September, 1925, from the Irish Life Assurance Co., respecting the renewal of Council's insurance policies, was read.
56	2437	A letter dated 23rd September, 1925, from the Secretary, Hibernian Insurance Company, stating that that Company remains an Irish one, was read.
57	2440	A letter dated 18th September, 1925, from the Secretary, New Ireland Assurance Company, asking for permission to quote for renewal of the Council's general insurances, was read.
58	2597	A letter dated 8th October, 1925, from the Secretary, Monaghan County Council, forwarding resolution relative to use of penumatic tyres on heavy motor lorries, was read.
59	2622	A letter dated 10th October, 1925, from the Secretary Tipperary S.R. County Council, forwarding copy of a resolution relative to a revision of the present dole system, was read.
60	2626	A letter dated 13th October, 1925, from Mr M Smyth, V.S., reporting he had visited Johnstownbridge fair and found no symptoms of contagious disease among the animals exposed for sale, was read.
61	2639	A letter dated 12th October, 1925, from Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, relative to insurance policies, was read.
62	2720	A letter dated 30th September, 1925, from the Secretary, Kilkenny Urban Sanitary Authority, relative to Vaccination Laws, was read.
63	2746	A letter dated 2nd October, 1925, from the Secretary, Meath County Council, forwarding resolution relative to the enactment of legislation providing for the redemption of Turnpike Debentures, was read.
64	2809	A letter dated 30th October, 1925, from the Clerk, Edenderry No. 2 R.D.C., advising payemnt of £361 16s 9d to the Council, being credit balance due to his Council, was read.

W. J. Higgins
9/10/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

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Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held 25th November, 1925

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Present: Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, presiding); Nicholas Travers, Peter Keenan, Bertram H. Barton, and John Conlan.

(8388.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge, amounting to £3,191 3s. 3d., were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8389.)

ROAD MATERIAL.

A tender from Mr. John Donoher, for raising and haulage of road material for Kildare Section No. 140, was accepted at 5/- per cubic yard.

(8390.)

NATIONAL TRANSPORT.

A circular letter from the Secretary, Irish Motorists' Union, requesting that representatives be appointed to attend the National Transport Congress at Dublin, was read, when it was decided to appoint the Chairman and Messrs. Bertram H. Barton, John Conlan and Michael Smyth

to attend the Congress on behalf of the County Council.

(8391.)

INCREASE OF WAGES.

An application (referred to the Committee by the County Council) from the men engaged on road work in the Sallins and Clane section for an increase of wages to 35/- per week, being the wages paid by the Council for similar work in other parts of the County, was read, and, after discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. Peter Keenan, and resolved: "That the application from the men in the Clane and Sallins areas be approved, and that they be paid at the rate of 35/- per week from Friday last."

(8392.)

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME.

Messrs. John Condon and Owen Cullen, Monasterevan, and John Keegan, Timahoe, attended before the meeting and applied for employment on road work, and, after having heard their views, the Committee recommended these men to the County Surveyor for employment.
Adjourned.

M Fitzsimons
3/12/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 9th December, 1925.

Present: Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, presiding); G. W. Henderson, J. N. Greene, Andrew McNally, Thomas Corcoran, William Saults, Peter Keenan, Patrick J. Dunne, Hugh Colohan, Michael Smyth, James Foley Nicholas Travers and Edward O'Reilly.

Letters from Messrs. B. H. Barton and William J. Fennell, regretting inability to attend the meeting, was read.

(8393.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge, amounting to £3,145 6s. 6d., were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8394.)

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

A letter, dated 3rd December, 1925, from Secretary, University College, Dublin, giving an examination record of Mr. Thomas Maher, a student holding a scholarship from the County Council, was read, and as it appeared that Mr. Maher passed the first science examination last summer, and as this was not, through an oversight, previously reported by the University College to the Council, the Committee unanimously decided to recommend the Council to renew Mr. Maher's scholarship for the 1925-'26 session.

(8395.)

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

A letter, dated 8th December, 1925, from Local Government Department, enquiring the reasons for the application of the Council for sanction of poundage fees at 8d. to Collectors Gannon, O'Toole, Kearns and Confrey, and the Secretary was directed to reply that these Collectors made every effort to comply with the conditions of their appointments, and it was only by obtaining overdrafts at the Bank that they succeeded in closing their accounts.

(8396.)

ROADS.

The following order was made by the Committee:—"That the amount of payments made to Carters and also the amount paid to surfacemen in Kileullen District, from 1st April, 1925, be given at next meeting of the Finance Committee."

A tender from Mr. Peter Moran, Ballysax, for delivery of 50 cubic yards of road material at 5/- per cubic yard, was not ac-

cepted, and following a discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. James Foley, and resolved:—"That, owing to the large amount of unemployment in the County at present, no more tenders for the raising of road material be accepted under the present loan of £10,000."

Notices of motion, for consideration at next meeting of the Committee, were handed to the Chairman, as follows:—(1) Mr. Michael Smyth—"That the rate of 35/- per week be paid to all workers engaged under the present loan." (2) Mr. J. N. Greene—"That the regulations of payment for material out of gravel pits be defined by this Council, and that Miss Cope's case be heard for payment of account up to 31st March, 1925." In connection with latter portion of this motion, Mr. Greene referred to claim alleged to be due to Miss Cope for road material.

Mr. Greene submitted a letter received by him from Mr. William Doran, Castledermot, in which the latter complained that he could not get employment on road work although men from County Carlow were employed, when it was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for investigation.

J. Nolan, Kiledoon, attended before the meeting and complained of his not having been employed on road work, while two men out of some houses are engaged, and the Secretary was directed to circularise the Road Overseers to have the orders adopted by the County Council in this matter carried out, and at the same time it was decided to recommend the County Surveyor to employ Nolan.

John Condron, Monasterevan, attended before the Committee and complained that the Road Overseer would not give employment, as a result of a false statement he was alleged to have made to the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to write the Overseer that Condron made no statement whatever and to employ him and Owen Cullen, Monasterevan.

(8397.)

UNEMPLOYMENT.

The Secretary submitted a scheme for the expenditure of £1,930 being the balance of £10,000 loan applied for in connection with the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and, after consideration, the Committee approved of the scheme and directed the Secretary to submit same to the Local Government Department for their approval—the £1,930 to be obtained on loan from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd.

Adjourned.

W. J. Fennell
29/12/25

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLÉ DARA.

Minutes of Committee (appointed by the Finance Committee at Meeting held on 30th September 1925, for the purpose of considering and reporting to the County Council what alterations should be made in the existing boundaries of the District Electoral Divisions) held on 9th December 1925, at the Courthouse, Naas.

Present:- Messrs Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, presiding) Michael Smyth, James Foley, Nicholas Travers. Mr. James Walsh, Dublin, was also present on behalf of Mr. Charles Daly, Sub-sheriff for County Kildare.

The Committee after having studied a map showing the District Electoral Divisions of the County, decided to report to the County Council as follows:-

"That this Committee hereby recommends the County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order, transferring the townland of Kilcullenbridge, situate in the District Electoral Division of Carnalway, to the District Electoral Division of Kilcullen, so that the townland of Kilcullenbridge may form part of the District Electoral Division of Kilcullen."

M. Fitzsimons
3/12/25

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held 23rd December, 1925.

Present: Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, presiding); Bertram H. Barton, George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Andrew McNally, William E. Fawcett, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Patrick J. Dunne, Edward A. Coonan, William Saults, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, and Peter Keenan.

A telegram from Mr. William J. Fennell, regretting inability to attend the meeting, was read.

(8398.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment of £3712 11s. 11d. for works in his charge were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8399.)

ROAD MATERIAL.

Pursuant to notice, it was proposed by Mr. John N. Greene, seconded by Mr. George W. Henderson:—"That Miss Cope be paid at the rate of 6d. per load up to 31st March, 1925." Correspondence from the County Surveyor and from Miss Cope, respecting the material taken from Miss Cope's gravel pit having been considered and discussed, it was proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. James Foley:—"That the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor." Mr. Travers' motion on being put to the meeting was carried by ten votes to two—Messrs. Greene and Henderson voting against it.

(8400.)

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. James Foley:—"That the rate of 35/- per week be paid to all workers engaged under the present loan." It was further proposed by Mr. John Conlan, seconded by Mr. Bertram H. Barton:—"That the present rate be continued." On a show of hands the amendment proposed by Mr. Conlan was carried by ten votes to eight.

(8401.)

UNEMPLOYMENT.

A letter, dated 16th December, 1925, from Local Government (Roads) Department offering a Grant of £2,000 for un-

employment relief works, was read, when it was proposed by Mr. George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. James Foley, and resolved:—"That the Grant of £2,000 be distributed as follows:—Athy area, £800; Naas Urban area, £800; and Newbridge area, £400, as suggested by the County Surveyor."

(8402.)

APPLICATION FOR GRANT.

Proposed by Mr. Edward A. Coonan, seconded by Mr. William Saults, and resolved:—"That the Local Government (Roads) Department be asked for a further grant of £15,000 for the relief of Unemployment—the question of supplementing same by a loan to be considered by the Council."

(8403.)

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME.

A return showing wages, amounting to £439 16s. 9d., paid to Carters and £995 3s. 5d. as "other expenses" in Kilcullen section since 1st April, 1925, was submitted.

The following order was made:—"That the County Surveyor be asked why payment men engaged on road work in Athy, Maynooth, Kilcock, Kildare and Kilcullen are being dismissed."

A letter, dated 21st December, 1925, from Mr. D. J. Quinn, Assistant Surveyor, asking if members of the Ex-Servicemen's Association of men of National Army are members of a Trade Union within the meaning of the Council's resolution requiring that members of a Trade Union only be employed on road work, was read, and the Secretary was directed to reply in the negative.

A letter, dated 21st December, 1925, from Mr. T. Styles, Road Overseer, explaining his reason for not employing Messrs. Condon and Cullen, as Carters at works in Monasterevan, was read, and Councillor M. Lennox undertook to interview Mr. Stynes on the matter.

A letter, dated 17th December, 1925, from County Surveyor enclosing letter, dated 15th December, 1925, from Road Overseer Donohoe, explaining that he did not employ William Doran, Castledermot, on road work, as others were in greater need of employment, was read.

(8404.)

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. John Conlan, seconded by Mr. James Bergin, and resolved:—“That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Kildare County Council, have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Richard Wright, who, for many years, was a respected and zealous member of this Council. We desire to tender to Mrs. Wright, and to the other members of the deceased's family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.”

(8405.)

NEW ROAD.

A Petition, from ratepayers at Castlewarden, Straffan, praying that the Council would take over and maintain a new road recently constructed by the Irish Land Commission at Castlewarden, was read, and referred to the County Surveyor.

(8406.)

GRAVEL PITS.

A letter, dated 22nd December, 1925, from County Surveyor, stating that a Land Commission Inspector had offered 4 acres for a gravel pit at Downings, at £25 an acre, and a cottage thereon at £50, which could be used as a Store, and that he made a similar offer of land at Alliganstown, was read, and the following order made thereon:—“That this Committee recommends the County Council to purchase the above lands at Downings and also the land at Alliganstown, provided gravel is found on the latter lands.”

(8407.)

RATE COLLECTION.

A letter, dated 21st December, 1925, from Collector Connolly relative to payment of poundage at 6d. on amount lodged to 31st October, 1925, was read, when it was decided to furnish the Local Government Department with a copy of Mr. Connolly's letter, and at the same time to request the Department to reconsider its

decision and pay poundage at 8d. to Rate Collector Connolly on the amount of rates collected for the half-year ended 30th September, 1925.

(8408.)

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter, dated 22nd December, 1925, from Local Government Department, stating that the scale of travelling expenses to members is fixed by fifth Schedule of the Local Government Act, 1925, and that the Department have no power to vary same, was read, and the Secretary was directed to obtain from the Leix Board of Health a copy of Counsel's opinion recently referred to in the Press from which it appeared that members were, in the opinion of Counsel entitled to payment for each mile travelled and not for one way only.

(8409.)

COAL.

The Committee authorised the Secretary to order ten tons of Coal for use at Naas Courthouse.

(8410.)

TAX ON FORD CARS.

Proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. John Conlan, and resolved:—“That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Kildare County Council, call on the Government to reduce the Ford Tax by one-half, for the following reasons: 1.—The Ford car is the only vehicle manufactured in the Free State. 2.—The Ford Motor Co., have expended £1,000,000 in erecting their works at Cork. 3.—They are giving constant employment to 1,400 men, and paying in wages £400,000 yearly. 4.—In reducing the Tax by half, they would be able to give employment to double the number of men employed. 5.—The Ford Car recommends itself to Farmers, Business Men, and all others with limited

means.

“That a copy of this resolution be sent to President Cosgrave, and to Mr. Blythe, Minister of Finance.”

Adjourned.

W. J. Travers
3/2/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 20th January, 1926.

Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Patrick Phelan, Robert Gaunon, John Conlan, George W. Henderson, Thomas J. Murphy, William E. H. Fawcett, Nicholas Travers, Hugh Colohan, Patrick Dunne, Peter Keenan, David Weld, Michael Smyth, James Foley, Edward O'Reilly, James Cregan, Michael Lennox, Nicholas Hanagan, Andrew McNally, James Bergin, Bertam H Barton, Edward A. Coonan, John N. Greene.

(8420.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment amounting to £2,704 18s 5d for work in his charge, were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8421.)

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION SCHOOL.

A letter dated 13th January, 1926, from the Secretary, County Technical Instruction Committee, asking the Committee to receive a deputation with reference to the question of raising a loan for the erection

of a Technical School at Naas, was read, together with a further letter from the Secretary, Technical Committee, stating that the Deputation could not attend that day, when it was decided to receive the Deputation at next meeting, to be held on 3rd proximo.

(8422.)

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME.

The Secretary, Association Ex-National Army Officers and Men, attended before the meeting with reference to alleged refusal of work to members of his Association, and he was informed that membership of his Association did not qualify for employment on the Council's staff, under the Council's regulations respecting trade unionship.

Mr. Robert Gannon raised the question of the dismissal of a man named Burke in the Newbridge section, who was constantly employed by the Council, and Mr. Gannon was informed that this man was not a member of a Trade Union.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
20/1/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDÆ CHILLI-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held 6th January, 1926.

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Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; James Foley, Patrick Phelan, Andrew McNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, Thomas J. Murphy, James Cregan, Patrick Dunne, Bertram H. Barton, Edward A. Coonan, William Saults, Nicholas Travers, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, and Peter Keenan.

(8411.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £2,869 4s 1d were submitted, approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8412.)

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT.

A letter dated 30th December, 1925, from the Local Government Department, advising the Grant of an additional £1,000, for the relief of unemployment in County Kildare, was read, and it was proposed by Mr. James Cregan, seconded by Mr. Thomas J. Murphy, and resolved:—"That £500 of the £1,000 grant be allocated for expenditure in Kildare and Rathangan, £300 in Robertstown and £200 in Maynooth and Kilcock sections."

(8413.)

MR. O'CARROLL'S APPOINTMENT.

A letter dated 16th December, 1925, from the Local Government Department, stating that if Mr. Patrick O'Carroll desires sanction to his appointment as Clerk in the Offices of the County Council he should make the declaration prescribed by Section 71, Local Government Act, 1925, before the 23rd December, 1925, was read, together with a letter dated 30th December, 1925, from Mr. P. O'Carroll stating that the Section mentioned does not appear to apply to him, as he was appointed previous to the passing of the Act, when it was decided to pay Mr. O'Carroll the salary due to him to 31st December, 1925, as the Council were of opinion that Section 71 did not apply to him.

(8414.)

COUNTY FINANCES.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Edward A. Coonan proposed—"That as the County Council of County Kildare is at present indebted to its Treasurer, the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., in a sum of £27,000 or thereabouts, irrespective of other loans and enormous payments for Malicious Injuries, we consider the finances of the County unable to bear any further burdens and that no further advances be made till at least two-thirds of the present indebtedness be discharged." The Chairman ruled that the motion was not in order.

(8415.)

TRANSFER OF OFFICERS.

A letter dated 5th January, 1926, from the Local Government Department approving of the recommendations adopted by the County Council on 30th September, 1925, relative to the transfer of officers consequent on the abolition of the late Rural District Councils, with a slight modification as respects the annual increments of salary of Miss Confrey as Typist in the Offices of the County Board of Health, and also approving of the appointment of an additional Clerk in the County Council Offices, and suggesting that provisional arrangements be made immediately for the checking of the Rate Collectors' Accounts, was read, when it was decided to appoint Messrs. M. E. Doyle, Athy; F. Shortt, Celbridge; P. Kennedy, Edenderry; and D. J. Purcell, Naas, as Deputies for the checking of the accounts of Rate Collectors in respect of the half-year ending 31st March, 1926.

(8416.)

RATE MAKING.

A letter dated 6th January, 1926, from Mr. Thomas Lacey, Naas, applying for an appointment on the temporary staff engaged in connection with the making of the New Rate for 1926-27, was read, and no order made thereon.

(8417.)

ROADS.

A letter dated 1st January, 1926, from Road Overseer Stynes, giving a list of Carters employed and the number of days worked by each in the Monasterevan section from the period commencing 9th April, 1925, was submitted and considered satisfactory.

The Secretary was directed to call the attention of the County Surveyor to the bad condition of the road at Johnstownbridge, and Mr. Colohan having raised the question of a bye-road at Tankardsgarden, the matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

(8418.)

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HURLEY.

Proposed by Mr. John Conlan, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved:—"That the Local Government (Roads) Department be requested to reconsider their decision and to sanction the permanent appointment of Mr. Hugh Hurley, Assistant County Surveyor, on the same terms as the other Assistant Surveyor in the County."

(8419.)

MAIN ROADS.

A letter dated 31st December, 1925, from Local Government (Roads) Department enclosing order declaring certain roads in the County to be Main Roads, was read.
Adjourned.

Michael Fitzsimons
3/1/26

COMH AIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Special Road Works Meeting of County Council held on the
1st February, 1926.

Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; John Conlan, George W. Henderson, Michael Lennox, Robert Gannon, John N. Greene, Bertram H. Barton, William E. H. Fawcett, Hugh Colohan, Nicholas Travers, Peter Keenan, Patrick Dunne, Richard McCann, James Foley, David Weld, Nicholas Hanagan, James Bergin, Thomas Corcoran, Patrick Phelan, Edward A. Coonan and James Cregan.

(8417.)

PUBLIC BODIES ORDER, 1925— ROADS.

Pursuant to Article 45, Public Bodies Order, 1925, the County Council proceeded and assigned to each road in the County a distinguishing number, and in pursuance of Article 46, the Council prepared Road Schedule, (Form 19), showing the numbers assigned to each road. The Council adjourned for the present, the question of sealing the Official Roads' Map of the County.

(8418.)

ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The provisional road works scheme (Co. Surveyor's estimate of road expenditure for year 1926-27) showing a total sum of £48,333 10s was submitted, and after discussion it was amended by including therein a sum of £250 for repayment of loan of £1,000 obtained by the Naas Urban District Council last year, and it was proposed by Mr Hugh Colohan, seconded by Mr Nicholas Travers:—"That the estimate of road expenditure as prepared by the County Surveyor be approved, and that arrangements be made by the County Surveyor for the supervision of road works in the Athy and Naas Urban Districts."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Edward A. Coonan, seconded by Mr George W. Henderson, as follows:—"That the estimate be reduced by 5 per cent."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost, and the original motion on being put to the meeting was declared carried.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Clerk of the Naas Urban District Council for particulars with respect to the expenditure of the £1,000 loan referred to above.

(8419.)

BRIDGE AT DROICHEAD NUA.

Pursuant to notice it was proposed by Mr. Hugh Colohan, seconded by Mr Nicholas Travers and resolved:—"That the County

Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans, specification and estimate for the widening of and the construction of footpaths resting on cantilevers on both sides of the Liffey bridge at Droichead Nua, and that the County Council make application to the Roads' Department for a grant of the estimated sum to carry out the work."

(8420.)

GRAVEL PITS.

Proposed by Mr Richard McCann, seconded by Mr. David Weld, and resolved:—"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as embodied in Minute No. 8406 of Meeting held on 23rd December relative to the purchase of gravel pits at Downings and at Alliganstown, be approved."

(8421.)

MAIN ROADS.

A letter dated 31st December, 1925, from Local Government (Roads Department), enclosing copy of an Order made under Section 1 of the Local Government Act, 1925, declaring certain roads in the County to be Main Roads, was submitted and approved.

(8422.)

MARTINSTOWN ROAD.

Pursuant to notice, it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Dunne—"That £500 be raised to repair an old roadway running from Martinstown public road to Suncroft, a distance of about threequarters of a mile."

After discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of this proposal.

(8423.)

ROAD SIGNS.

A letter dated 18th January, 1926, from Local Government (Roads) Department, relative to the provision of Direction and Warning Signs on Public Roads, and indicating that a grant not exceeding £300 would be forthcoming from the Road Fund providing the Council contributed an equivalent sum for this purpose, was read, when the Council decided to spend a sum of £300 on this work.

(8424.)

TAX ON MOTOR LORRIES.

Proposed by Mr George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. William E. H. Fawcett, and resolved:—"That we call on the Govern-

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ment to impose such a tax on motor lorries as will be in some way proportionate to the damage done by such lorries to the public roads." That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government.

(8425.)

FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENTS.

In pursuance of notice, it was proposed by Mr George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. William E. H. Fawcett and resolved:—"That this Council approve of fortnightly payments to roadmen, etc., and hereby rescind any resolution to the contrary."

(8426.)

TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

In connection with the question of inviting tenders for Printing for the ensuing twelve months, a Committee consisting of the Chairman, and Messrs E. A. Coonan, Nicholas Travers, and Patrick Phelan were appointed a "Tenders Committee," and it was decided that (the tenders be received by Tuesday, 16th instant.

(8427.)

APPOINTMENT INSPECTOR OF RATES.

The Secretary submitted the following draft advertisement, which was approved and ordered to be inserted in the local newspapers:—

COUNTY COUNCIL OF KILDARE. INSPECTOR OF RATES WANTED.

THE Kildare County Council hereby invite applications for the position of Rate Inspector at a salary of £156 per annum.

HOUSING ACT, 1925.

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS.

NEW HOUSES.

Three-Roomed Houses—Provisional Grant, £45 each.

- 1. Thomas Connor, Crockstown, Ballytore
- 2. Patk. Holton, Kilmurry, Johnstownbridge
- 3. Rd. Butler, Timahoe, Donadea
- 3a Mary Condron, Blackwood, Robertstown

	Grant £	Loan £
1.	45 0 0	
2.	45 0 0	
3.	45 0 0	
3a	45 0 0	

Four-Roomed Houses.

- 4. Jas. Cooney, Kilmore, Enfield
- 5. Bridget Moran, Newtownpilsworth, Maganey
- 6. John Noone, Coolree, Robertstown
- 7. Mrs. Margaret Cummins, Balrennett, Carbury

	£180 0 0	
4.	60 0 0	120 0 0
5.	60 0 0	120 0 0
6.	60 0 0	
7.	60 0 0	

The appointment will be made by the Council on the result of an open competitive examination (Irish an essential subject) to be conducted by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The person to be appointed will be required to discharge the duties of Rate Inspector in accordance with the provisions of Article 106 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, and such other duties as the County Council may prescribe.

The person appointed will be refunded actual travelling expenses incurred in connection with his office.

Canvassing of Members of the Council by, or on behalf of a Candidate, will disqualify such candidate for appointment.

Applications (in writing) with copies of testimonials must be lodged with the undersigned not later than 4 p.m. on the 15th day of February, 1926.

By Order,

W. E. COFFEY,

Secretary.

1st day of February, 1926.

Courthouse, Naas.

(8428.)

HOUSING ACT, 1925.

The Secretary submitted the following list of applicants for Grants and Loans under the terms of the Council's scheme:—

8. Patrick Doyle, Maynooth Road, Kilcock	60 0 0	120 0 0	Rejected
9. Patrick Doyle, Maynooth Road, Kilcock	60 0 0	120 0 0	do.
10. Patk. Grehan, Cornamuckla, Moyvalley	60 0 0		
11. Richard Kinsella, Ballyvass, Castledermot	60 0 0		
12. Peter Rourke, Brallistown, Kildare	60 0 0		
13. Wm. Brien, Church St., Kilcock	60 0 0		
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Five-Roomed Houses.	£600 0 0	£600 0 0	
14. Jas. Harris, Prosperous, Sallins	75 0 0		
15. Michl. Kirwin, Levittstown, Maganey	75 0 0		
16. Chr. Byrne, The Hill, Kilcock	75 0 0		
17. Anthony Stranan, Moone, Ballytore	75 0 0		
18. J. Galvin, Ballymadeer, Celbridge	75 0 0 0	150 0 0	
19. Wm. Phelan, Barndarrig, Kilbride	75 0 0 0	150 0 0	
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	£450 0 0	£300 0 0	
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	£1,230 0 0	£900 0 0	

(8432.)

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO BOARD OF HEALTH

Following the consideration of a letter dated 19th January, 1926, from Local Government Department, it was proposed by Mr. James Foley, seconded by Mr. Patrick J. Dunne, and resolved:—"That in pursuance of Section 10 (3), of the Local Government Act, this Council hereby transfers to the County Kildare Board of Public Health all cottages and plots and gardens provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919, by the Councils of the former Rural Districts in County Kildare, and all lands provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919, by the Councils of the former Rural Districts in County Kildare, and all lands provided by the said Councils for any of the purposes of the said Labourers (Ireland) Acts, and also all rents due and unpaid on this date, in respect of any of the said cottages, plots, gardens or lands, all interest in all lands, premises, etc., at Newbridge Sewerage Farm and Newbridge Refuse Depot, Ballymore Waterworks, Kildare Refuse Depot and Vaccination Stations - at Brownstown, Staplestown, Prosperous, Gormanstown, Killeigh and Loughbrown pumps, Blackrath wells, Kildare Allotment Field, all interest in rights of way to Waterstown Cottage, Osbertown and Barrettstown Cottage Plots, and to Sallins Waterworks, and that our seal be affixed to Order embodying the foregoing and that the said Order be transmitted to the County Kildare Board of Health."

(8433.)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIPS' SCHEME.

Arising on the reading of a letter dated 14th December, 1925, from the Secretary, Office National Education, the Council amended Clause 3 of their scheme by reducing the distance from 5 miles to four miles statute for day scholars,

After a lengthy discussion the Council decided not to make any advance by way of loan to any applicant, and the Council approved of grants to all applicants except in the case of Mr Patrick Doyle, Kilcock, whose application was refused.

(8429.)

RATING NEW BUILDINGS.

The Secretary submitted a list of persons claiming exemption from two-thirds of rates under the Rating New Buildings Order, 1925, The Council approved of the list.

(8430.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Mr Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. Richard McCann, and resolved:—"That Messrs. Weld, Dunne and Keenan be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to (1) Deed of Charge to Hibernian Bank, Ltd., re loan of £10,000, and (2) Solicitor's Bill of Costs; in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council Meeting."

(8431.)

LOAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Arising on the reading of a letter dated 17th December, 1925, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, it was proposed by Mr Richard McCann, seconded by Mr Nicholas Travers, and resolved:—"That application be now made to the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, being the Treasurer of the Co. Council, for a loan of £250 16s. 0d. to defray the cost of extending the Kildare Sewerage System as far as manhole 3, and a further loan of £750 for the purpose of renewing the battery at Kildare Electricity Works, on behalf of the County Kildare Board of Health, said loans to be secured on the rates of the entire county, repayment of principal and interest to be spread over a period of fifteen years."

(8434.)

ILLNESS OF OFFICIAL.

A letter date d18.h January, 1926, from Dr. W. P. Murphy, Naas, certifying that Mr. J. J. O'Neill is still suffering from an affection of his throat and would be unable to resume his duties till 1st May, 1926, was read, when it was decided to grant Mr O'Neill a further extension of leave up to 1st May next, and to continue the employment of Miss Eehan in the County Surveyor's Office at a remuneration of £2 10s per week until the date mentioned, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

(8435.)

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Proposed by Mr James Foley, seconded by Mr. Thomas Corcoran, and resolved:—"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as embodied in Minute No. 8394 of meeting held on 9th December, 1925, relative to a renewal of Scholarship awarded to Mr. Thomas Maher, be and is hereby approved."

(8436.)

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HURLEY.

Following the consideration of a letter dated 20th January, 1926, from Local Government (Roads) Department, refusing to alter decision with respect to the status of Mr. H. Hurley, Assistant County Surveyor, the Council appointed a deputation consisting of Messrs. Conlan, Colohan, Fitzsimons (Chairman), and Bergin, to wait on the Minister for Local Government, in connection with this matter.

(8437.)

TRUNK ROADS.

Proposed by Mr John Conlan, seconded by Mr Nicholas Hanagan, and resolved:—"That taking into account the great volume of traffic passing over the following roads, we urge that they should be constituted trunk roads, viz., Dublin to Celbridge, Clane and Carbury, Naas to Kilcock, and Athy to Carlow."

(8438.)

CLANE-CELBRIDGE ROAD.

A letter dated 3rd December, 1925, from Local Government (Roads) Department, stating that on receipt of the requisite application the question of holding a public inquiry in connection with the prohibition of passenger motor vehicles on the Clane-Celbridge road would receive attention, was read, and the Secretary was directed to inquire if the County Council would be liable for the cost of holding the inquiry in question.

(8439.)

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925.

Petition respecting the formation of Drainage Districts from rated occupiers in the Townlands of Dreenan and Kilbrook were submitted and referred to the County Surveyor for report.

(8440.)

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

Applications from Messrs. Tyrrell and Daly for an increase of £10 each, on their respective Scholarships were submitted, and the Council approved of same, and directed that the increase apply to all Scholars whose scholarships were valued at less than £85 per annum.

(8441.)

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME

A letter dated 1st February, 1926, from the Secretary, I.T. and G.W.U., Rathangan, relative to the employment of workers in the Rathangan area, was read and referred to the County Surveyor.

(8442.)

BALLYTEIGUE BRIDGE.

A letter dated 23rd January, 1926, from Messrs Hayes and Son, Solicitors, referring to the proceedings proposed to be taken by Mr. Patrick Farrell, and the terms of Agreement between the Council and the Grand Canal Company, and suggesting that Messrs. Erown and McCann, Solicitors for Mr. Farrell, be approached so that an amicable settlement may be arrived at, was read and no order made thereon.

Adjourned.

W. J. Hanagan
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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held 3rd February, 1926.

Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Patrick Phelan, Nicholas Hanagan, James Bergin, Bertram H. Barton, William E. H. Fawcett, Nicholas Travers, James Foley, Hugh Colohan, Patrick J. Dunne, Peter Keenan, David Weld, and Andrew McNally.

(8423.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £2,781 13s 1d were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8424.)

APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Payments from 1 to 73 in the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved and it was ordered that like payments be made in respect of salaries falling due monthly up to 1st May, 1926, by special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other payment as per the Chairman's copy were approved.

(8425.)

ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

The Annual Estimate and Budget for year ending 31st March, 1927, was submitted and the Secretary was directed to have copies printed and distributed to each Member of the Council prior to next Quarterly Meeting.

(8426.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, including the Subsidiary Account, for quarter ended 31st December, 1925, were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date. The Bank Book for Subsidiary Account was also submitted and signed by the Chairman.

(8427.)

RATE COLLECTION.

An application from Rate Collectors who had ledged one-fourth of the amount included in their respective warrants, by 31st January, 1926, for payment of poundage at the rate of 8d in the £, was approved, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

(8428.)

NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

Rev. M. Norris, P.P., and Rev. Chancellor Clover attended before the meeting as a deputation from the Technical Instruction Committee, and applied to the Committee to make arrangements for a loan of £4,000 for the purpose of erecting New Technical School at Naas, and the members of the Deputation

having stated their case and the necessity for the provision of a New School, the existing one being unsuitable, it was proposed by Mr. Hugh Colohan, seconded by Mr Peter Keenan, and resolved:—"That the question of a Grant or loan of £4,000 to the Technical Instruction Committee for the purpose of erecting a Technical School at Naas be referred to the County Council for consideration at next meeting."

(8429.)

WEIGHBRIDGE AT BALLYMORE-EUSTACE.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 29th January, 1926, from the Secretary, Co. Kildare Farmers' Union, asking the Council to have the Weighbridge in Ballymore-Eustace, put in working order, was read, and in connection with the matter Messrs Martin Murphy, James Lawler and John Keogh, Ballymore-Eustace, attended before the meeting. Mr Keogh stated he had expended some money on the repair of the weighbridge but was prepared to hand over his rights to the Council, when it was decided to ask the Law Adviser if the Council have any powers to acquire and maintain the weighbridge in question.

(8430.)

CRIMINAL INJURIES APPEALS.

A letter dated 26th January, 1926, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, asking for permission to brief two senior and one junior Counsel on the Appeals in the cases of Messrs Hosie and H. S. Large, was read and the necessary authority given.

(8431.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Mr. P. Kenny attended before the meeting, and stated that he had paid £10 on account to the Sheriff in respect of arrears of Drainage Rate due by him, and he asked that the costs be not enforced against him. The Committee decided to refer Mr Kenny's application to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor.

(8432.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Arising on the reading of a letter dated 29th January, 1926, from the Secretary, Department of Industry, it was decided to instruct that Department to accept a tender on behalf of the Council for a new standard measure, required in connection with the Order made by the Minister for Justice under Section 9 of the Intoxicating Liquor (General) Act, 1924.

Adjourned.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

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Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held 17th February, 1926.

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Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Edward A. Coonan, Bertram H. Barton, George W. Henderson, Andrew McNally, David Weld, Peter Keenan, Hugh Colohan, Patrick J. Dunne, William E. H. Fawcett, and John Conlan.

(8433.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £2,228 14s 3d were submitted and approved.

(8434.)

SUPERVISION OF MAIN ROADS.

A letter dated 17th February, 1926, from the County Surveyor suggesting that the work of supervising the maintenance of the main roads in the Athy and Naas Urban Districts be carried out by Messrs. H. Hurley and L. Fullam, Assistant Surveyors, respectively, was read and approved.

(8435.)

TRAMWAY TO LEIXLIP.

Mr. Hugh Colohan having raised the question of the extension of tramway to Leixlip, it was proposed by Mr. Bertram H. Barton, seconded by Mr. Hugh Colohan, and resolved:—"That the Kildare County Council unanimously approve of the application of the residents of Leixlip for the extension of the tram line to the old terminus at Leixlip."

(8346.)

MOTOR RACE.

Mr. Charles Taylor, Forest Farm, Athy, attended before the Committee and asked that the roads in the neighbourhood of Athy, on which the annual motor races are carried out be improved for the Motor Race which is due to be held in Athy, when it was decided to make an application to the Roads' Department for a Grant for the purpose.

(8437.)

INCREASE OF SALARY.

A letter dated 16th February, 1926, from Assistant Surveyor Domican, relative to an increase of salary, was read and consideration adjourned till next meeting of the Committee.

(8438.)

LARCENY OF TIMBER.

A letter dated 15th February, 1926, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, addressed to the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, referring to Mr. Henderson's statement, that he caught two men taking timber from Blackwood, which was the property of the Council, and stating that this would appear to be a matter for prosecution by the Civic Guards, was read, and the Committee ordered that proceedings be taken in this case.

(8439.)

ILLNESS OF OFFICIAL.

The Secretary stated that Miss Langan, from his Office, had reported ill on the 2nd instant, and that he found it necessary to appoint Miss M. Kenny, Naas, as temporary substitute, on the 4th instant. The Secretary's action was approved.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
5/3/26

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders' Committee of the County Council held on 17th February 1926.

Present:- Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, presiding), Patrick Phelan, Edward A. Coonan, and Nicholas Travers.

8470.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

Tender for the County Printing were received from the following:- (1) The Athlone Printing Works Co., (2) John Falconer & Co., Dublin, (3) Alex Thom & Co., Dublin, (4) "Kildare Observer" Ltd., Naas, and (5) "Leinster Leader" Co., Ltd., Naas.

The Committee carefully compared each Tender, and the tender of the "Leinster Leader" having been found to be the lowest, and the Manager of the "Leinster Leader" Co., having verbally undertaken to comply with the terms of the Specification, it was proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. E. A. Coonan, and resolved:- "That the County Council be recommended to accept the tender of the "Leinster Leader" Co.,"

M Fitzsimons
5/5/26

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARÁ.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of County Council held on
22nd February, 1926.

Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; James Behan (Vice-Chairman), William Fennell, Thomas Corcoran, George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew McNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, William E. H. Fawcett, Thomas J. Murphy, James Cregan, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hannagan, Patrick J. Dunne, Bertram H. Barton, E. A. Coonan, William Saults, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon and Peter Keenan.

(8417.)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. John N. Greene, seconded by Mr. George W. Henderson, and resolved—“That Minutes of Meetings of the County Council held on 25th November, 1925, and 1st February, 1926, copy of which had been sent to each member, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.”

Proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. James Foley, and resolved—“That Minutes of Meetings of Proposal and Finance Committees held on 9th and 23rd December, 1925, 6th and 20th January, 3rd and 17th February, 1926, copy of which had been sent to each member, be taken as read and confirmed.”

(8418.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts Receipts and Expenditure Books for Quarter ended 31st December, 1925, were examined and signed by the Chairman, and the following books, etc., were produced by the Secretary written up to date—(1) General Ledger, (2) Register of Separate Charges, (3) Register of Mortgages, (4) Register of Applications and Proposals, (5) Abstract of Collectors' Lodgments, (6) Reports from Deputies (Form 22) re Checking of Collectors' Accounts.

(8419.)

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Payments since date of last meeting of the Council was submitted, and the Bank Book signed by the Chairman.

(8420.)

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. James Cregan, and resolved—“That all payments recommended by the Proposal and Finance Committee for County at Large Charges and others, be and are hereby approved.”

(8421.)

PAYMENTS—DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Hanagan, seconded by Mr. James Bergin, and resolved—“That all payments recommended by the Finance Committee in respect of expenses under the Drainage Acts, be and are hereby approved, same to be charged against the respective districts as shown in the Abstract of Proposals for Payment.”

(8422.)

RATE ON DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

A petition from ratepayers on the Gorteen Drainage District relative to a substantial reduction in this year's rate, was read, and the question of striking maintenance rate on the several Drainage Districts having been considered, the Council decided to raise no rate on the Baltracey, Connell, Foranwell or Gorteen Districts, and it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Edward A. Coonan, and resolved:—“That the sums of £100 be raised on Kildare Drainage District and £300 on Rathangan Drainage Districts in respect of maintenance rate for the year ending March, 1927.

The estimate of the County Surveyor for the maintenance of the several Drainage Districts having been considered, it was decided to limit the expenditure on the districts to the following:—Baltracey, £30; Connell, £50; Foranwell, £50; Gorteen, £75; Kildare, £90; Rathangan, £300.

(8423.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth, and resolved—“That Messrs. Colohan, Weld and Dunne be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents—(1) Bond of “Leinster Leader,” Ltd., for Printing Contract, (2) Deed of Charge to Hibernian Bank re Loan of £3,387, and (3) Forms 42 and 43 Estimate of Rates for year ending 31st March, 1927, in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council meeting.”

(8424.)

BRITISH EX-SERVICEMEN.

A deputation consisting of Baron de Robeck, Colonel Tynan, Colonel Harrison, Colonel Graham, from the Legion of British Ex-servicemen of County Kildare attended before the meeting and asked that members of the Legion be granted work on the roads without being members of a Trades' Union, when the deputation was informed that the matter would be considered by the Council at a later hour in the day.

(8425.)

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Hugh Colohan, and resolved—"That we, the members of Kildare County Council, wish to place on record our deep sense of regret at the demise of Mr. H. C. Fay who for many years was a member of this Council and other public bodies in this county, and we beg to tender to his bereaved widow and his numerous relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained."

(8426.)

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF GRANT.

Mr. Hugh Colohan handed to the Chairman a telegram received from the Local Government (Roads) Department stating that a further grant of £2,000 had been authorised for the relief of unemployment in County Kildare, and it having been decided to spend the money on works at Allenwood the County Surveyor was directed to have scheme prepared, and it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Hugh Colohan, and resolved—"That the public road be closed and all necessary steps be taken to have the scheme carried out, including the compulsory acquisition of lands for the widening of road, etc."

(8427.)

TOURIST TRAFFIC.

A letter dated 1st February, 1926, from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, relative to the question of raising a rate for the purpose of tourist traffic, was read, and Mr. Turry, for the Tourist Association, having addressed the Council on the subject, the Council decided that in view of the increase in the rates for the ensuing financial year the question of including a rate for this purpose could not be entertained.

(8428.)

CLANE-CELBRIDGE ROAD.

The Council having further considered letter dated 3rd December, 1925, from the Local Government (Roads) Department in conjunction with a suggestion from the County Surveyor as to the prohibition of lorry traffic in addition to the bus service, it was proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. Wm. Saults, and resolved—"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting or

restricting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified in the Order, the driving of mechanically propelled road vehicles with seats for more than six persons, exclusive of the driver; and subject to the same exceptions, of commercial, steam or petrol lorries of loaded weight more than two tons carrying regular supplies of coal, or other commodities, to individual institutions on the Clane to Celbridge roads, to wit, the road (1) from Clane to Celbridge, (2) from Straffan to Barberstown Cross Roads, (3) from Straffan to Baybush Cross Roads. The road (1) being unsuitable by reason of inadequate foundations and construction to withstand such weights without increased cost of repairs, and the roads (2) and (3) being inadequate for the same reasons, and also because their widths are insufficient to accommodate this traffic in conjunction with, and having regard to the ordinary traffic of the district without danger to the public."

(8429.)

IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD.

A notice of motion from Mr. D. Weld, as follows, was ruled by the Chairman as being out of order—"That the Secretary be instructed to raise £50 to repair and improve right of way at Coolree, Robertstown."

(8430.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Pursuant to Notice, Mr. D. Weld proposed—"That ½d. in the £ be raised off Naas No. 1, Celbridge (part) No. 1, and Edenderry No. 2 Rural Districts for the purpose of cleansing, etc., Rathangan river." The Chairman ruled that as there was no statutory authority enabling the Council to levy this rate, the motion was not in order.

(8431.)

ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

The annual Estimate as adopted by the Finance Committee having been considered, the Council decided to reduce same by 9d in the £, and it was then proposed by Mr. Patk. Phelan, seconded by Mr. John Conlan, and resolved—"That the General Rate (including 1d in the £ off County-at-Large (Urban Districts inclusive) under the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889-91, and a further sum of £523 (Urban Districts excluded) under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Act, 1899 (Form 42), and Rate for Separate Charges (Form 43), for year ending 31st March, 1927, chargeable to the undermentioned areas be as follows:—

COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT OF KILDARE.

	To be levied on other Hereditaments	Sums deducted in respect of the Agricultural Grant.	To be levied on Agricultural Land.
	Pence	Pence.	Pence
In respect of Roads	36.8700	9.8054	27.064
Rate for Roads	3s 1d.		2
In respect of County Services	13.4791	5.5787	7.509
In respect of Health District Charges	1.3235	35 7	971*
In respect of Poor Relief	50.5548	14.0614	36.4 04
Total	65.3574	20.3955	44.9631
Rate for other Services	(5s. 5d.)		(3s. 9d.)

And whereas certain separate charges are chargeable on the Areas or Contributory Places hereunder mentioned, the following Special Poundage Rates have been added to the poor Rates above-mentioned for the payment of such separate charges, and the same form part of, and will be collected with, the above general Poor Rate:—

No.	Name of Special Area or Contributory Place	Purpose or Name of Charge	Special Poundage Rates
	County at Large	Criminal Injury, Damage to Property Act	6½d. in the £
	Electoral Division of Kill	Criminal Injury	1d. in the £
	Athy No. 1 (except Electoral Division of Ballytore, Carrigeen and Graney)	Union Officers Pensions	2d. in the £
	Electoral Divisions of Ballytore, Carrigeen and Graney	Union Officers Pensions	2½d. in the £
A 1	Athy No. 1 Rural District	Special Sanitary Expenses	1d. in the £
A 2	Townlands of Monasterevan and Moore Abbey Demesae	Monasterevan Lighting	10½d. in the £
E 1	Edenderry No. 2 Rural District	Sanitary Expenses	2½d. in the £
N. 1	Electoral Division of Naas Rural	Naas Cemetery, Sewerage and Water Works	2½d. in the £
N. 2	Electoral Divisions of Newbridge Rural and Urban, Morristownville and Old Conneli	Newbridge Cemetery and Sewerage	1s. 2½ in the £
N. 6	Electoral Division of Newbridge Urban	Newbridge Waterworks	2s 6½d in the £
N. 7	Townlands of Kildare, Coolaghknock Glebe, Whitesland East, Curragh Farm, Bishopslane, Crockanure Glebe, South Green, Loughminane, Knockshough Glebe, Loughlion, Grey Abbey, in the Parish of Kildare; part of the Townlands of Tully West and Tully East	Kildare Electric Lighting	1s. 3d. in the £
N. 8	Electoral Divisions of Feighnellen, Kilmeague North and South, Rathernan, and Robertstown	Kilmeague Sewerage and Robertstown District Pumps	Nil.
N. 9	Electoral Divisions of Bodenstown, Clane, Downings, Timahoe North and South, Caragh, Donore, Killashee, Ladytown, and Naas Rural	Sallins Water and Sewerage	3d. in the £
N. 10	Electoral Divisions of Ballysax East, Carnalway, Giltown, Kilcullen & Usk	Kilcullen Sewerage	2½d. in the £
N. 11	Electoral Division of Kildare	Kildare Sanitary Convenience	No Rate
N. 12	Electoral Divisions of Ballymore-Eustace and Newtown	Ballymore District Pumps	4½d. in the £
N. 13	Electoral Divisions of Bodenstown, Clane, Downings, Timahoe North and Timahoe South	Clane District Pumps	No Rate
N. 14	Electoral Divisions of Ballymore West, Dunmurry, Kildare, and Pollardstown	Kildare Waterworks, Sewerage and Pumps	2s. 7½d in the £
N. 15	Electoral Divisions of Caragh, Donore, Killashee, Ladytown, and Naas Rural	Naas District Pumps	1½d. in the £
N. 16	Electoral Divisions of Kill Kilteel, Oughterard and Rathmore	Rathmore District Pumps	½d. in the £

(8432.)

DEMANDS ON URBAN DISTRICTS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. John Conlan, and resolved—"That the sum of £2,260 14s 9d be demanded from the Urban District Council of Athy in respect of County-at-Large and Separate Charges for the year ending 31st March, 1927."

Proposed by Mr. James Foley, seconded by Mr. Thomas Corcoran, and resolved—"That the sum of £4,364 6s 4d be demanded from the Urban District Council of Naas in respect of County-at-Large and Separate Charges for the year ending 31st March, 1927."

(8433.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor's Quarterly Report as follows was read:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

I have the honour to report during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1925, the expenditure on ordinary maintenance of roads amounted to £10,819 14s 8d which I certified to Finance Committee for Direct Labour.

In addition there has been expended during the same period out of Loan for improvement the sum of £6,736 12s 2d, or a total expenditure for Quarter on both maintenance and loan work of a sum of £17,556 6s 10d.

The loan referred was £10,000 for the relief of unemployment.

Trunk roads in the county have been scheduled as 98 miles and all these and many others with the exception of about 5 (Athy to Fontstown) have in recent years been substantially reconditioned. This work has been principally "water-bound" macadam and criticism as to better methods may be dismissed in the circumstances of the generally admitted inadequacy of money voted from any sources for superior class of work; and of the present strengthening and water-bound surfacing being in any case a necessary preliminary to other coatings whether they be tarmacadam, tar or cement grouting, or asphalt, etc.

So far we have not had to re-coat a second time in 10 years, any but a very small proportion, perhaps 5 per cent. of the mileage referred to, but we have had no alternative but to adopt complete tar painting for maintenance.

However, in future work, now that these roads have been thus prepared for it, and since grants may be largely confined to them, I think something superior to water-bound macadam should be considered for the following

reasons—the disturbance, and consequent depreciation, caused by present-day traffic to the latter during the laying and drying out period; the burthen in cost and effort, of keeping so large a mileage tar painted in a climate generally unsuitable for the work; and generally, the demand occasioned by present traffic, for a more substantial and permanent road crust.

As for the particular type of work to be now recommended, the Government has laid trial lengths recently of several, but no official report as to their merits has yet been issued; our resources will probably rule out definitely the more expensive such as reinforced concrete costing, say, £8,000 per mile for a mere 18ft. width, and for this reason, although the surface is probably the best suited to all kinds of traffic, it is impracticable except for short lengths in bogs where no drainage will give a firm foundation for other work. The closing of roads for long periods for this is not desirable.

Cement grouted macadam, using quick setting cement, is said to cost very little more than ordinary macadam and should be given a trial. This is a very recent development of road work. Here again the protection of the fresh work from disturbance, especially during night time, would have to be provided for and on that account the summer period would be advisable for its execution.

"Tar macadam" and tar grouting are long established methods of road-making. Considering how our present roads have lasted I think it likely these would give great satisfaction in this county. Over a period of time they constitute a more economical use of materials than tar painting since the tar compound is embedded and mixed with the macadam instead of being only on the surface, so that the materials mutually protect each other. Still, upwards of four times the quantity of tar must be used and this must be justified by the longer life of the road resulting. Last year with the Council's tar grouting and painting roller we carried out some of this work (including the whole of Maynooth Main Street) at an average cost of 2s 6d per square yard which, if the road had been only 18ft. wide, would have been equivalent to £1,100 per mile. (This seems a very low figure but full charge for machinery was allowed. Of course, it was over good existing foundations so that the cost is not comparable with that of the type of "water-bound" we are gene-

rally engaged in, which consist in widening, strengthening and surfacing with very heavy tonnages requiring double or triple rolling). Success in the work of grouting is dependent on fair weather at its execution which could be often accelerated by the use of stone drying plant.

In "tar macadam" the drawback of wet weather is surmounted by plant which dries, warms and cleans the stone and mixes and coats it with hot tar compounds after which it can be rolled by an ordinary roller in any weather not actually raining or snowing. I would put the cost of this at £1,600 per mile for the width mentioned, of course, on existing foundation. Probably, indeed, a contractor might not undertake it at this price. However, it is a very suitable class of work to set by contract and possibly the Council would do well to consider the advisability of using a portion of next grant in this way.

I think it well, although the amount of the grant is not yet announced, to consider now how it should be expended. Assuming a similar amount to last year's, it is difficult to choose the localities in most urgent need as it is imperative not to divide it into very small amounts. However, I suggest that the first allocation should be for some of the uncompleted road referred to between Athy and Fontstown, say, £4,000 at least. If permitted, the work commenced between Athy and Carlow should be continued, say, £2,000. A short length of reinforced concrete might be put down on the Kildare-Monasterevan bog road after it is lowered and widened. I suggest at least £3,000. A length of tar macadam or tar grout or cement grout ought to be laid on some road that has been at least once before steam rolled such as at Kilcullen, or near. If, however, we say £2,500 for this there could be nothing left for tar painting generally throughout the 98 miles of trunk roads which will be essential for upkeep. Last year we found it necessary to expend for this purpose over £7,000 out of our grant. Thus will be seen the necessity of having our share increased if we are to progress in road making or even maintain an average reputation.

My reasons for dealing so largely with trunk roads is that apart from grants being liable to be confined to them I think their greater importance to people of the county rather than to outsiders is being unconsciously forgotten owing to contentions as to through traffic of

recent years. I need not enlarge upon the local interest which is bound up with tradition, frequent use and general accommodation afforded to residents.

The Council are expending something like £13,000 for relief of unemployed and in hearing complaints as to their work occasionally, should remember that of necessity they are not chosen because they are the best workmen available, as has been the rule of employers in all ages; and thus contradictions arise which easily cast reflections on the normal body of employees. At the same time I am satisfied that these men have been satisfactorily supervised and directed, and this is to the credit of all the overseers with the exception of a very few. Probably the latter should be replaced in their present position by better men if perfection is to be attained.

Your obedient servant,

JOHN RORKE.

19th February, 1926.

(8434.)

SPECIAL RATE FOR IRISH LANGUAGE.

A letter dated 19th December, 1925, from Secretary, Technical Instruction Department, transmitting copy of a letter from the Department of Agriculture relative to the raising of the special rate of £523 for Irish language instruction under section 16 Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, was read, and the Council decided to continue to levy this rate under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Act, 1889 and 1891, and following a discussion on the matter it was proposed by Mr. George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Coonan—"That the special rate of £523 for Irish be reduced by £200." Mr. James Behan moved and Mr. Michael Smyth seconded—"That the rate of £523 for Irish stand." Mr. Henderson withdrew his motion and the matter dropped.

(8435.)

CATTLE DRIVING AT NIGHT.

Pursuant to Notice, it was proposed by Mr. B. H. Barton, seconded by Mr. W. E. H. Fawcett, and resolved:—"That attention be directed to the danger to the public constantly arising from the driving of cattle on the roads after dark, and that the Government be approached with a view to promoting legislation by which all drovers of cattle and sheep on public roads after official lighting-up time of vehicles should be required to carry a conspicuous light."

(8436.)

CLERKS RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

In accordance with notice it was proposed by Mr. James Foley, seconded by Mr. Nicholas Travers, and resolved—"That with reference to the resolution of the County Council on 30th September last abolishing the positions held as Clerks to the Rural District Councils by Messrs. M. E. Doyle, Athy; Francis Shortt, Celbridge, and P. Kennedy, Edenderry, the Council dispense with the services of these officials on and from 1st January, 1926, and subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department the Council hereby fix and determine the amount of superannuation to these officials in accordance with the resolution already adopted on 30th September last as follows:—Mr. M. E. Doyle, Athy, £300 per annum; Mr. Francis Shortt, Celbridge, £276 11s per annum, and Mr. P. Kennedy, £135 16s. per annum."

(8437.)

PENSION (INCREASE) ACT, 1920.

An application from Mrs. Annie Kelly, Naas, for a continuance of payment of pension under above Act, amounting to £3 15s per annum, was read and approved.

(8438.)

BALLYMORE-EUSTACE WEIGHBRIDGE.

A letter dated 8th February, 1926, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that the Council had no power to acquire the Weighbridge at Ballymore-Eustace, except for the purpose of weighing coal, was read, and the Secretary was directed to acquaint the County Kildare Farmers' Union of the terms of this communication.

(8439.)

LOANS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Correspondence from the Secretary, County Board of Health, asking the Council to obtain loans of £750 for the renewal of battery at Kildare Electricity Works, and a further loan of £250 16s for the purpose of extending Kildare Sewerage system, was submitted, and the Secretary stated that the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, were prepared to make the required advances, the period for repayment of the £750 to be five years, and the period for repayment of the £250 16s. to be ten years, interest to be payable at 1/2 per cent. under Irish Banks Discount rate, but not less than 4 per cent.

The Secretary was directed to inform the County Board of Health of the terms of which the Bank were prepared to make the required loans.

(8440.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE.

Correspondence from the Local Government Department relative to remuneration of Mr. A. E. Smith, as Quantity Surveyor, in connection with the reconstruction of Athy Courthouse, was read, and a letter dated 15th February, 1926, from Mr Smith, agreeing to the Department's terms, and stating that he would proceed with the work forthwith, was also submitted, and the Council appointed the members of the Finance Committee a 'Tenders' Committee' for the consideration and acceptance of tenders in connection with this work.

(8441.)

TRADE UNION LABOUR.

Pursuant to notice, it was proposed by Mr. George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. John N. Greene:—"That all or any resolutions of the Council restricting employment on the roads or in any other capacity, to members of any Trades' Union, be rescinded."

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Hugh Colohan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth:—"That as the motion standing in Mr Henderson's name is a direct attack on Trade Unionism and the hard-won rights of the Irish workers to combine in order to better their working conditions, and that if passed, will undoubtedly engender bitter class hatred between employers and employees throughout the county, this Council reject the motion, firmly believing that it is the duty of all public bodies to foster good-will and co-operation in the interests of Christian charity, progress and the common good of the country."

On being put to the Meeting the following members voted for the amendment:—Messrs. Colohan, Smyth, Foley, Travers, Cregan, O'Reilly, Weld, Dunne, Keenan, Saults, Corcoran, McCann and Behan—(13.)

The following voted against the amendment:—Messrs. Henderson, Greene, Lennox, McNally, Murphy, Barton, Fawcett, Gannon, Coonan, Phelan, Conlan, Hanagan, Bergin and Fitzsimons—(14.)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost by fourteen votes to thirteen, and the original motion on being put to the Meeting was carried by the same voting.

(8442.)

HOME HELP.

A letter dated 4th February, 1926, from the Secretary, County Kildare Farmers' Union, together with a letter dated 6th February, 1926, from the Secretary, Athy Farmers' Union, relative to the present unsatisfactory system for the administration of Home Help, was read.

(8443.)

DISTRICT ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

The Council proceeded to consider recommendation adopted at meeting of Special Committee appointed to consider and report on the question of existing boundaries of District Electoral Divisions, held on 9th. December, 1924, and after discussion it was proposed by Mr Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr James Foley, and resolved:—"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order transferring the townland of Kilcullenbridge, at present situate in the District Electoral Division of Carnalway, to the District Electoral Division of Kilcullen, so that the townland of Kilcullenbridge may form part of the District Electoral Division of Kilcullen."

(8444.)

COUNTY POUNDS.

A letter dated 19th January, 1926, from Mr. Charles Daly, Sub-Sheriff, was read together with a letter dated 10th February, 1926, from the Local Government Department, on the subject of the provision of proper Pounds throughout the County, and the Secretary was directed to inform the Department that efforts have been made by the Council to secure Pound accommodation, and at the same to enquire if the Council have power to acquire lands compulsorily for this purpose.

(8445.)

NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

The question of providing a loan for the erection of New Technical Schools at Naas, which was referred to the Council by the Finance Committee was considered and after a lengthy discussion was resolved on the motion of Mr Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. William E. H. Fawcett:—"That no order be made in this matter."

(8446.)

EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES.

In accordance with notice it was proposed by Mr. Edward A. Coonan, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved:—"That a Committee consisting of Messrs. N. Travers, Michael Smyth, Edward A. Coonan, Patrick Phelan and Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), be appointed to inquire into and report on the working of the educational schemes in this county, viz., (a) the benefits, if any, to the County, (b) The result of the last five years as to how far the County has been benefited by those who had University and Secondary education at the expense of the Council, (c) What has been done at pre-

sent by those receiving benefit under the present scheme and their names, residence and standing of parents. (d) The cost of the present scheme and what supervision there is over those receiving grants, and as to their continuance. (e) Suggestions, alteration or continuance of the present system."

(8447.)

COUNTY LIBRARIAN.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 8th January, 1926, from the Secretary, Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, relative to the appointment of a County Librarian, when it was decided to invite a representative from the Trust to discuss the matter with the Finance Committee at the next meeting.

(8448.)

RATES' INSPECTOR.

The Secretary reported that thirteen candidates had applied for the position of Rates' Inspector, as follows:—Miss Nancy Patterson, Naas; Miss K. McNally, Robertstown; Messrs. G. Tyndall, Naas; Joseph Cunnigham, Naas; Thomas O'Callaghan, Naas; Thomas Higgins, Naas; J. J. O'Mahony, Naas; James Power, Ardscoil, Athy; Patrick Bourke, Naas; Vincent Noone, Naas; Thomas O'Brien, Glassealy, Ballymore; A. S. Dunne, Barnfield, Rathangan; and Laurence O'Neill, Barretstown, Newbridge. All applications were received by 15th inst. (the prescribed time), except Miss McNally's, which was received on 22nd. inst.

The Council approved of the admission of each of above candidates to the forthcoming examination, and directed the Secretary to communicate their names to the Local Government Department.

(8449.)

MAIN ROADS

A letter dated 10th February, 1926, from the Town Clerk, Naas, stating that no machinery or materials purchased from loan of £1,000 are available, and as the County Council are liable under the Local Government Act, 1925, for the repayment of loan, the instalment of principal and interest amounting to £250 14s 6d, paid by the Naas Urban Council should be refunded by the County Council as the entire loan was outstanding on 1st April last, was read, and the Council ordered payment of £250 14s 6d, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

(8450.)

MEMBERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

A letter dated 22nd December, 1925, from the Local Government Department, stating that the scale of travelling expenses to members of local authorities is fixed by the fifth schedule of the Local Government Act, 1925, and the Minister has no power to vary the terms thereof, was read.

(8451.)

HEMPSTOWN ROAD.

A letter dated 22nd December, 1925, from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, stating that his Council have agreed to the suggestion of the Kildare Council to maintain the two isolated lengths of road L. 41, in County Kildare at Hempstown and Bургamore, the other portions of the same road between Hollywood Cross and Poulaphouca to be maintained by the Kildare County Council, was read.

(8452.)

COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Arising on the reading of a letter dated 22nd January, 1926, the Council appointed Messrs. E. Finch, Athy; J. N. Greene, Killea; and J. Flynn, Skerries, members of the County Committee of Agriculture, in room of Ven. Archdeacon Johnston, and Messrs. T. Carty and H. Fay, who had become disqualified for membership through non-attendance at meetings of the Committee.

(8453.)

A letter dated 27th November, 1925, from Rev. J. Ryan, C.C., Athy, stating he cannot accept the appointment as member of the County Committee of Agriculture, was read, and his resignation accepted.

(8454.)

CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

A letter dated 11th December, 1925, from the Local Government Department referring to claim of £15 12s. 3d., from the Representatives of the late Mr. F. Bergin, for the preparation of plans in connection with the proposed Central Tuberculosis Dispensary at Kildare, and stating that the claim is barred by Statute, was read, and the Secretary was directed to furnish Mr. Bergin's representatives with a copy of the Department's letter.

(8454.)

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

A letter dated 14th December, 1925, from the Local Government Department, relative

to a Sanatorium Grant of £1,047 8s 7d., which is available for County Kildare, was read, and the matter referred to the County Board of Health for consideration.

(8456.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

A letter dated 19th December, 1925, from the Superintendent Civic Guard, Naas, relative to the provision of office accommodation in certain centres in the County for verification of Weights and Measures, was read, and the Council refused to pay rent for Celbridge Town Hall, as the Celbridge Workhouse premises are available, and the Secretary was directed to enquire from the Superintendent why the verification work cannot be carried out at the Court and Sessions Houses as heretofore.

(8467.)

BARROW DPAINAGE.

A letter dated 23rd January, 1926, from the Secretary, Leix County Council, forwarding resolution demanding that the whole area of charge for the annual repayment should be the whole catchment area in the proportion of two-thirds on the benefited lands and one-third on the rest of the catchment area, was read and consideration adjourned to the next meeting.

(8458.)

EX-RATE COLLECTOR DEMPSEY.

A letter dated 26th January, 1926, from the Local Government Department, refusing approval to the proposal of the Council to superannuate Mr. L. P. Dempsey, former Rate Collector, was read.

(8459.)

JOHNSTOWNBRIDGE FAIRS.

A letter dated 10th December, 1925, from Mr. P. Murphy, Kilshanroe, Secretary, Fairs Committee, asking for permission to hold three extra fairs yearly in Johnstownbridge, was read, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the County Council have no objection to this proposal.

(8460.)

TELEGRAPHIC LINES.

An application from the Engineer in Chief, for permission to erect overground telegraphic lines at Castledermot and at Killock, was approved of, subject to the sanction of the County Surveyor.

(8461.)

COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter dated 6th January, 1926, from the Local Government Department, authoris-

ing payment of contributions in aid of travelling expenses to members of the County Committee of Agriculture, in respect of the half-year ending 31st March, 1926, and suggesting that the extent of the membership of the Committee, be reduced, was read, and it was decided to bring the matter under the notice of the Committee for their observations.

(8462.)

ATHY URBAN MAIN ROADS.

A letter dated 10th February, 1926, from the Clerk, Athy Urban District Council, relative to the liability of the County Council for the repayment of balance of loan of £600 obtained by the Athy Urban Council for improvement works on main roads in the Urban area, was read and the Council decided to take over the liability for repayment subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

A further letter dated 10th February, 1926, from the Clerk, Athy Urban Council, regarding the question of scavenging the main roads in Athy, after 1st April, 1926, was read, and no order made thereon.

(8463.)

COUNTY LIBRARY.

A letter dated 3rd. February, 1926, from Secretary, Gaelic League, relative to the provision of books in Irish under the Carnegie Trust Library Scheme.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

Since your last Quarterly Meeting in November last twenty-seven applicants for Sanatorium Benefit have been found to be suffering from Tuberculosis. Twenty-five of these were suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and two from Tubercular disease of bones. Twenty-two of the applicants were uninsured persons and five were insured.

The cases of the uninsured were considered and dealt with by the County Board of Health as follows:—

Four were recommended for Treatment at Peamount Sanatorium.

Six were recommended for Domiciliary Treatment at their homes under care of Doctor and Nurse.

Twelve were recommended for Dispensary Treatment at the various Tuberculosis Dispensaries.

The cases of the five insured persons were considered and dealt with by the County Insurance Committee as follows:—

Three were recommended for Treatment at Peamount Sanatorium.

One was recommended for Treatment at the Hospice for the Dying.

One was recommended for Dispensary Treatment

(8464.)

EDUCATION ACT.

Arising on the reading of a letter dated 3rd. December, 1925, from the Secretary, Athy Dispensary District School Attendance Committee, the Council appointed Rev. M. Cummins, and Rev. Father Browne, as members of the Committee, in room of Ven Archdeacon Johnston and Rev. J. Nolan, resigned.

(8465.)

LIBRARY CONFERENCE.

A letter dated 8th January, 1926, from the Secretary Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, asking the Council to appoint Delegates to a Library Conference in Dublin on the 12th and 13th inst. and the Council appointed Messrs. P. Phelan, E. A. Coonan, M. Smyth, and F. Fitzsimons to attend the Conference on behalf of the Council.

(8466.)

PUBLIC BODIES' INSURANCES

Correspondence from the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council relative to the formation of a Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company, for the purpose of dealing with the insurances of all public bodies, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

(8467.)

TUBERCULOSIS OFFICER'S REPORT.

The County Tuberculosis Officer's report as follows was read:—

February, 1926.

JOSEPH P. DALY,

Co. Tuberculosis M.O.

(8468.)

ADMISSION OF SHEEP TO THE
CURRAGH.

The following dates were fixed for the admission of sheep to the Curragh Greenlands for grazing purposes:—5th., 12th., 19th., and 26th. March, and 2nd., 9th., 16th., 23rd. and 30th. April, 1926.

(8469.)

KILDARE COURTHOUSE

An application from Mr John Harzeet for permission to hold practice dances in Kildare Courthouse was submitted and refused.

(8670.)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

A letter dated 17th. February, 1926, from the Secretary, Office of National Education, approving of amendment of the above scheme with regard to the distance 4 miles instead of 5 miles of residence of Scholar from the approved Secondary School, was read.

(8671.)

KILTEEL ROAD.

A letter dated 12th. February, 1926, from Mr. James McGuinness, requesting the Council to give attention to the road leading through the village of Killeel, was read, and the matter referred to the County Surveyor.

(8472.)

RATHANGAN RIVER DRAINAGE.

Mr. P. Behan, Derrymullan, attended before the meeting and complained that he had been processed for rates due on lands which was paid by the Grand Canal Company, when it was decided to refer this matter to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, for his observations.

A letter dated 16th February, 1926, from Mr. J. Bruntz, C.E., relative to the cleansing of the Rathangan River, was read.

(9473.)

ILLNESS OF OFFICIAL.

A letter dated 9th February, 1926, from the Local Government (Roads) Department, approving of the continued employment of Miss Behan at £2 10s. 0d. per week, in the County Surveyor's Office up to 30th. April, 1926, and stating that as Mr. J. J. O'Neill has been absent on sick leave for over six months he should be placed on half-pay, was read, when it was decided to place Mr O'Neill on half-pay from 1st. March, 1926.

(8474.)

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

The County Analyst's Report as follows was read:—

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Kildare upon articles analysed by him during the Quarter ending the 12th January, 1926:—

Drugs, 8th October, 1925, 3, received from Naas—Genuine.

Drugs, 8th October, 1925, 2, received from Athy County Home—Genuine.

Drugs, 29th October, 1925, 3, received from Kildare—2 genuine, 1 not genuine.

Drugs, 29th October, 1925, 3, received from Killocock—Genuine.

Whiskey, 7th October, 1925, 4, received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 7th October, 1925, 4, received from Guard J. Lennon, Newbridge—3 Genuine, 1 not genuine

New Milk, 7th October, 1925, 4, received from Guard J. Lennon, Newbridge—All genuine.

New Milk, 8th October, 1925, 2, received from Guard J Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine

Whiskey, 8th October, 1925, 2, received from Guard JJ. Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

Whiskey, 9th October, 1925, 3, received from Guard J. Hallinan, Naas—Genuine.

Butter, 11th October, 1925, 4, received from Guard J. Hallinan, Naas—Genuine.

Butter, 13th November, 1925, 4, received from Guard J. Hallinan, Naas—Genuine.

Buttermilk, 16th November, 1925, 4, received from Guard J Hallinan, Newbridge,—Genuine.

New Milk, 14th November, 1925, 2, received from Guard J. Lennon, Newbridge Genuine.

Butter, 23rd November, 1925, 4, received from Kildare, per D.A.T.I.—Genuine.

New Milk, 27th November, 1925, 4, received from Guard J Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

Butter, 30th November, 1925, 4, received from Sallins, per D.A.T.I.—Genuine.

Butter, 30th November, 1925, 2, received from Sallins, per D.A.T.O.—Genuine.

Butter, 27th November, 1925, 4, received from Guard J. Hallinan, Naas—Genuine.

Butter, 28th November, 1925, 1, received from Guard J. Hallinan, Naas.—Genuine.

New Milk, 28th November, 1925, 1, received from Guard J. Hallinan, Naas—Genuine.

New Milk, 18th December, 1925, 4, received from Guard J. Lennon, Newbridge—3 genuine, 1 not genuine.

Butter, 23rd December, 1925, 4, received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 15th December, 1925, 3 received from Guard J. Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

Margarine, 23rd December, 1925, 4, received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Water, 1st October, 1925, 1, received from Celbridge No. 1 R.D.C.—Condemned.

Water, 5th October, 1925, 1, received from the County Board of Health—Condemned.

Water, 9th November, 1925, 1, received from the County Board of Health—Condemned.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—82.

Number adulterated—1 Drug, 2 New Milks, 3 Waters Condemned.

Signed,

JOHN KEANE.

Public Analyst.

Date, 12th January, 1926.

(8475.)

COLLECTION OF POOR RATE.

A return showing the condition of the collection of poor rate for the period ended 19th February, 1926, was submitted, and the Secretary was directed to urge the Collectors to expedite their respective collections.

(8476.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICIAL.

Con. No.	Reg. No.	Subject.
1	3009	A letter dated 19th November, 1925, from Local Government Department relative to Venereal Disease Scheme, was read.
2	3104	A letter dated 27th November, 1925, from Local Government Department stating that Section 10 (2) of Local Government Act, 1925, does not apply to Venereal Disease Scheme, was read.
3	3197	A letter dated 27th November, 1925, from Local Government Department agreeing to payment of poundage to Collectors Shinkins, Dunne, and Confrey on amounts lodged to 31st October, 1925, was read.
4	3119	A letter dated 28th November, 1925, from the Local Government Department relative to acquisition of site for erection of Central Tuberculosis Dispensary at Kildare, was read.
5	3120	A letter dated 28th November, 1925, from Local Government Department asking for particulars of age of Messrs. Hurley, Quinn and Bergin, Assistant Surveyors, was read.
6	3123	A letter dated 27th November, 1925, from Department of Agriculture relative to revision of fees payable to Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1914, was read.
7	3184	A letter dated 3rd December, 1925, from Local Government Department relative to an extension of time to Collector Connolly to close his rate collection account, was read.
8	3191	A letter dated 4th December, 1925, from Local Government Department respecting amendment of Agreement with Insurance Committee relative to treatment of "eligible persons" suffering from Tuberculosis, was read.
9	3202	A letter dated 5th December, 1925, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to temporary closing of public road at Kilberry, was read.
10	3215	A letter dated 7th December, 1925, from Local Government Department relative to loan for Afforestation purposes, was read.
11	3216	A letter dated 7th December, 1925, from Local Government Department relative to assets and liabilities of Celbridge Guardians, and pointing out that the workhouse was not regarded as an asset of the County Council, was read.
12	3235	A letter dated 8th December, 1925, from Local Government Department asking for terms of appointment of Mr. A. E. Smith as Quantity Surveyor in connection with reconstruction of Athy Courthouse, was read.

Con. No.	Reg. No.	Subject.
13	3252	A letter dated 10th December, 1925, from Local Government Department respecting letting of workhouse lands at Celbridge to Mr. James Lee, was read.
14	3264	A letter dated 11th December, 1925, from Local Government (Roads) Department stating that payment of £500 represents final settlement in connection with Cloney Bridge was read.
15	3284	A letter dated 14th December, 1925, from Local Government Department assenting to an overdraft of £20,000 on the account of the Kildare County Council, was read.
16	3285	A letter dated 14th December, 1925, from Local Government Department approving of additional scheme for road improvement works for balance of £10,000 loan amounting to £1930, was read.
17	3308	A letter dated 15th December, 1925, from Local Government Department approving of payment of poundage fees to Collectors Connolly and O'Connor on amounts lodged to 31st October, 1925, was read.
18	3309	A letter dated 15th December, 1925, from Local Government Department advising payment of £20 4s 9d as final instalment for Venereal Disease Grant for year ending 31st March, 1926, was read.
19	3328	A letter dated 19th December, 1925, from Local Government Department asking if competitive tenders were invited in connection with the letting of the workhouse lands at Celbridge to Mr. James Lee, was read.
20	3335	A letter dated 18th December, 1925, from Department of Agriculture stating that samples of butter obtained at Kildare, Newbridge and Sallins were submitted to the Public Analyst and certified to be genuine, was read.
21	3347	A letter dated 17th December, 1925, from Local Government Department asking for a return showing the financial position of the Council, was read.
22	3410	A letter dated 22nd December, 1925, from Local Government Department approving of 1½ per cent. on the accepted tender as ample remuneration for Mr. Smyth, Quantity Surveyor in connection with the reconstruction of Athy Courthouse, was read.
23	3413	A letter dated 22nd December, 1925, from Local Government Department relative to the issue of Public Bodies Order, 1925, was read.
24	3416	A circular letter dated 21st December, 1925, from Local Government Department relative to the Local Elections Postponement Bill, 1925, was read.
25	3429	A letter dated 23rd December, 1925, from Local Government Department sanctioning payment of poundage to Collector James O'Connor at 8d on collection of first moiety for 1925, was read.
26	3506	A letter dated 30th December, 1925, from Local Government Department enclosing form of application for sanction to loan for Afforestation purposes, was read.
27	3604	A circular letter dated 5th January, 1926, from Local Government Department relative to preparation of Rate Books, etc., under Public Bodies Order, 1925, for year 1926-27, was read.
28	3605	A letter dated 5th January, 1926, from Local Government Department convening a conference of Secretaries of County Councils for 15th January, 1926, at Dublin, to discuss Public Bodies Order, 1925, etc., was read.
29	3606	A letter dated 5th January, 1926, from Local Government Department relative to provision in estimates for payment of contribution under Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, was read.

Con. No.	Reg. No	Subject.
30	3624	A letter dated 5th January, 1926, from Local Government Department stating that the County Council are to construct and maintain all main roads in the county, including Urban Districts, from 1st April, 1926, was read.
X 31	3640	A letter dated 6th January, 1926, from Local Government Department respecting the appointment of Mr. P. O'Carroll as Clerk in the County Council Offices, was read.
32	3649	A letter dated 7th January, 1926, from Local Government Department stating rents of labourers' plots should be paid by County Board of Health, was read.
33	3686	A letter dated 8th January, 1926, from Local Government Department relative to letting of lands adjoining Celbridge Workhouse premises, was read.
34	3689	A letter dated 7th January, 1926, from Department of Agriculture asking for a return of expenditure under Diseases of Animals' Acts for year ended 31st December, 1925, was read.
35	3727	A letter dated 9th January, 1926, from Local Government (Roads) Department acknowledging receipt of surplus licence cards for period ended 31st December, 1925, was read.
36	3797	A letter dated 8th January, 1926, from Local Government Department relative to employment of men engaged on works of Relief Grants through Unemployment Exchange, was read.
37	3801	A letter dated 12th January, 1926, from Local Government Department relative to the application of the Rating New Buildings Order to Ex-servicemen's houses, was read.
38	3803	A letter dated 12th January, 1926, from Local Government Department stating that members of the Joint Technical Committee are not entitled to travelling expenses under Local Government Act, 1925, was read.
39	3843	A letter dated 12th January, 1926, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to preparation of official roads' map, was read.
40	3900	A circular letter dated 15th January, 1926, from Local Government Department relative to audit of expenditure connected with Relief Grants, was read.
41	3919	A letter dated 16th January, 1926, from Local Government Department approving of loan of £3,387 for purchase of woodlands on the Leinster Estate, was read.
42	3939	A letter dated 19th January, 1926, from Local Government Department confirming appointment of Mr. P. O'Carroll as Clerk in Offices of County Council, was read.
43	3957	A letter dated 20th January, 1926, from Local Government Department advising payment of £75 on account of expenditure under Venereal Disease Scheme, was read.
44	3966	A letter dated 21st January, 1926, from Local Government Department enclosing Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts of Tuberculosis Committee for period ended 30th September, 1925, was read.
45	3971	A letter dated 21st January, 1926, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to commercial goods motor vehicles under 12 cwt., was read.
46	3973	A letter dated 21st January, 1926, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to Petrol Pumps (Fees) Regulations, 1925, was read.
47	3986	A letter dated 22nd January, 1926, from Local Government Department intimating that the salary of Mr. M. E. Doyle, former Clerk of Athy No. 1 R.D.C., is payable by the County Council, was read.
48	4012	A letter dated 23rd January, 1926, from Local Government Department advising approval of Dr. T. O'Farrell and Dr. W. D. O'Kelly as Pathologists of the Pathological Laboratory, University College, Dublin, was read.

Con. No.	Reg. No.	Subject.
49	4036	A letter dated 25th January, 1926, from Department of Agriculture enclosing posters for publication dealing with cruelty and damage to animals, was read.
50	4058	A letter dated 26th January, 1926, from Local Government Department approving of Dr. J. W. Bigger as Pathologist in charge of the Pathological Laboratory, Trinity College, Dublin, was read.
51	4106	A letter dated 30th January, 1926, from Local Government Department relative to payment of rents of property transferred from the Rural District Council, was read.
52	4122	A circular letter dated 2nd February, 1926, from Local Government Department asking for a return of wages, etc., included in total expenditure of Council for year ended 31st March, 1925, was read.
53	4125	A letter dated 2nd February, 1926, from Local Government Department respecting Collector Fields' lists of irrecoverable arrears of poor rate, was read.
54	4134	A letter dated 3rd February, 1926, from Local Government Department approving of Dr. Bourke as Pathologist in connection with Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin, was read.
GENERAL.		
55	3209	A letter dated 7th December, 1925, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, reporting result of hearing of claims for compensation for malicious injuries on behalf of Alicia Lawler and Messrs. G. Henderson and William Flood, was read.
56	3353	A letter dated 18th December, 1925, from Secretary Roscommon County Council forwarding resolution protesting against the inadequate allowance for travelling expenses to members of local bodies, was read.
57	3401	A letter dated 18th December, 1925, from Secretary Tipperary S.R. County Council transmitting resolution relative to the enactment of new Game Laws, was read.
58	3414	A letter dated 21st December, 1925, from Mr. M. Smyth, V.S., reporting that the animals exposed for sale at Johnstownbridge December fair were free from contagious disease, was read.
59	3799	A letter dated 12th January, 1926, from Secretary Cork County Committee of Agriculture respecting the issue by the Government of increased grants for Agriculture, was read.
60	4113	A letter dated 20th January, 1926, from Secretary Dublin County Council forwarding resolution relative to the formation of a National Transport Commission, was read.

W. J. Johnson
31/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDÁE CHILLI-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held 3rd March, 1926.

Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding; William E. H. Fawcett, Richard McCann, Peter Keenan, Patrick J. Dunne, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, T.D.; James Foley, Nicholas Travers, David Weld, James Bergin.

(8441.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £2,249 16s 2d were submitted, approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8442.)

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

Proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. Hugh Colohan, and resolved:—“That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, have learned with deep regret of the untimely death of Mr. Mark Carroll, Naas, a member of this Council, and we hereby convey to his bereaved widow and family our sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.”

(8443.)

DEATH OF OFFICIAL.

The Secretary reported that Mr. John J. O'Neill, Clerk in the County Surveyor's office died on the 28th February, 1926, when it was proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. William E. H. Fawcett, and resolved—“That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, desire to place on record our sense of the great loss the Council has sustained through the death of its very courteous and able official, Mr. John O'Neill, and we hereby tender to his wife, mother and other relatives our deep sympathy in their sad bereavement.”

In connection with this matter the Committee decided to continue the employment of Miss B. Behan in the County Surveyor's office at £2 10s per week, pending the appointment and the taking up of duties of a successor to the late Mr. John O'Neill.

(8444.)

COUNTY LIBRARY.

Mr. Phibbs, a representative from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, attended

before the Meeting as invited, and explained the general procedure connected with the establishment of a County Library, when it was decided to recommend the County Council to adopt the necessary resolutions at next meeting so that the Library scheme may be proceeded with.

(8445.)

URBAN MAIN ROADS.

The question of requiring Mr. H. S. Hurley, Assistant County Surveyor, to discharge the additional duties connected with the main roads in Athy Urban District, was considered at length, and it was proposed by Nicholas Hanagan, seconded by Mr. James Foley, and resolved:—“That the County Council be recommended, subject to the concurrence of the Local Government (Roads) Department, to pay to Mr. H. S. Hurley, Assistant Surveyor, a salary of £240 per annum, together with the appropriate Civil Service scale of bonus.”

(8446.)

LERR DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Notice of motion from Mr. George Henderson was read as follows:—“That I or some member for me, will move, that the Secretary be directed to ascertain in the proper quarters, who brought forward the proposition of the Lerr Drainage (a quite unnecessary work), and who was responsible for the orders to incur expenses last summer.” In the absence of Mr. Henderson, the foregoing was not moved. Mr. Hugh Colohan explained that he had called upon the Board of Works to urge that the work of cleansing the River Greise be taken up when he was informed that works were being started on the Lerr River.

(8447.)

INCREASE OF SALARY.

A letter dated 16th February, 1926, (which was before the Committee at last meeting) from Assistant Surveyor Domican, relative to an increase of salary, was discussed, but no order was made by the Committee in the matter.

(8448.)

KILCOCK FAIRS.

Mr. Nicholas Travers having raised the question of cattle being offered for sale on the bridge at Kilcock, causing an obstruction, it was proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. William E. H. Fawcett, and resolved:—"That the Civic Guard authorities be asked to keep the bridge and approaches at Kilcock, clear of cattle and other obstructions of Fair Days."

(8449.)

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME.

Arising on the reading of a letter dated 17th February, 1926, from County Surveyor, the Committee directed that tenders for the haulage of road material be obtained as heretofore by the County Surveyor, and that same be invited by advertisement in the local Press.

A letter dated 3rd March, 1926, from County Surveyor, respecting loans for the provision of new Road Machinery and Gravel Pits was referred to the County Council.

(8450.)

ERECTION OF PETROL PUMPS.

Applications from Mr. T. Finnegan, Kilcock; D. J. Fox, Kilmeague; and Messrs. Burke, Kildare, for permission to erect petrol pumps were approved, subject to the sanction of the County Surveyor, and subject also to licences being obtained from the Council by these parties under the Petrol Pump (Fees) Regulations, 1925.

(8451.)

OFFICER'S ILLNESS.

A letter dated 3rd March, 1926, from Dr. William P. Murphy, Naas, certifying that Miss Marion Langan had been unable to attend her duties in the County Council office since 2nd February, and that she would be able to resume duties on 8th March, 1926, was read, and the Committee ordered that Miss M. Kenny, Naas, who had been temporarily engaged during Miss Langan's illness, be paid at the rate of £2 10s per week, subject to the approval of the Local Government Department.

Adjourned.

W. J. O'Sullivan
5/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 16th March, 1926.

Present — Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman), presiding; George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew MacNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, William E. Fawcett, Thomas Murphy, James Cregan, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hanagan, Patrick J. Dunne, Bertram H. Barton, Edward A. Coonan, William Saults, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, and Peter Keenan.

(8452.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £3,159 5s. 9d. were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8453.)

CLERK COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The Committee proceeded to consider whether any, and what alterations should be made in the duties and salary of the office of Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr J. J. O'Neill, and having fully discussed the matter, decided to adjourn further consideration till next quarterly meeting of the Committee.

(8454.)

IRISH TEACHER

A letter dated 12th March, 1926, from the Secretary, Technical Instruction Committee, stating that the Irish Teacher denied that he was absent from his class conducted at Kilcock.

Adjourned.

M Fitzsimons
5/3/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA

Minutes of Meeting of County Council, held on 16th March, 1926

Present — Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew MacNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, William E. Fawcett, Thomas Murphy, James Cregan, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hanagan, Patrick J. Dunne, Bertram H. Barton, Edward A. Coonan, William Saults, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, and Peter Keenan.

(8477.)

LERR DRAINAGE DISTRICT

A deputation representing the Ratepayers on the Lerr Drainage District attended before the meeting and complained that the works carried out on the Lerr Drainage District in 1925, would now cost 4s 9d per acre for a period of ten years, and the deputation having expressed the opinion that the expenditure incurred was unnecessary, it was proposed by Mr. John Conlan, seconded by Mr. John N. Greene, and resolved, Mr. Hugh Colohan dissenting—"That this Council having heard the views of a deputation, representing the holders of lands bordering on the River Lerr, endorse the protest they make against the proposed imposition of a tax of 4s 9d per acre on certain portions of their farms on account of alleged benefit accruing thereto through work executed in the way of clearing up the stream, which work was undertaken directly by the Board of Works and directly in opposition to the expressed opinion of individual members of the County Council, and that of the Lerr Drainage Committee as to its necessity. We are convinced that the expenditure of the large sum of £4,300 was altogether unwarranted and altogether unjustified by results. We would urge that in the circumstances we are entitled to ask and to be informed at whose initiative this work was undertaken."

(8478.)

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME.

Four men from Monasterevan section attended before the meeting and complained that only single men were employed on road work, while married men were left idle, and the Council having discussed the matter decided to recommend the County Surveyor to employ Messrs. Sheppard, Collins and Smyth, as soon as vacancies would occur.

(8479.)

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. Hugh Colohan, "That Mr. P. Nestor, Naas, be co-opted a member of the County Council in room of the late Mr. Mark Carroll."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Edward A. Coonan; seconded by Mr. Bertram H. Barton:—"That Mr. William R. Ronaldson of Barnhall, be co-opted a member of the County Council, in accordance with Section 94 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1898, to fill the casual vacancy on the Council and Committees caused by the death of the late Mr. Mark Carroll."

On being put to the meeting the following members voted for the amendment:— Messrs. Bergin, McNally, Lennox, Murphy, Fawcett, Barton, Coonan, Greene, Henderson, Phelan, Conlan, and Hanagan—12.

The following members voted against:— Messrs. O'Reilly, Saults, McCann, Keenan, Dunne, Weld, Colohan, Smyth, Foley, Travers and Cregan—11.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried by 12 votes to 11, and on being put as a substantive resolution was carried by the same voting.

(8480.)

LOANS.

Following the consideration of a letter dated 3rd March, 1926, from the County Surveyor, relative to the provision of loans for machinery and gravel pits as provided for in the Road Works Scheme, it was proposed by Mr. Nicholas Hanagan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth, and resolved:—"That application be now made to the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., being the Treasurer of the Council, for a loan of £1,000 for the purchase of road machinery and spare parts said loan to be secured on the Rates of the entire County, the repayment of the principal and interest on outstanding balances from time to time to be spread over a period of five years."

It was further proposed by Mr. Nicholas Hanagan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth, and resolved:—"That application be now made to the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, being the Treasurer of the Council, for a loan of £1,000 for the purchase or leasing of Gravel Pits or Quarries, said loan to be secured on the rates of the entire county, the repayment thereof to be made by equal half-yearly instalments of principal with interest on outstanding balances from time to time, to be spread over a period of five years."

(8481.)

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HURLEY

Proposed by Mr Nicholas Hanagan, seconded by Mr. James Foley, and resolved: "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as adopted at meeting held on 3rd March, 1926, relative to the payment of a salary of £240 per annum, with bonus to Assistant County Surveyor Hurley, be and is hereby approved."

(8482.)

ANTHRAX ORDER.

A letter dated 1st March, 1926, from Mr. J. J. Cosgrove, V.S., relative to an outbreak of Anthrax on Mr Brennan's farm at Delamain, and reporting fully on the matter, was read.

(8483.)

COURT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter dated 28th February, 1926, from the Clerk, District Court, Athy, requesting that proper Court accommodation be provided at Castledermot, was read, and the matter referred to the Secretary for the purpose of making necessary inquiries.

(8484.)

KILCOCK STATION ROAD.

A letter dated 4th March, 1926, from the County Surveyor enclosing correspondence with the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, referring to the cartage of road material over the Company's approach road to Kilcock station, and asking for a contribution from the Council towards the repair of the road, was read, and the following order was made thereon:—"No authority to spend money on this work."

(8485.)

NEWBRIDGE TOWN HALL.

A letter dated 8th March, 1926, from the Town Clerk, Droichead Nua Town Commissioners, protesting against the delay in completing repairs to the Town Hall, was read, and on the motion of Mr Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr Nicholas Travers, it was resolved:—"That the question of completing the necessary repairs to Droichead Nua Town Hall be referred to the County Surveyor for his early attention."

(8486.)

COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The tender of the "Leinster Leader" Co., Ltd., Naas, which was accepted by the Co. Committee of Agriculture for Printing, etc., was submitted and sealed by the Council.

(8487.)

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

An Order dated 18th February, 1926, from the Minister of Local Government, authorising payment of expenses to members attending meetings of the Irish County Council General Councils, was read, and it was proposed by Mr George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr Michael Smyth, and resolved:—"That in pursuance of the Conferences (General Council of County Councils) Order, 1926, that the reasonable expenses incurred by Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons, Patrick Phelan and Michael Smyth in attending not more than four meetings of the General Council of County Councils each year, be paid by this Council, during the period for which these members hold office."

(8488.)

VENEREAL DISEASE SCHEME.

A letter dated 13th March, 1926, from the Secretary, Local Government Department, stating that the allowance payable to the Secretary of the County Council for work connected with the above scheme was and approved.

(8489.)

RATHANGAN-PHILIPSTOWN ROAD.

A letter from Messrs. John Colmeir and J. Gorey, Rathangan, applying for the maintenance of roads 51a and 51b, by contract, was read and referred to the County Surveyor.

(8490.)

COUNTY LIBRARY.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Finance Committee at meeting held on 3rd March, 1926, it was proposed by Mr John Conlan, seconded by Mr John S. Greene, and resolved:—"That we hereby adopt the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1855, for the County of Kildare (exclusive of the Urban Districts of Athy and Naas, and that we agree to a rate of $\frac{1}{3}$ d in the £ for the purpose."

"That we further agree to take over the County Kildare Library Service, established under the Carnegie Library Trust on the understanding that the Council shall have full power and control in regard to the management of same, the books are to be retained and obtained for the Library, and the appointment of a committee of management.

"That the Urban Districts of Athy and Naas be informed that in order to take full advantage of the Library Service in the future it will be necessary for them to strike a rate of a $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ for the purpose, or arrange for the payment of an equivalent contribution to the County Council in lieu thereof.

"That the Kildare County Council hereby delegates to the Central Library Committee of County Kildare all the powers and duties vested in it as the Library Authority under Section 12 of the Public Libraries Act, 1855. Provided always that further agreements with the Adjoining Library Authorities shall be subject to the approval of the other areas co-operating in the service, and that the proceedings of the Central Library Committee, including the appointment and dismissal of paid officers shall be reported quarterly to the various authorities concerned and the Central Library Committee shall submit an annual estimate of the expenditure proposed for each year.

"That this Council agrees to the proposal of the Carnegie Library Trust, that the Librarian appointed to administer the scheme shall always be a person recognised by the Trust as a trained and competent Librarian at a salary of not less than £250 per annum; that an annual report and statistics of the scheme be sent to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline, and that instructions be given to the Central Library Committee to invite the Secretary and Organiser of the Carnegie Trust from time to time to visit the County Kildare repository and report as to the progress of the work."

(8491.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE

Mr Foley, Engineer, attended before the meeting and reported that the Council may now advertise for tenders for the reconstruction of Athy Courthouse, when it was decided to invite tenders for consideration at meeting of the Tenders Committee on the 14th proximo and to adjourn this meeting till 28th April, 1926.

Adjourned.

W. J. Wynn

31/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held 31st March, 1926

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Thomas Corcoran, George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew McNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, William E. Fawcett, Thomas J. Murphy, James Cregan, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hanagan, Patrick J. Dunne, Edward A. Coonan, William Saults, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, Peter Keenan, and William R. Ronaldson.

(8455.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Application from the County Surveyor for payment amounting to £3,425 19s 3d for works in his charge were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8456.)

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary reported that Collector Field was the only collector to close the collection of poor rate for the half-year ending this date, and the Committee ordered payment of poundage fees to Collector Field.

An application from the other remaining Collectors for one month's extension of time to enable them to close their respective collections, was read and granted, subject to the approval of the Local Government Department.

(8457.)

WAGES OF ROAD MEN AND CARTERS.

Proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. James Foley, and resolved—"That the wages of the road men and carters be fixed at the same rate as last year."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Coonan, as follows—"That the rate of wages for road men be fixed at 32s per week."

On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried by fourteen votes to twelve. Messrs. Phelan, Conlan, Hanagan, Bergin, McNally, Lennox, Murphy, Ronaldson, Coonan, Greene, Gannon, Fawcett, Henderson, and the Chairman voting for the amendment. Messrs. Weld, O'Reilly, Saults, McCann, Keenan, Dunne, Colohan, Smyth, Foley, Travers, Cregan, and Corcoran voting against it, and on being put as a substantive resolution Mr. Henderson's motion was carried by the same voting.

An amendment proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. P. J. Dunne—"That the wages be fixed at 36s per week" was put to the meeting and on a show of hands was declared lost.

A further amendment was proposed by Mr. James Cregan, seconded by Mr. Hugh Colohan—"That the wages be fixed at 35s per week for six months."

The motion on being put to the meeting was also defeated.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. John Conlan—"That the carters wages be fixed at the rate of 10s per day."

On a show of hands the Chairman declared this motion carried.

Proposed by Mr. Thomas J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Thomas Corcoran—"That the working hours be the same as last year, viz., 47 hours per week."

On being put to the meeting the Chairman declared the motion carried by sixteen votes to four.

(8458.)

DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. John Conlan, Hugh Colohan, Nicholas Travers, E. A. Coonan, Patrick Phelan, James Foley, William R. Ronaldson and the Chairman were appointed to wait on the Board of Works for the purpose of inducing that Board to commence works of improvement on the several Drainage Districts in this County as soon as possible.

(8459.)

RATE MAKING.

A letter dated 30th March, 1926, from the Secretary I.T. and G.W. Union, Naas, stating that the work of preparing the Rate Books, etc., has been considerably increased under the Public Bodies' Order, 1925, and requesting that the scale of fees fixed for the work be revised, was read, and the matter having been discussed at length the following scale of fees was adopted (hereto attached). The Secretary was authorised to employ such number of hands as he required to have the work carried out.

RATE MAKING. SCALE OF FEES.

Copying Valuation lists	2s per 100 Ratings
Copying Valuation Lists	
2nd copies	2s per 100 Ratings
Checking First Copies	1s per 100 Ratings
Appotments with Separate Charges	12s per 100 Ratings
Copying Appotments	3s per 100 Ratings
Demand Notes with Separate Charges	12s per 100 Ratings
Checking Demand Notes	1s 6d per 100 Ratings
Summaries for Rate Books	1s 6d each

W. Fitzsimons
5/3/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 14th April, 1926

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Thomas Corcoran, George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew McNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, William E. Fawcett, Thomas J. Murphy, James Cregan, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hanagan, P. J. Dunne, B. H. Barton, E. A. Connan, William Saults, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, Peter Keenan, and William R. Ronaldson.

(8460.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment amounting to £1690 0s 10d for works in his charge were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8461.)

WAGES OF ROAD MEN AND CARTERS.

Pursuant to notice, it was proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. James Foley, and resolved:—"That the wages of all road workers be fixed at 38s. per week and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded, and further that the wages of carters be fixed at 12s per day, and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

On a show of hands the Chairman declared the foregoing motion lost by fourteen votes to twelve.

(8462.)

ROAD MACHINERY.

In accordance with notice it was proposed by Mr. Robert Gannon, seconded by Mr. George Henderson—"That in view of the widespread unemployment and the necessity for the employment of as large a number of unemployed as possible, that no more stones for road purposes be broken by machinery till further order, and that same be broken by men employed for that purpose."

After a lengthy discussion the foregoing motion was withdrawn, and the Committee recommended the County Surveyor to employ stone-breakers to break by hand whenever possible in the neighbourhood of towns.

(8463.)

ROAD MATERIAL.

The following motion, of which notice had been given was proposed by Mr. W. E. H. Fawcett, seconded by Mr. John N. Greene,

and resolved—"That Mr. Rorke, Co. Surveyor, be asked to give the County Council at their next meeting a statement of the cost of material (broken stones) put on side of the road for steam rolling per cubic yard, also cost for spreading and rolling per cubic yard, and how many cubic yards per day each roller does."

The County Surveyor who was present at the meeting submitted all the figures and particulars required by the above.

(8464.)

CLANE-CELBRIDGE ROAD.

A letter dated 20th March, 1926, from the Local Government (Roads Department) relative to the application of the Council for an Order prohibiting the use of certain type of motor vehicle on the Clane-Celbridge road, and suggesting the amendment of the resolution adopted by the County Council on 22nd February, 1926, was read, and the Committee recommended the Council to adopt a resolution on the lines suggested by the Department.

(8465.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Following the consideration of correspondence from Inspector Gardia Siothchana, the Council decided to take the Town Hall, Celbridge, and a room at Mr. John Connell's House, at Castledermot, as temporary office accommodation for the verification of weights and measures.

A letter dated 30th March, 1926, from Department of Industry and Commerce relative to the question of obtaining an inclusive contract for the supply of new local and working standards required for the testing of beer and stout bottles, was read and approved.

(8466.)

RATES INSPECTOR.

A letter dated 8th April, 1926, from the Local Government Department transmitting result of examination for Rates Inspector, and as it appeared therefrom that Mr. Vincent Noone, Dublin Road, Naas, obtained first place, it was proposed by Mr. John Conlan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth, and resolved—"That Mr. Vincent Noone, Naas be appointed Rates Inspector in accordance with the Council's advertisement—Mr. Noone to take up duties immediately."

(8467.)

RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

In connection with the preparation of list of "New Buildings" the Secretary submitted a letter dated 20th March, 1926, from the Local Government Department, and the Committee adjourned final consideration of the list till next meeting, in the meantime the list to be printed and a copy furnished to each member of the Council.

(8468.)

LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES.

The Secretary submitted a list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuity holders in County Kildare for the period ended December, 1925.

(8469.)

KILCOCK LANDS.

A letter dated 1st April, 1926, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, solicitor, relative to the acquisition of certain lands at Kilcock, by the Council, under the Land Act, 1923, and stating that before the lands can be acquired a scheme must be prepared, was read, and after discussion it was decided to appoint Messrs Travers, Boylan and Brien, of Kilcock, as Trustees of the lands proposed to be acquired."

(8470.)

GRAVEL PITS.

A letter dated 8th April, 1926, from the Co. Surveyor stating he had taken over possession of the lands of Downings on behalf of the Co. Council, and that the purchase price of the lands was £145, which was payable to the Irish Land Commission, was read and approved.

(8471.)

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

The Council ordered that all applications for University and Secondary Scholarships be received not later than 21st May, 1926, and the Secretary was directed to have the usual advertisement inserted in the local papers.

(8472.)

PURCHASE OF MOTOR LORRY.

A letter dated 14th April, 1926, from the Co. Surveyor asking the Council to arrange for

the purchase of a Morris 1-ton Truck with lorry body, was read, when it was decided to advertise for tenders to be considered at meeting on 28th instant.

(8473.)

ATHY MOTOR RACE.

A letter dated 18th March, 1926, from the Secretary, Athy Motor Cycle and Car Club stating it is proposed to hold a motor cycle road race on 29th May, 1926, and asking that certain roads in the neighbourhood of Athy be closed from 2.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m. on that date, was read, when the Secretary was directed to have the usual notices inserted in the Press and to make application to the Local Government Department for an Order closing the roads referred to.

(8474.)

LERR DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

A letter from the Office of Public Works stating that the works of improvement carried out on the Lerr Drainage District in 1925 were carried out on the initiative of that Board was read, and referred to the Lerr Drainage Committee.

(8475.)

AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

A letter dated 31st March, 1926, from the Local Government Department enclosing negotiable receipt for £7,457 10s 4d, being balance of Agricultural Grant payable to the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1926, was read.

(8476.)

KILDARE COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 10th April, 1926, from Mr. D. Daly, asking for permission to hold a meeting of Ex-servicemen at Kildare Courthouse on 18th inst, was read and approved, subject to the payment of the usual fee to the Court-keeper.

(8477.)

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HURLEY.

A letter dated 4th April, 1926, from the Local Government Department approving of payment of salary of £240 and bonus thereon to Assistant Surveyor Hurley, was read.

W. Fitzsimon
5/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders' Committee of the County
Council held on 14th April 1926.

Present:- Messrs Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, presiding),
Thomas Corcoran, George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene,
Patrick Phelan, Andrew McWally, Richard McCann, David Weld, William
E. Fawcett, Thomas J. Murphy, James Cregan, Michael Tennox, James
Bergin, Edward Reilly, Nicholas Hanagan, P. J. Dunne, B. H.
Barton, E. A. Noonan, William Saults, Nicholas Travers, Michael
Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, Peter Keenan, and
William R. Ronaldson.

(2478)
ATHY COURTHOUSE.

Three tenders were received in connection with the
work of reconstructing Athy Courthouse, as follows:-

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| (1) Mr. Eugene Hetheron, Aughacordrenan, Augnnacliff @ | £3540. 2. 0. |
| (2) Mr. Chas. Doyle, Harbour St., Mullingar. | @ £4631.13. 9. |
| (3) Mr. D. Carbury, Athy. | @ £3995.14. 7. |

The Committee accepted the tender of Mr. Hetheron,
provisionally, and referred same to the County Council for
approval.

W. Fitzsimons
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Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 28th April, 1926.

Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons, Chairman, presiding; Thomas Corcoran, G. W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew McNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, W. E. Fawcett, Thomas J. Murphy, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hanagan, P. J. Dunne, B. H. Barton, E. A. Coonan, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, Peter Keenan, James Cregan, and William R. Ronaldson.

A letter from Mr. W. J. Fennell regretting inability to attend the meeting, was read.

(8478.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £1,956 6s 2d were submitted, approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8479.)

ROADMEN'S WAGES.

Pursuant to notice it was proposed by Mr. James Cregan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth:—"That the wages of all roadmen be fixed at 35s per week and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded; and further that the wages of carters be fixed at 11s per day, and that all resolutions to the contrary be

rescinded—the above rates of pay to exist for six months, and be considered again by this Council after that period."

A letter from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that the above motion was not in order under the Standing Orders of the Council, having been read, the Chairman ruled the motion out of order.

(8480.)

WAGES OF ENGINE DRIVERS

In accordance with notice it was proposed by Mr. G. W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Robert Gannon—"That the rate of wages for Engine-drivers be fixed at 50s per week."

After discussion this motion was withdrawn, and it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Andrew McNally—"That the wages of the Engine-drivers be reduced by 6s per week, this reduction not to apply to Driver Melia, whose wages were recently reduced by the County Surveyor."

On a show of hands the Chairman declared the motion carried by 14 votes to 11, and the following amendment proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. David Weld, was put to the meeting and defeated by the same voting—"That the question of Engine-drivers' wages be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Adjourned.

W Fitzsimons
5/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders' Committee held on 28th April, 1926

Present:—Messrs Michael Fitzsimons, Chairman, presiding; Thomas Corcoran, G. W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew McNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, W. E. Fawcett, Thomas J. Murphy, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hanagaa, P. J. Dunne, B. H. Barton, E. A. Coonan, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, Peter Keenan, James Cregan and William R. Ronaldson.

A letter from Mr. W. J. Fennell regretting inability to attend the meeting, was read.

(8481.) ATHY COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Eugene Hetherton and his Sureties attended before the meeting and completed Agreement and Bond in connection with the work of reconstructing Athy Courthouse.

Proposed by Mr. G. W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved:—

"That a Clerk of Works for Athy Courthouse be appointed at a cost not exceeding £50, the Architect to make the appointment, and that the sanction of the Local Government Department be requested to this proposal."

(8482.)

MOTOR LORRY.

Tenders were received from Messrs. Corbally, Naas; B. J. Gogarty, Naas; Dawson, Maynooth; G. Jackson, Carlow; J. F. McDonnell, Dublin, for the supply of one-ton Morris Truck. The County Surveyor who was present at the meeting stated that the Ton Truck was too small for his requirements, and that he required the 30 cwt. lorry.

The Committee accepted no tender, but ordered that a 30 cwt. Morris lorry be advertised for.

Adjourned.

W Fitzsimons
5/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLI-DARA.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of County Council held on 28th April, 1926.

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Thomas Corcoran, George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew McNally, Richard McCann, David Weld, William E. Fawcett, Thomas J. Murphy, James Cregan, Michael Lennox, James Bergin, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hanagan, Patrick J. Dunne, Bertram H. Barton, Edward A. Coonan, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, Peter Keenan and William R. Ronaldson.

A letter from Mr. William J. Fennell regretting inability to attend the Meeting, was read.

(8492.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE.

Pursuant to notice, it was proposed by Mr. Thomas Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved—“That the sum of £860 be provided by way of loan for the purpose of completing the work of reconstructing Athy Courthouse, and that application be hereby made to the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, being the Treasurer of the County Council, for a loan of £860 to be secured on the rates of the entire county, repayment of the principal with interest on outstanding balances from time to time to be spread over a period of ten years, and to be made by twenty-half-yearly instalments.”

(8493.)

TENDERS.

Proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth, and resolved:—“That in pursuance of Article 55 (13) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, that the tender of Mr. Eugene Hetherington, provisionally accepted by the Tenders' Committee for the reconstruction of Athy Courthouse, be and is hereby approved and that Messrs. Dunne, Keenan, and O'Reilly be appointed a Committee to affix the seal of the Council to Bond and Agreement with Mr. Hetherington, in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council meeting.”

(8494.)

PURCHASE OF LORRY.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Tenders' Committee, the Council decided to advertise for the supply of a 30 cwt. Morris truck.

(8495.)

LEIXLIP GRAVEL PIT.

Following the consideration of a letter dated 20th April, 1926, from the County Surveyor, the Council decided to purchase a half-acre of ground from Mrs. Devanny, Leixlip, for the purpose of a gravel pit at a rent of £40, in addition to the cost of the Deed of Conveyance. Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to be instructed to take the necessary steps in this matter.

(8496.)

DOWNINGS GRAVEL PIT.

Arising on the reading of a letter dated 20th April, 1926, the Council approved of the letting for a period of eleven months, of a portion of the lands of Downings to Mr. Martin Devine at £3 per acre, subject to his entering into a letting agreement to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor.

(8497.)

URBAN MAIN ROADS

A letter dated 22nd April, 1926, from the Clerk, Naas Urban District Council, asking the County Council to receive a deputation from the Urban Council with regard to the scavenging of the Urban Main Roads, was read, and the Council having decided to hear the deputation, Messrs. Lacy, Dowling, and Lowe addressed the meeting and urged that some arrangement be made between the County Council and the Urban Council for the cleaning of the main roads in the Urban District. Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Mr. John Conlan, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved:—“That a Joint Conference between the County Council and the Urban District Councils of Athy and Naas be held to consider this question, and report to the County Council the result of its decision. That Messrs. Phelan, Henderson, Travers, and Keenan be appointed to represent the County Council and that two members from each of the Urban Councils be invited and also the Urban Engineers, Town Clerks, and County Surveyor—the Chairman of the County Council to act as Chairman of the Conference to be held on Saturday next, at 11 o'clock, at the Courthouse, Naas.”

(8498.)

CLANE--CELBRIDGE ROAD.

Following the consideration of a letter dated 20th March, 1926, from the Local Government (Roads) Department, and recommendation from the Finance Committee thereon, it was proposed by Mr Edward A. Coonan, seconded by Mr Bertram H. Barton and resolved:—"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an order under Section 7 (4), of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting or restricting subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise, as may be specified in the Order the driving of mechanically propelled road vehicles with seats for more than six persons, exclusive of the driver, or which have an unladen weight exceeding two tons on the Clane-Celbridge road, to wit, the road (1) from Clane to Celbridge, (2) from Straffan to Barbertstown Cross Roads, (3) from Straffan to Baybush Cross roads, the road (1) being unsuitable by reason of inadequate foundations and construction to withstand such weights without increased cost of repair, and the roads (2) and (3) being inadequate for the same reasons, and also because their widths are insufficient to accommodate this traffic in conjunction with and having regard to the ordinary traffic of the district, without danger to the public, and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

(8499.)

MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY ROADS.

Pursuant to notice, it was proposed by Mr Nicholas Hanagan, seconded by Mr George W. Henderson, "That tenders be invited for the repair and maintenance of all public roads of the county, other than trunk and main roads, and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

After a long discussion, in the course of which it was pointed out that the roads' work scheme for the current year provided for the maintenance of the County Roads otherwise than by contract, Mr Hanagan withdrew his motion.

(8500.)

GORTEN DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Mr William E. H. Fawcett, seconded by Mr Edward A. Coonan—"That any work on the Gorteen and Foranwell Drainage Districts be in future done by contract."

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. James Foley—"That the works be carried out by direct labour."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost by 12 votes to 10, Mr Fawcett's motion being carried by the same voting.

(8501.)

CARLOW MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Following the reading of a letter dated 14th April, 1926, from Mr William R. Ronaldson, it was proposed by Mr George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved:—"That the resignation of Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, as member of the Carlow Mental Hospital Committee, be accepted."

(8502.)

SUPERANNUATION.

A letter dated 17th April, 1926, from the Local Government Department having been read, it was proposed by Mr Richard McCann, seconded by Mr Nicholas Travers, and resolved:—"That in view of the terms of letter dated 17th April, 1926, from the Local Government Department, that the sum of £133 6s. 8d be fixed as the superannuation allowance payable annually to Mr. Patrick Kennedy, Clerk of the late Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

(8503.)

RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

A letter dated 20th March, 1926, from the Local Government Department, relative to the operation of the Rating of New Buildings Order, was considered in conjunction with a list of "New Buildings," and the following order was made—"Council do not consider that Lady McCalmont's claim comes under this Act and remove her name from New Buildings List."

(8504.)

NEW ABBEY BURIAL GROUND.

Arising on the reading of a letter dated 29th March, 1926, from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, it was proposed by Mr James Cregan, seconded by Mr Michael Smyth, and resolved:—"That application be hereby made to the Hibernian Bank, Ltd, Naas, being the Treasurer of the County Council for a loan of £795, on behalf of the County Board of Health, for the purpose of extending the New Abbey Burial Ground in pursuance of the Naas No. 1 (New Abbey Burial Ground) Order, 1925, said loan to be secured on the rates of the entire county, the repayment thereof to be spread over a period of ten years, and to be made by twenty equal half-yearly instalments with interest on outstanding balances from time to time."

(8505.)

CONSULTING SANITARY OFFICERS

A letter dated 22nd March, 1926, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, enclosing copy of a letter dated 16th March, 1926, from the Local Government Department, regarding payment of salaries to Consulting Sanitary Officers who held office under the late Rural District Councils, was read, and the Secretary was directed to ascertain from the Board of Health the nature of the duties discharged by these Officers and if their services are now required.

(8506.)

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925.

A letter dated 1st April, 1926, from the County Surveyor asking if he or some other Engineer is to carry out the work of preliminary inspection connected with the formation of new Drainage Districts, was read, and the following order was made thereon—"County Surveyor to make the reports."

(8507.)

PLOT AT KILCOCK.

A letter dated 14th April, 1926, from Mr B J Geoghegan (Irish Land Commission) relative to the allocation of a cow plot on the Colgan estate near Kilcock, and stating that full particulars will be communicated to the Council in due course, was read.

(8508.)

CANCELLED PAYING ORDER.

A letter dated 16th April, 1926, from Messrs. T. O'K. White, solicitors, asking that a paying order for £6 10s. drawn in favour of Repts. James Flynn, on 30th January, 1924, which was not cashed, be now made payable to Mr Joseph McGowan, the legal representative to the late James Flynn, was read, and approved subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

(8509.)

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter dated 26th March, 1926, from the Department of Agriculture enclosing copies of the New Bovine Tuberculosis Order, and urging the importance for a vigorous enforcement of its provisions, and fixing remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors Holland, at £33 per annum; Mr Wade at £25, Mr Smith at £17 10s, and Mr Cosgrove at £44 per annum, was read, and the Secretary was directed to bring under the

notice of the Veterinary Inspectors the provisions of the Order and to request their active co-operation in the work of administering the order, and at the same time to ask the Department to state for the information of the Council, the basis upon which a salary of £44 per annum was fixed in the case of Mr Cosgrove, having regard to the large area under that Officer's jurisdiction.

(8510.)

COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter dated 11th March, 1926, from the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, stating that Mr P Counihan, Connellmore, had become disqualified for membership of his Committee through non-attendance at meetings, and that as Mr Counihan had undertaken to attend regularly in future, the Committee recommended his re-appointment, was read, and the Council unanimously re-appointed Mr Counihan a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

(8511.)

HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) ACT, 1924.

A letter dated 26th April, 1926, from Collector S. J. Malone, relative to the payment of arrears of poor rate out of grants awarded to James Lawler, Kiltaghan, under above Act, and asking for instructions with regard to payment of rates amounting to £129 9s 2d. due by P Kelly, Kiltaghan, was read, together with a letter, dated 7th April, 1926, from the Local Government Department, when the Secretary was directed to write to Mr Osborne, Solicitor, in the case of Mr P. Kelly, and to inform Mr Malone that Mr Osborne by letter dated 22nd April, 1926, had advised that the grant under above Act was payable only to James Lawler.

(8512.)

DUTY ON BEER.

A letter dated 11th March, 1926, was read from the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by his Committee as follows:—"That in the opinion of this Committee it is an absolute necessity that the duty on beer and spirits should be reduced so as to help the agricultural industry."

On the motion of Mr E. A. Coonan, seconded by Mr G. W. Henderson, it was resolved—"That the resolution from the County Committee of Agriculture be and is hereby adopted."

PHELAN, PATRICK

BARROW DRAINAGE

A letter dated 23rd January, 1926, from the Secretary, Laoighis County Council, containing a resolution relative to the area in connection with the repayment connected with the Barrow Drainage, was read, and after discussion, it was proposed by Mr Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr Michael Smyth, and resolved:—

(8513.)

That the following Committee of the Council be appointed to safeguard the interests of the County Kildare:— Colohan, T.D.; Conlan, T.D.; Phelan, P.; Smyth, M.; Foley, J.; Hanagan, J.; and Fitzsimons (Chairman).

(8514.)

SHELTER BELT AGREEMENTS.

Two agreements provisionally entered into with owners and occupiers of land in the County Committee of Agriculture, relative to the distribution of shelter belts, were submitted and signed by the Chairman.

(8515.)

WATER PUMPS (FEES) REGULATIONS 1925.

The Secretary reported that a sum of £1 each was due by Mr S. E. Holmes, Kesh, and Mr P. Young, Coneybor-bridge, for fees due under above regulations for 1925 and 1926, and the Council ordered proceedings to be instituted for recovery of the sums named.

(8516.)

APPOINTMENT OF RATES INSPECTOR.

Proposed by Mr John Conlan, seconded by Mr Hugh Colohan, and resolved:— That the recommendation of the Finance Committee adopted at meeting held on 1st April, 1926, relative to the appointment of Mr Vincent Noone, as Rates Inspector, be and is hereby approved."

A letter dated 23rd April, 1926, from the Local Government Department, sanctioning the appointment, on probation, of Mr Noone, and suggesting that the Council entrust the checking of the rates to a more senior officer, was read, and the matter was left in the hands of the Secretary.

(8517.)

RATE COLLECTION.

Applications from Collectors P. J. Dunne and J. Confrey for payment of poundage at 8d on the full collection of rates for year ended March, 1926, were submitted and approved, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

A letter dated 27th April, 1926, from Collector Connolly, tendering his resignation as Collector of Poor Rate and asking for a further month's extension of time to enable him to close his current collection, was read, but the Council refused to consider Mr Connolly's resignation until he had completed his collection. The Council granted Collectors Connolly, O'Toole, Shinkins, and Cunningham, one month's extension of time up to 31st May, 1926, to enable them to close their respective collection accounts subject to the sanction of Local Government Department.

(8518.)

SOLICITORS' COSTS.

The Secretary submitted bills (2) of costs received from Messrs. Brown and McCann, Solicitors, on behalf of the former Naas No. 1 Rural District Council, together with requisitions to tax. The requisition to tax the Chancery costs having been sealed the Council directed the Secretary to instruct Mr Osborne, Solicitor, to attend on taxation, and the Secretary was directed to forward the bill of costs under the Labourers' Acts to Mr. M. Dawson, 20 Molesworth Street, Dublin, being the Officer appointed by the Local Government Department for the taxation of such costs.

Adjourned.

W. Shinkins
25/5/26

(8513.)

BARROW DRAINAGE

A letter dated 23rd January, 1926, from the Secretary, Laoighis County Council, transmitting resolution relative to the area of charge in connection with the repayment of cost connected with the Barrow Drainage scheme, was read, and after discussion, it was proposed by Mr Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr Michael Smyth, and resolved:—
"That the following Committee of the County Council be appointed to safeguard the interests of the County Kildare:—
Messrs. Colohan, T.D.; Conlan, T.D.; Phelan, Henderson, Smyth, Foley, Hanagan, Bergin, and Fitzsimons (Chairman).

(8514.)

SHELTER BELT AGREEMENTS.

Twenty-two agreements provisionally entered into with owners and occupiers of land by the County Committee of Agriculture, relative to the distribution of shelter belts, were submitted and signed by the Chairman.

(8515.)

PETROL PUMPS (FEES) REGULATIONS 1925.

The Secretary reported that a sum of £1 15s 9d each, was due by Mr S. E. Holmes, Monasterevan, and Mr P Young, Coneyborough, Calbridge, for fees due under above regulations for 1925 and 1926, and the Council ordered proceedings to be instituted for recovery of the sums named.

(8516.)

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Adjourned.

W. P. O'Sullivan
31/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA

—(a)—

Report of Conference of Representatives of County Council and the Urban Districts of Athy and Naas, held at the Courthouse, Naas, on Saturday, 1st day of May, 1926

Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons, Chairman, presiding; G. W. Henderson, Peter Keenan, Patrick Phelan, and Nicholas Travers attended on behalf of the County Council; Messrs. Richard Lowe and Thomas Lacy on behalf of the Naas Urban District Council, and Mr. James Foley on behalf of Athy Urban District Council.

Mr. John Rorke, County Surveyor; Mr. R. H. Hall, Town Surveyor, Naas; Mr. Bradley, Town Surveyor, Athy; Mr. J. Boyle, Town Clerk, Naas, and Mr. J. Lawler, Town Clerk, Athy, were also in attendance.
(8483).

The Chairman explained that this Conference had been called in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the County Council on 28th April, 1926, for the purpose of outlining an arrangement between the County Council and the Urban District Councils of Athy and Naas, in connection with the cleaning of the Main Roads in the respective Urban areas.

The matter having been discussed at length, it was the unanimous opinion of the Conference that the work of cleaning the Main Roads in the Urban areas should be carried out by the respective Urban Councils of Athy and Naas.

The basis upon which the Athy and Naas Urban District Councils should undertake the work of cleaning the Main Roads, was considered, and after a long discussion it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. G. W. Henderson, and unanimously resolved:—"That this Conference recommends the County Council to make a contribution of £100 per annum to the Naas Urban District Council for the cleansing of the following Main Roads, that is to say:—From Railway Bridge to Weighbridge at Fair Green, from Murtagh's Corner to Farrington's on Limerick Road, the Caragh Road to end of Cottages, from Poplar Square to Mill Lane, and from Poplar Square to Bridge on Friary Road."

"That this Conference recommends the Co. Council to make a further contribution of £100 per annum to the Athy Urban District Council for the cleansing of the following Main Roads, that is to say—From Model School to Fortbarrington Cross, from Mr. Flinter's to Duke Street, from Leinster Street to Prospect House, from Market Cross, Leinster Street, to Malt House, Rathsteward."

"The Conference hereby recommends the acceptance of the foregoing arrangement for one year."

W. Fitzsimons
31/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

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Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee held 5th May, 1926.

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Present.—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons, Chairman, presiding; P. J. Dunne, William Saults, and Hugh Colohan.

(8484.)

APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Payments from 1 to 76, in the Schedule of Applications for payment, were approved, and it was ordered that like payments be made in respect of salaries falling due monthly up to 1st July, 1926, by special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other payments as per the Chairman's copy were approved.

(8485.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts including the Subsidiary Account for Quarter ended 31st March, 1926, were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date. The Bank Book for the Subsidiary Account was also submitted and signed by the Chairman.

(8486.)

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The Committee ordered payment of poundage fees to Collectors who had closed their accounts on the 30th ultimo.

(8487.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 29th April, 1926, from Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan, Architects, enclosing account for £88 10s 0d, being first instalment of fees due to them in connection with the work of reconstructing Athy Courthouse, was read, and payment approved subject to the concurrence of the Local Government Department,

(8488.)

AFFORESTATION LOAN.

A letter dated 29th April, 1926, from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, enclosing bill of costs for £8 12s 6d due in connection with preparation of mortgage for loan of £3,387 for purchase of woodlands on the Leinster Estate, was read, and the Committee recommended payment of the bill without taxation, providing the Department approve of this course.

Adjourned.

M Fitzsimons

31/5/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 12th May, 1926.

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; James Cregan, Nicholas Travers, James Foley, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, P. J. Dunne, Peter Keenan, Robert Gannon, Andrew McNally, David Weld, William R. Ronaldson, George W. Henderson, Edward A. Coonan and John N. Greene.

(8489.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £1,761 6s 8d were submitted, approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8490.)

CLERK COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The Committee proceeded to consider whether any and what alterations should be made in the duties and salary of Clerk in the County Surveyor's Department, rendered vacant through the death of the late Mr J. J. O'Neill, and after discussion, the following recommendation was, on the motion of Mr Hugh Colohan, seconded by Mr. Edward A. Coonan and adopted:— "That Miss Mitchell be appointed Senior Clerk with an increase of 10s per week in her salary, and that Miss Behan, who has been temporarily employed, be appointed to the permanent position at a salary of £3 per week."

(8491.)

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Secretary reported that Mr. Vincent Noone, Naas, to whom a University Scholarship had been granted last year, had recently been appointed by the Council to the position of Rates Inspector, and discontinuing his University course, the Committee consequently decided not to pay any further instalment of the Scholarship to Mr. Noone.

(8492.)

TRUNK ROAD GRANT.

A letter dated 8th May, 1926, from the Local Government (Roads) Department intimating a grant of £6,625 to the Council for the improvement of trunk roads in

the county, was read, together with a letter dated 10th instant, from the County Surveyor suggesting the expenditure on portion of the grant on the completion of the road from Fontstown Cross to the Moat of Ardscull, and the Committee approved of the Surveyor's suggestion and directed that the County Surveyor should prepare a scheme for the expenditure of the full grant.

The meeting having expressed dissatisfaction at the small amount of grant (£6,625) allocated to this County out of a total of £250,000, or less than 1-37th, it was proposed by Mr Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr George W. Henderson, and resolved:— "That this Committee are not at all satisfied as to the amount of grant notified, (£6,625) and call upon the Ministry to allocate an additional £10,000 immediately to enable the Council in a small way, to cope with the large number of unemployed in the County. That this Committee would be glad to know how, or on what basis the allocation of the grant is made."

(8493.)

LERR DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Reference having been made to the condition of a Sand trap situate in the River Lerr the Secretary was directed to ask Mr L. J. Fullam, Engineer, to report to the Lerr Drainage Committee with regard to the condition of the Sand Trap.

(8494.)

PURCHASE OF GRAVEL PIT.

A letter dated 11th May, 1926, from the County Surveyor, recommending the purchase of a plot of ground at Caragh from Mr Robinson for £50 for the purpose of obtaining road material was read, and the Committee recommended the Council to purchase the land in question.

(8495.)

HAULAGE ROAD MATERIAL.

A letter dated 7th May, 1926, from the County Surveyor, enclosing tenders received for the haulage of road material, was read, and the Committee having carefully considered all the tenders accepted the lowest in each section. The accepted tenders were endorsed by the Chairman.

(8496.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 11th May, 1926, from the Local Government Department, asking to be informed of the terms on which the Clerk of Works is proposed to be engaged in connection with the reconstruction of Athy Courthouse, was read, and the Secretary was directed to inform the Department that the Clerk of Works is required in connection with the masonry work, for a period of about ten weeks—his remuneration not to exceed £50.

(8497.)

MOTOR LORRY.

A letter dated 11th May, 1926, from the County Surveyor referring to the necessity for a new Morris Lorry, was read, and the Committee decided to authorise the County Surveyor to purchase the required lorry on behalf of the Council.

(8498.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

A letter dated 11th May, 1926, from the Local Inspector under the Weights and Measures Acts, requesting the Council to provide him with motor transport in connection with the work of the general annual inspection, and enclosing tenders for this work from (1) Mr P Grehan, Naas, at 30s per day, and from Mr P Miley, Naas at 30s per day, or 6d per mile, was read, and the Committee approved of the provision of the motor transport and directed that the Inspector should give to Mr Grehan and to Mr Miley each an equal share of the work.

(8499.)
RATE COLLECTION

A letter dated 8th May, 1926, from the Local Government Department stating that the Collectors who had not closed their accounts should be called upon forthwith to do so and if they fail to do so, their sureties should be required to make good the amounts was read, and the Secretary reported he had written to the Collectors in accordance with the Department's instructions, and submitted a letter dated 11th May, 1926, from Collector Connolly asking that the Department be asked to reconsider the extension applied for by him to 31st May, in view of the large and poor district he has to collect.

(8500.)

POUNDAGE OF COLLECTORS.

Following the consideration of applications from Collectors Gannon, Kearns, Confrey, and O'Connor (Joseph) for payment of poundage at 8d, on the year's collection to 31st March, 1926, the Committee approved of same subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department and the Committee also approved of payment of poundage to Collectors M Shinkins and Joseph O'Connor withheld from the first moiety.

(8501.)

RATES DUE BY MR. P. J. KELLY.

A letter dated 11th May, 1926, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, relative to rates amounting to £129 9s 2d, due by Mr P J Kelly, Kiltaghan, and advising that one year's rates are preferential payments under the Bankruptcy Act, 1889, was read, and the Committee decided not to proceed for judgment mortgages against Mr Kelly.

Adjourned.

W. Fitzmaurice
9/8/26

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 26th May, 1926.

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), Hugh Colohan, Nicholas Travers, Peter Keenan, Robert Gannon, Patrick Phe-lan, John Conlan, William E. H. Fawcett, David Weld, Patrick J. Dunne, Michael Smyth, George W. Henderson, Edward A. Coonan, Andrew McNally, and James Foley.

(8502.)

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £2,087 15s. 8d. were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8503.)

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEME.

A letter dated 11th May, 1926, from the Secretary, I.T. and G.W.U., Naas, applying for an allowance of 1s. per day for men engaged on work of road tarring, was read, and after discussion the following order was made: "The County Surveyor to report when work completed and suggest what would be fair."

(8504.)

RATE COLLECTION.

Applications from Collectors James O'Connor, Michael Cunningham, and H. J. Kearns for payment of poundage at 8d., were submitted, and approved, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

Correspondence from Collector C. O'Toole, stating he had lodged the amount of his warrant, £1,563 16s. 11d., on 30th April, and that he did not accept responsibility for the lodgment of £186 16s. 7d., arrears of rate carried forward, was read, together with a letter dated 22nd. May, 1926, from the Local Government Department, stating that Collector O'Toole should be called upon to lodge amount outstanding immediately, when it was decided to apply to Collector O'Toole and Sureties to lodge the outstanding sum.

Collector Connolly attended before the Meeting and stated he would close his collection on 31st. instant.

The Committee fixed Athy, Naas, and Kilcock, as centres for the checking of the accounts of the Rate Collectors in future.

(8505.)

HAULAGE OF ROAD MATERIAL.

A letter dated 18th May, 1926, from the County Surveyor, referring to tenders accepted by the Committee for haulage of road material and pointing out certain anomalies in connection therewith, and asking that same be rectified, was read, when it was decided to authorise the County Surveyor to settle matters in accordance with his own views.

A letter dated 6th May, 1926, from Mr. J. Hayden, applying for haulage work was read and referred to the County Surveyor.

(8506.)

COUNTY INSURANCES.

A letter dated 14th December, 1925, from the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council (which was referred to the Committee by the County Council) relative to the question of insurances effected by Public Odies, was read and the Committee decided to make no change for the present.

(8507.)

ROAD IMPROVEMENT LOAN.

A letter dated 21st May, 1926, from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., enclosing bill of costs of £17 12s. 6d., in connection with the preparation of Deed of Charge for loan of £10,000 for works of road improvement, was read, and payment recommended, without taxation, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

(8508.)

NEW MORRIS LORRY.

A letter dated 14th May, 1926, from the Local Government (Roads) Department, relative to loan of £1,000 for purchase of road machinery, and asking for particulars of plant now proposed to be purchased, was read, and the Secretary stated that he had furnished the required particulars.

The Committee ordered payment for amount due in connection with the new Morris Lorry.

(8509.)

HOLIDAYS.

A letter dated 22nd May, 1926, from Mr. P. J. Field, Accountant, applying for three weeks' holidays from 19th June, 1926, was submitted and approved.

(8510.)

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) BILL.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth and resolved:—
“That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Kildare County Council, while not objecting to the principle of qualifying examination for candidates taking office under Local Bodies as proposed by the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Bill, at present before the Dail, we strongly protest against the attempt to deprive such public

bodies of the right of selection of properly qualified applicants, which right was conferred on such bodies by the Local Government Act, 1898, and which in the case of County Kildare has been exercised in the public interest, and free from taint of jobbery or corruption.”

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the foregoing resolution to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to Mr. George Wolfe, T.D., for County Kildare.

Adjourned.

Mr. Michael Smyth
18/8/81

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLI-DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of County Council held 31st May, 1926.

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Present:—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; James Behan, Thomas Corcoran, George W. Henderson, James Foley, John N. Greene, Patrick Phelan, Andrew McNally, David Weld, W. E. H. Fawcett, Thomas Murphy, Edward O'Reilly, Nicholas Hanagan, Patrick J. Dunne, Bertram H. Barton, E. A. Coonan, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, Robert Gannon, and Peter Keenan.

(8520)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Hugh Colohan, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meeting of County Council held on the 22nd February, 16th March and 28th April, copy of which had been sent to each member, be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

Proposed by Mr. Hugh Colohan, seconded by Mr. E. A. Coonan, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held on the 3rd, 16th and 31st March, 14th and 28th April, 5th and 12th May, copy of which had been sent to each member, be taken as read and confirmed."

(8521.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipts and Expenditure Books for Quarter ended 31st March, 1926, were submitted and signed by the Chairman, and the following books were produced by the Secretary written up to date (1) General Ledger, (2) Register of Mortgagees, (3) Register of Separate Charges, (4) Register of Applications and Proposals, (5) Abstract of Collectors' Lodgments, (6) Reports from Deputies (Form 62) re Checking Collectors' Accounts.

(8522.)

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Nicholas Travers, seconded by Mr. E. H. W. Fawcett, and resolved—"That all payments recommended by the Finance Committee for County-at-Large Charges be and are hereby approved."

(8523.)

PAYMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Proposed by Mr. Robert Gannon, seconded by Mr. Thomas Murphy, and resolved—"That all payments recommended by the Finance Committee in respect of expenses under the Drainage Acts be and are hereby approved, same to be charged against the respective Districts as shown in the Abstract of Proposals for Payment."

(8524.)

SHEEP DIP.

A letter dated 26th May, 1926, from Mr. J. A. Burke, Cork, asking the Council to purchase "Burke's Irish Sheep Dip" for their requirements, was read, and the Council decided to make no change in the dip at present used at the Sheep Dipping Station, Ballymanny.

(8525.)

NEW RATE.

Proposed by Mr. Hugh Colohan, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved—"That the General Rate (including 1d. in the £ off the County-at-Large (Urban Districts included) under the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889-91, and a further sum of £523 (Urban Districts excluded) under the Agricultural and Technical Act, 1889, and Rate for Separate Charges, chargeable to the under-mentioned Areas be as follows:—

COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT OF KILDARE.

	To be levied on other Hereditament	Sums deducted in respect of the Agricultural Grant.	To be levied on Agricultural Land.
	Pence	Pence.	Pence.
In respect of Roads ...	36-8700	9-8054	27-0646
In respect of County Services ...	13-4791	5-782	7-5009
In respect of Health District Charges ...	1-3235	3517	9718
In respect of Poor Relief ...	50-5548	11-0644	36-4904
Total ...	102-2274	30-1997	7-027
Rate agreed to ...	(8s. 6d.)		6s. 0d.)

And whereas certain separate charges are chargeable on the Areas or Contributory Places hereunder mentioned, the following Special Poundage Rates have been added to the poor Rates above-mentioned for the payment of such separate charges, and the same form part of, and will be collected with, the above general Poor Rate:—

No.	Name of Special Area or Contributory Place	Purpose or Name of Charge	Special Poundage Rates
	County at Large ...	Criminal Injury, Damage to Property Act ...	6½d. in the £
	Electoral Division of Kill ...	Criminal Injury ...	1d. in the £
	Athy No. 1 (except Electoral Division of Ballytore, Carrigeen and Graney) ...	Union Officers Pensions ...	2d. in the £
	Electoral Divisions of Ballytore, Carrigeen and Graney ...	Union Officers Pensions ...	2½d. in the £
A 1	Athy No. 1 Rural District ...	Special Sanitary Expenses ...	1d. in the £
A 2	Townlands of Monasterevan and Moore Abbey Demesne ...	Monasterevan Lighting ...	10½d. in the £
E 1	Edenderry No. 2 Rural District ...	Sanitary Expenses ...	2½d. in the £
N. 1	Electoral Division of Naas Rural ...	Naas Cemetery, Sewerage and Water Works ...	2½d. in the £
N. 2	Electoral Divisions of Newbridge Rural and Urban, Morristownbiller and Old Connell ...	Newbridge Cemetery and Sewerage ...	1s. 2½ in the £
N. 6	Electoral Division of Newbridge Urban ...	Newbridge Waterworks ...	2s 6½d in the £
N. 7	Townlands of Kildare, Coolaghknock Glebe, Whitesland East, Curragh Farm, Bishopsland, Crockanure Glebe, South Green, Loughminane, Knockshough Glebe, Loughlion, Grey Abbey, in the Parish of Kildare; part of the Townlands of Tully West and Tully East ...	Kildare Electric Lighting ...	1s. 3d. in the £
N. 8	Electoral Divisions of Feighcullen, Kilmeague North and South, Rathernan, and Robertstown ...	Kilmeague Sewerage and Robertstown District Pumps ...	Nil.
N. 9	Electoral Divisions of Bodinstown, Clane, Downings, Timahoe North and South, Caragh, Donore, Killashee, Ladytown, and Naas Rural ...	Sallins Water and Sewerage ...	3d. in the £
N. 10	Electoral Divisions of Ballysax East, Carnalway, Giltown, Kilcullen & Usk ...	Kilcullen Sewerage ...	2½d. in the £
N. 11	Electoral Division of Kildare ...	Kildare Sanitary Convenience ...	No Rate
N. 12	Electoral Divisions of Ballymore-Eustace and Newtown ...	Ballymore District Pumps ...	4d. in the £
N. 13	Electoral Divisions of Bodinstown, Clane, Downings, Timahoe North and Timahoe South ...	Clane District Pumps ...	No Rate
N. 14	Electoral Divisions of Ballysax West, Dunmurry, Kildare, and Pollardstown ...	Kildare Waterworks, Sewerage and Pumps ...	2s. 7½d in the £
N. 15	Electoral Divisions of Caragh, Donore, Killashee, Ladytown, and Naas Rural ...	Naas District Pumps ...	1½d. in the £
N. 16	Electoral Divisions of Kill Killeel, Oughterard and Rathmore ...	Rathmore District Pumps ...	¾d. in the £

(8526.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. W. E. H. Fawcett, and resolved:—

"That Messrs. Dunne, Keenan and Weld be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents, in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council meeting, viz.—86 Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants," and Requisition to tax Solicitor's Bill of Costs

(8527.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor's Report as follows was read:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

I have the honour to report during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1926, the expenditure on ordinary maintenance of roads amounted to £7,498 1s 4d, which I certified to Finance Committee for Direct Labour.

In addition there has been expended during the same period out of Loan for improvement the sum of £3,263 7s 10d, and on Relief Grants (Works Nos. K. 336 and 338) the sums of £2,200 0s 5d and £2,000 2s 9d, respectively, or a total expenditure for Quarter on Maintenance, Loan and Grant Works of £14,961 12s 4d.

I have prepared and forwarded the necessary documents (specifications, map, drawings, estimates, etc.) required by Roads Department in connection with their grant of £6,625 for road improvement. These required more office work than on previous occasions owing to statistical information regarding each road section to be treated being demanded for the first time. I hope the works may be finally sanctioned before the season is very much further advanced.

I have been given to understand that the larger grant recently foreshadowed will be confined to superior and expensive work on short sections of one Trunk road, viz., Dublin, Naas, Monasterevan. This has a total length of about 30 miles. The question of a proper road policy is a difficult one, but it is regrettable that so small a mileage of the important roads in this county, subject to the traffic of motor vehicles, will be able to benefit from the tax derived from motor owners. It is beginning to be obvious that there is little use in keeping expensive machinery to steam-roll roads unless these are afterwards at least sprayed with tar compounds which, apparently Local Authorities will have to provide in increasing quantities out of their own resources.

It would be helpful to me if a small Committee of the Council could find time to inspect Trunk roads with me to agree if possible as to the policy advisable in regard to high-class and expensive new treatment that may be demanded in the future.

Some portions of the Trunk road referred to (e.g., the portion at Naas) are certainly in rather inferior condition, and I consider the cost of general Tar Spraying now would be unjustified if they are to be treated a short time after to something even more expensive; at the same time a large quantity of tar and gravel have to be used daily to repair depressions of potholes.

In view of the above the question of street openings for gas, sewer, and water pipes ought, if possible, to be settled to avoid the destruction of some costly form of road surfacing, perhaps, immediately after it is laid.

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN RORKE,

County Surveyor.

21st May, 1926.

(8528.)

TRUNK ROAD GRANT.

A letter dated 27th May, 1926, from Local Government (Roads) Department stating that the recent grant of £250,000 was allocated to the several Road Authorities on the basis of population, etc., was read.

With regard to the future grant it was proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. Nicholas ravers, and resolved:—"That the Council desire to express the opinion that in allocating their share of the £2,000,000 grant the maintenance of 265 miles of main roads should be allowed for to a reasonable extent in view of the necessity of at least tar painting same."

(8529.)

ROAD MACHINERY.

A letter dated 29th May, 1926, from Local Government (Roads) Department asking for particulars of road machinery and gravel pits proposed to be purchased out of loan, was read, and referred to the County Surveyor with a view to his supplying the required information.

(8530.)

PURCHASE OF GRAVEL PIT.

Proposed by Mr. E. A. Coonan, seconded by Mr. George W. Henderson, and resolved "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as embodied in Minute No. 8494 of meeting held on 12th May, 1926, relative to the purchase of a gravel pit from Mr. Robson, of Caragh, be and is hereby approved, and that our Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps in connection with the completion of Deed of Transfer."

(8531.)

URBAN MAIN ROADS.

Proposed by Mr. John Conlan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth, and resolved—"That the recommendation embodied in report of Conference of representatives of County Councils and the Urban District Councils of Athy and Naas, relative to the cleansing of main roads in the Urban areas, be approved, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department."

(8532.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE STAFF.

The Council proceeded to consider the recommendation adopted by the Finance Committee at meeting held on 12th May, 1926, and also a letter dated 18th May, 1926, from the Local Government (Roads) Department relative to the staffing of the County Surveyor's Office, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to make no change in remuneration or otherwise as respects Miss Mitchell's present position, and it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth, and resolved—"That Miss Bridget Behan be appointed clerical assistant in the County Surveyor's Office at a remuneration of £2 10s 0d per week, and that the sanction of the Local Government Department be requested to this appointment."

The Secretary was directed to inform the Department that Miss Behan secured employment in the County Surveyor's Office as the result of an open competitive examination

(8533.)

MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to notice it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Nicholas Hanagan:—"That Mr. James Bergin be appointed a member of the Joint Committee for Carlow Mental Hospital in room of Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, resigned."

It was further proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. James Foley—"That Mr. James Cregan be appointed a member of the Committee."

On a show of hands the following members voted for Mr. Bergin, viz.—Messrs. Gannon, Parten, Coonan, Henderson, McNally, Murphy, Greene, Phelan, Hanagan, Fawcett and the Chairman—11.

The following voted for Mr. Cregan:—Messrs. Coreoran, O'Reilly, Weld, Dunne, Keenan, Colohan, Travers, Foley, Smyth and Phelan—10.

The Chairman declared Mr. Bergin elected.

(8534.)

DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

In accordance with notice it was proposed by Mr. E. A. Coonan, seconded by Mr. Geo. W. Henderson, and resolved:—"That the maintenance works on the Baltracey, Connell, and Kildare Districts be carried out in future by contract."

Following a very full discussion it was decided that no expenditure be incurred on Baltracey District this year; to summon a meeting of the Committee for each of the other Drainage Districts for Wednesday, 9th June, 1926, to consider the matter, and the Secretary was directed to insert a notice in the Press inviting ratepayers to attend the meeting.

The following order was made by the Council—"Collectors to be notified to collect all outstanding Drainage Rates, failing this the Council will consider the advisability of appointing independent collectors."

(8535.)

HOUSING GRANTS.

In pursuance of notice it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. W. E. H. Fawcett, and resolved—"That no grant under the Council's Housing Scheme be paid to any applicant unless such applicant has duly discharged all liabilities in respect of Poor Rate to date."

(8536.)

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) BILL.

Proposed by Mr. E. A. Coonan, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved, Messrs. Hanagan and Coreoran dissenting:—"That we emphatically condemn the action of the Government in introducing a Bill depriving the representatives of the people from appointment of their officials. We consider same open to the gravest intrigue and irregularity, and further we consider that the Government should in future pay all their nominees instead of the county representatives whom they intend to deprive of their prerogative."

(8537.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. George W. Henderson moved pursuant to notice, and Mr. John N. Greene seconded—"That the County Council appoint Committees of its members to discharge the duties of Finance Committee and also Roads Committee."

After discussion Mr. Henderson withdrew his motion.

(8538.)

ROADS.

Notice having been given, it was proposed by Mr. George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Andrew McNally, and resolved—"That the County Surveyor be directed to prepare a list of the County Roads that have not been steam rolled."

(8539.)

ATHY CANAL BRIDGE.

Pursuant to notice it was proposed by Mr. George W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Thos. Corcoran, and resolved—"That the County Surveyor be asked to prepare plans to alter the Canal Bridge at the Fever Hospital, Athy, to make it suitable for present traffic, and that the Secretary be directed to write to the Canal Company."

(8540.)

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Following the consideration of a letter dated 27th April, 1926, from Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, it was proposed by Mr. Michael Smyth, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved:—"That the resignation of Mr. W. R. Ronaldson from membership of the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee be accepted, and that Mr. Travers be appointed a member of the Committee in room of Mr. Ronaldson."

(8541.)

RESIGNATION FROM COMMITTEES.

A letter dated 28th April, 1926, from Ven. Archdeacon Johnston resigning his membership of the County Committee of Agriculture, the Carlow Mental Hospital Committee, and Athy School Attendance Committee, was read, and the resignation accepted with regret. The question of filling the vacancies on the Committee was adjourned to next meeting.

(8542.)

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1926.

Applications from the following for permission to compete for Scholarships to be awarded under the Council's University Scheme were approved:—1, Thomas Higgins, Christian Schools, Naas; 2, John Norton, Christian Schools, Naas; 3, Patrick Murphy, 14 Rowan Terrace, Newbridge, Co. Kildare; 4, Edward Lawler, 3, Woodstock St., Athy; 5, George M. Heffernan, 42, Duke St., Athy; 6, John Bergin, Offaly St., Athy.

An application dated 18th May, 1926, from Mr. Denis Candy, for an extension of his University Scholarship for a fourth year, was read and consideration adjourned until the August Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

(8543.)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Secretary submitted 43 applications from candidates for permission to compete at the forthcoming examination for the award of Scholarships under the Council's Secondary Schools Scholarships Scheme for 1926. The Council went carefully through the applications and rejected the application of Miss A. M. Galvin, Ballymadeer, and Mr. M. J. Brennan, Green Road, Kildare, on the grounds that these applicants were over the prescribed age. The following were approved of:—Barrett, Vincent, Shamrock, Athy; Bodley, Desmond, Prospect House, Athy; Bourke, Robert, Cadamstown, Moyvalley; Bourke, William, Cadamstown, Moyvalley; Brennan, Jos. C., Dublin Road, Naas; Carbery, Daniel J., Railway Road, Kildare; Coyne, Mary J., Leinster St., Maynooth; Daly, Thomas, Gleamore Cottage, Kildare; Donoghue, Mary F., Lowtown, Robertstown, Naas; Dowling, May, Ticknevin, Carbury; Doyle, Michael, Tinakill, Kilmead; Danne, Michael G., Dowdstown, Maynooth; Egan, Charles, Coole, Monasterevan; Fahy, Emmet Sean, 31, St. David's Terrace, Naas; Faichney, Chas. A., Ivydene, Kildare; Fleming, Kate, Meeting Lane, Athy; Flood, Margaret, Gebble Hill, Maynooth; Forde, Michael, Cowpasture, Monasterevan; Fullam, Peter, The Bungalow, Sallius; Gibson, Thomas R., 41, South Main St., Naas; Hamilton, Fras. H., 16, Maddenstown Terrace, Carragh; Hyland, Hugh, 56, Leinster Street, Athy; Kearin, Timothy, 6, Cleamore Terrace, Kildare; Kelly, Marcella, Newtown, Celbridge; Kennedy, Michael, Newtown, Rathbride, Kildare; Lane, Patrick L., Main Street, Leixlip; Malone, Julia, Derrinturn, Carbury; Mara, Catherine, Duke Street, Athy; Maloney, Therese E., Main Street, Leixlip; Monahan, Brian, Clonough, Johnstown-bridge; Moore, Christina, Allenwood, Robertstown; McArde, Frank, 9, William Street, Athy; McNally, Margaret M., Convent Lane, Athy; O'Gorman, Patrick, Duke Street, Athy; O'Shea, Bernard, Railway House, Naas; O'Toole, John A., Main St., Maynooth; Power, Edward, French Furze, Carragh; Prendergast, Peter A., Leinster St., Athy; Swift-Donnelly, Patrick, Market Square, Kildare; Walshe, Ellen Mary, Straffan Village; Webb, John, Chapel Hill, Athy; Whelan, Thomas F. C., Moatville, Naas; Young, Nora E., Coneyboro, Celbridge.

(8544.)

EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES.

The following was submitted:—

Minutes of Meeting of Committee appointed by the County Council at meeting held on 22nd February, 1926.

Meeting held on 26th May, 1926.

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Edward A. Coonan and Patrick Phelan.

The Committee were appointed to inquire into and report to the Council on the working of the County Educational Schemes under the following headings:—

- (a) The benefits, if any, to the County.
- (b) The result of the last five years as to how far the County has been benefited by those who had University or Secondary education at the expense of the Council.
- (c) What is being done at present by those receiving benefits under the present schemes, and their names, residences and standing of their parents.
- (d) The cost of the present scheme and what supervision there is over those receiving grants, and as to their continuance.
- (e) Suggestions, alterations or continuance of the present system.

The Committee after having carefully considered the question of the Education schemes together with relative data prepared by the Secretary, adopted the following report:—

"The Committee are of opinion that the County has benefited none or very little in consequence of the assistance afforded by the University and Secondary Scholarship Schemes.

"The Committee find that a sum of £5,220 has been expended, for the past fifteen years on the education of University Scholars, and a sum of £1,140 has been expended on Secondary Scholarships since the adoption of the Scheme. The University College and the Secondary Schools supervise the Scholars receiving grants under the respective schemes, and report annually to the Council.

"The Committee recommend that the University Scheme, for the present, be limited to one Scholarship in Agriculture, and that the Secondary Scholarships be increased from eight at present to ten in future."

The Council having considered the foregoing approved of the recommendation of the Committee as embodied in the final paragraph, and directed that same should take effect from 1927.

(8545.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE

A letter dated 29th April, 1926, from the Hon. Secretary, New Hall, Castledermot, refusing to allow the premises to be used for court purposes, was read, together with correspondence from the Clerk, District Court, Athy, suggesting that with some structural alterations a disused shop the property of Mr Hugh Byrne, Castledermot, could be made suitable, when the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

(8546.)

COUNTY INSURANCES.

A letter dated 15th May, 1926 from the Secretary Irish National Assurance Co., soliciting the transaction of the Council's insurance business, was read, and it was decided to allow the business to remain with the Hibernian Insurance Company.

A letter dated 27th May, 1926, from the Secretary, Irish Public Bodies' Insurance Committee, relative to Insurances of Public Bodies, was read.

(8547.)

SHEEP DIPPING (IRELAND) ORDER.

A circular letter dated 17th May, 1926, from the Department of Agriculture, relative to sheep dipping operations during the forthcoming season, was read, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the assistance of the Civic Guards was being solicited, as heretofore, with a view to securing the effective working of the Order.

(8548.)

RIATHANGAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

A letter dated 18th May, 1926, from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, regarding an overdraft of £850, on the account of the Rathangan Drainage District Committee, was read, when it was ordered that proceedings be instituted against all defaulting ratepayers on above District.

A letter dated 17th May, 1926, from the Secretary, County Kildare Farmers' Union, asking for a list of defaulting ratepayers on above district, was read, and the Secretary was directed to supply the required list.

The Secretary submitted a petition from Ratepayers on the Rathangan Drainage District asking that the existing area be extended so as to embrace lands near Allenwood, was read and referred to the County Surveyor for report.

(8549.)

DROICHEAD NUA COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 8th May, 1926, from the Town Clerk, Droichead Nua, asking that the work of repairs to the Courthouse be completed, and that an external entrance to the Courtroom be erected, was read, and referred to the County Surveyor for report.

(8550.)

LIFFEY BRIDGE.

A letter dated 13th May, 1926, from the Town Clerk, Droichead Nua, forwarding resolution urging the alteration of the Liffey Bridge at Newbridge, was read, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the County Surveyor was dealing with this matter.

(8551.)

ROAD SIGNS.

A letter dated 28th April, 1926, from the Local Government (Roads) Department, setting out the conditions on which the Grant for the erection of Road Signs will be available, was read and approved.

(8552.)

RATES' INSPECTOR.

A letter dated 22nd May, 1926, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, relative to the assignment to the Rates' Inspector, the duty of checking the accounts of the Collectors of Rents and Burial Fees, etc., was read, and no order made thereon.

(8553.)

COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter dated 15th May, 1926, from the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, transmitting a return relative to travelling expenses of members of his Committee, and a resolution on the subject of the extent of the membership of the Committee, was read and approved.

(8554.)

LEINSTER ESTATE WOODS.

A letter dated 18th May, 1926, from the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, explaining the delay in the execution of the Deed of Conveyance in connection with the purchase of woodlands on the Leinster Estate, was read.

(8555.)

CELBRIDGE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

Following the consideration of a letter dated 12th May, 1926, from the Secretary, Celbridge No. 1 Rural District School Attendance Committee, intimating the resignation of Mr James O'Connor, the Council appointed Rev. Michael Togher, C.C., Leixlip, a member of the Committee in room of Mr. O'Connor.

(8556.)

CATTLE DRIVING AT NIGHT.

A letter dated 3rd May, 1926, from the Secretary of the Local Government (Roads) Department, acknowledging receipt of resolution adopted by the County Council regarding the danger to the public arising from driving of cattle on roads after dark, and stating that the resolution did not appear to be generally adopted by the County Councils, was read.

(8557.)

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter dated 23rd April, 1926, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, enclosing statement of receipts and payments for year ended 31st March, 1926, was read.

(8558.)

HOUSING SCHEME.

A letter dated 19th May, 1926, from Mrs. B. Moran, asking the Council to supplement the Grant made to her by a loan, for the erection of a New House, was read, but the Council refused to advance any loan.

(8559.)

CELBRIDGE WORKHOUSE.

A letter dated 1st April, 1926, from Mr. J. N. Wardell, Auctioneer, enclosing cheque for £6, balance of rent due by Mr. James Lee for letting of lands attached to Celbridge Workhouse, and asking if Mr. Lee can have the lands for the ensuing eleven months, was read, and it was decided to postpone the matter till his time expires.

The Secretary was directed to instruct Mr. Lee to formally take over the lands let to the Football Club, and to obtain payment of the rent due by the Club.

(8560.)

KILCULLENBRIDGE ELECTORS.

A letter dated 15th April, 1926, from the Local Government Department stating that no objection will be raised to the proposal to allow the Voters in the townland of Kilcullenbridge to vote at Kilcullen instead of at Carnalway, was read, and considered satisfactory.

(8561.)

DELEGATES.

A letter dated March, 1926, from the Secretary, National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis, asking the Council to appoint Delegates to Annual Conference of the Association to be held in Glasgow in July, 1926, was read, but no order was made thereon.