

COMHAIBLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Special Meeting of County Council, held on 4th July, 1927.

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Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Patrick Phelan, John Conlan, Edward Coonan, George W. Henderson, Thomas Murphy, James Flynn, Robert Gannon, William E. H. Fawcett, Hugh Colohan, T.D.; Nicholas Travers, Peter Keenan, Thomas Corcoran, James Foley, Patrick J. Dunne, William Ronaldson and James Bergin.

Dr. Sterling Berry, Local Government Inspector, was also present.

(8938.)

CORONER'S DISTRICTS.

A letter dated 13th June, 1927, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requiring the County Council to adopt a temporary scheme for the amalgamation of the Northern and Southern areas of the County and allowing Dr. O'Neill a temporary addition of £60 per annum to his existing salary of £90.

The Council agreed to the suggestion of the Department that the Districts be amalgamated for one year, and that Dr. O'Neill's salary be fixed at £150 for the whole county for twelve months.

(8939.)

CORONER'S EXPENSES.

A letter dated 9th June, 1927, from Department of Local Government and Public Health was read, intimating the Minister's intention to authorise the payment of Medical Witnesses' expenses at inquests direct through the Subsidiary Account on the Coroner's Certificate if the Council so wishes. The Council approved of the proposal of the Department.

(8940.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE.

The Council proceeded to consider tenders for the Insurance of Athy Courthouse against fire. Quotations were received from ten Companies. The Hibernian, Atlas and Fine Art Insurance Companies were the lowest at £2 7s. 9d. each, on condition that the insurance be continued for a period of five years, and that no dramatic performances be held in the building. It was proposed by Mr. John Conlan, seconded by Mr. Nicholas Travers, and resolved: "That the quotation of the Hibernian Insurance Company be accepted."

(8941.)

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Dr. Sterling Berry, Medical Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, attended the Meeting and explained to the Council the amount of recoupment that will be obtainable in respect of that portion of the officer's salary allocated to School Inspection and also travelling expenses.

The amount of salary in respect of School Inspection would be £200, of which £100 would be recouped to the Council, also half of the traveling expenses incurred in respect of School Inspection.

It was proposed by Mr. Thomas Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Nicholas Travers, and resolved—"That the travelling expenses of the County Medical Officer of Health are not to exceed £200 per annum.

(8943.)

INSURANCE GRANT WORK.

The Council decided to continue the Insurance of Road Workers on Grant Work with the Hibernian Insurance Company.

(8943.)

REFUND OF RATES.

Mr. Charles C. Palmer wrote requesting a refund of rates paid by him for period ended 31st March, 1926, on property which was sold to the Land Commission on 2nd March, 1926. The Council decided that they had no power to make a refund of the rates.

(8944.)

MRS. REID.

Mrs. Reid, Moyvalley, wrote asking permission to erect a railing in front of her residence at Moyvalley. The Council granted permission subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(8945.)

RENT—CELBRIDGE WORKHOUSE

A letter dated 21st June, 1927, was read from Mr. F. Shortt, Clerk, Celbridge No. 2 District Council, declining to pay rent for Office accommodation in Celbridge Workhouse premises. The Council decided to insist on the rent being paid.

(8946.)

CARBURY MILL STREAM.

A letter dated 11th June, 1927, was read from the Office of Public Works, intimating that the Carbury Mill Stream Drainage District was in a neglected condition and that the Public Works Department were about to restore it and hand it over to the County Council. The Council adjourned consideration of the letter to next meeting.

(8947.)

GRATUITY TO MR. WM. MURRAY.

The Office of National Education wrote re letter dated 15th June, 1927, stating that the eligibility of Mr. William Murray for a gratuity under the Education Act, 1926, was not one for the Department. The Council made no order on the matter.

(8948.)

CONTRACTS SEALED.

It was proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Smyth, and resolved:—“That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the following documents in the presence of the Council:—(1) Lease of Gravel Pit at Caragh, (2) Bonds of Messrs. Wimpey and Co.

(8949.)

CRIMINAL INJURY.

Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, wrote stating that the Circuit Court had awarded £19 compensation to the Grand Canal Company, and £40 to John Tracy in respect of the burning of a thatched dwellinghouse. He advised an appeal in the latter case, as there was no evidence of malice. A letter was also read from Mr. Wm. Wilson, Co.C., advising an appeal.

The Council decided to appeal in the latter case.

(8950.)

HARRISTOWN COMMONS.

A letter dated 4th July, 1927, was read from Mr. John Clarke on behalf of the graziers of Harristown Common, requesting permission to erect a barbed wire fence on the roadside across the Commons in order to keep stock from trespassing on the roads.

The Council could not approve of barbed wire, but would consent to any other class of fence if approved of by the County Surveyor.

(8951.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

The Council granted permission to Chief Superintendent O'Neill to purchase one dozen Stencil Plates for use by the Inspector of Weights and Measures.

(8952.)

COW PARK AT MULLAGHMAST.

Mr. Henderson reported that Mr. Flynn and himself had met the Land Commission representative and taken over possession of the Mullaghmast Cow Park on behalf of the Council, and made arrangements with the tenants for the grazing of it, etc.

(8953.)

GRAZING AT CELBRIDGE WORKHOUSE.

Mr. James Lee, Celbridge, wrote asking what price the Council would take for one of the Meadow Plots at Celbridge Workhouse.

The Council decided to ask Mr. Wardell to let the Plots at the best price he could get.

(8954.)

COLLECTOR'S POUNDAGE.

Collector Joseph A. O'Connor wrote requesting the Council to be allowed Poundage at 3d in the £ on the amount of his warrant for period ended 30th September last.

The Council decided to pay subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

(8955.)

INTEREST ON OVERDRAFT.

The Manager, Hibernian Bank, reported that the amount of interest on debit balance of the Council for the half-year ended 30th June amounted to £574 6s. 8d. which had been debited to the Main Account.

Adjourned

Wm. Flynn
29/8/27

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 6th July, 1927.

Present:—Messrs. Patrick Phelan, William E. H. Fawcett, Nicholas Travers, Michael Smyth, Thomas Murphy, David Weld, and James Bergin.

(8759.)

CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Fawcett proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded, and it was unanimously resolved: "That Mr. Phelan be elected Chairman of the Meeting.

(8760.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £9,378 3s 4d were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8761.)

SALARY OF MR. COSGROVE, V.S.

The Secretary was directed to ask the Department of Lands and Agriculture to continue the present arrangement with regard to the salary of Mr. Cosgrove, V.S., under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

(8762.)

SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME.

Correspondence was received from the Department of Lands and Agriculture and Committee of Agriculture, Wicklow, re Sheep-Dipping arrangements. Consideration of the matter was adjourned to next Meeting.

(8763.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

The Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, Treasurer of the Rathangan Drainage Committee, wrote requesting payment of £49 9s 6d interest on overdraft to 30th June. Payment was recommended.

Adjourned.

U. Fitzsimons
10/8/27

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA

Minutes of Finance Meeting of County Council held on 20th July, 1927.

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), Presiding; William E. H. Lawcett, John Conlan, Edward A. Coonan, Bertram H. Barton, Andrew McNally, Nicholas Travers, Patrick J. Dunne and David Weld.

(8764.)

MURDER OF MR. O'HIGGINS.

Proposed by Mr. Conlan, seconded by Mr. Mr. Edward Coonan and carried unanimously—"That we hereby express our utter abhorrence of the cruel murder of Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice, and stigmatise it as a crime which merits the denunciation of every right thinking member of the community; that we regard his taking off in the plenitude of his powers as a loss which will not easily be made good, we desire to assure Mrs. O'Higgins of our profound sympathy in the direful affliction with which she has been visited, and also to commiserate President Cosgrove and his other colleagues on the severe blow they have sustained through his death."

(8765.)

GRAVEL PIT.

Col. Graham came before the Council with reference to payment for surface damage done to gravel pit on Bury estate. It was decided that the Arbitrators appointed by the District Justice should meet on 23rd instant, and assess compensation. Mr. Fullam, Assistant County Surveyor, to attend.

(8766.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications from County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £2,343 16s 5d were approved and ordered to be paid out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8767.)

INSURANCE OF DRIVERS OF ROLLERS

The Secretary reported that the employees' share of insurance had never been deducted from the wages of Drivers of Steam Rollers and Flagmen, and that the Auditor said this course was illegal. The Committee directed that the appropriate deduction be made from the wages in future.

(8768.)

SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME.

A letter dated 31st May, 1927, from the Department of Agriculture re Sheep Dipping Scheme was further considered, also letter from Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, Wicklow, enclosing particulars of the scheme in force in that County. The Secretary was directed to submit a simi-

lar scheme to the Committee of Agriculture of Kildare with a view of having it adopted.

(8769.)

INSURANCE OF STEAM ROLLERS, ETC.

The Irish Public Bodies Mutual Assurance Co., Ltd., wrote quoting on behalf of the New Ireland Insurance Co., for the insurance of Steam Rollers, Boilers, etc. On the motion of Mr. Edward Coonan, seconded by Mr. David Weld, it was decided to continue the insurance with the Hibernian and Ocean Accident Insurance Co.

(8770.)

MESSERS. McDONAGH AND BOLAND

Messrs. MacDonagh and Boland wrote asking for control of all the Council's insurances. The committee declined the request.

(8771.)

PETROL PUMP.

Mr. Michael F. Gogarty wrote requesting permission to erect a Petrol Pump opposite his Garage, 21 Main St., Naas. The Committee granted the necessary permission subject to the County Surveyor being satisfied.

(8772.)

MRS. CRIBBIN.

Letters dated 11th. and 13th. July, from Mrs. Cribbin and County Surveyor, respectively were read re compensation for encroaching on Mrs. Cribbin's fence at Allenwood. The latter demanded £25. County Surveyor offered £5 1s 6d, estimated as follows:—32½ perches at £25 per acre. The Committee decided to offer £10; Mrs. Cribbin to do the fencing, or alternately, £5, the County to do the fencing.

(8773.)

HOUSING SCHEME.

Mr. R. H. Hall wrote on behalf of Mr. C. P. Hunter, of Kilgowan, requesting a grant of £75 under the Housing Acts. The Committee recommended that his name be substituted for that of Mr. Christopher Byrne, Kilcock, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(8774.)

CO. COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

A letter dated 18th. July, 1927, from Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, re next meeting of the General Council and enclosing query sheet re Local Taxation Grants addressed to each Candidate at recent Elections, was submitted. The Committee made no order on the matter.

Adjourned.

Michael Fitzsimons
29/8/27

COMHAIRLE GONNOAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 3rd August, 1927

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Edward A Coonan, Nicholas Travers, Peter Keenan, David Weld, Patrick J. Dunne, William Ronaldson, Patrick Phelan and James Bergin.

(8775.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications from the County Surveyor for payment for works in his charge amounting to £7,226 17s. 5d. were approved and ordered to be paid out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8776.)

CARBURY MILL STREAM.

A letter dated 29th July, 1927, from Office of Public Works enclosing tracing of proposed Drainage District at Carbury, was read.

Mr. Phelan undertook to ascertain the views of the people who will have to pay the rate.

(8777.)

WORKMEN'S DINNER HOUR.

Mr. Henderson had given the following notice of motion, but as he was not present the resolution was not moved:—"That as the Council's road men have to work 51 hours per week, the Council order that a break be made for dinner hour on Saturdays, the same as on the other working days of the week."

(8778.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 23rd July, 1927, was read from Mr. Osborne, enclosing letter from Mr. Byrne, solicitor, on behalf of Mr. F. McDonald, re purchase of site for Castledermot Courthouse. The Committee considered that unless proper yard accommodation was provided that the site would be unsuitable, and adjourned consideration of the matter until Messrs. Henderson and Greene would be present.

(8779.)

HOSIE v. COUNCIL.

A letter dated 29th July, 1927, from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that judgment was given in favour of the Council with costs, both of Circuit Court, High Court, and Supreme Court in the case of Henry Hosie v. Council. Mr. Hosie had been awarded £5,000 damages against the Coun-

cil in the Circuit Court, and the award was confirmed by the High Court.

On the motion of Mr. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Ronaldson, the Secretary was directed to convey to Mr. Osborne the thanks of the Council for his advice and general conduct of the case.

(8780.)

WM. VALENTINE v. CO. COUNCIL.

Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, wrote by letter dated 27th July, 1927, that the claim of Mr. William Valentine for £1,000 had been dismissed by the Circuit Court, and that the Applicant appealed to the High Court who confirmed the dismissal.

(8781.)

CO. COUNCIL v. HENRY FARRELLY

A letter dated 22nd July, 1927, from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that the Circuit Court at Tullamore gave a decree for the amount of drainage rate against Mr. Farrelly, and dismissed Mr. Farrelly's counter claim.

(8782.)

CO. COUNCIL v. SEVERAL.

Mr. Osborne submitted a list of persons against whom proceedings had been taken for the recovery of Drainage Rate, with the result of such proceedings in each case. He was directed to take further proceedings for the recovery of the rates as he considered advisable.

(8783.)

CONTRACTORS' PAYMENTS.

A letter dated 26th July, 1927, was read from the County Surveyor, requesting the instructions of the Council as to Contractors who have not yet supplied any material, are to be paid a full quarter. The County Surveyor was directed to pay according to the amount of work done.

(8784.)

TIMAHOE ROAD.

The County Surveyor wrote by letter dated 28th July, 1927, asking if it would be possible to waive other formalities in connection with the closing of the County Road, Index No. 41. The County Surveyor had inserted Notice closing the road. The Committee decided that no further action was necessary.

Adjourned.

W. Fitzsimons

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

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Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee held on 10th August, 1927.

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; John Conlan, Patrick Phelan, William E. Fawcett, Nicholas Travers, David Weld, Edward A. Coonan, Andrew McNally, Patrick J. Dunne, and Michael Smyth.

(8785.)

MINUTES.

Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held since last Quarterly Meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(8786.)

PAYMENTS TO SUB-CONTRACTORS

Applications for payment from County Surveyor for Sub-Contractors as per Form 22 were approved and payment recommended.

(8787.)

APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Payments from 1 to 77 in the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved and it was ordered that the payments be made in respect of Salaries, Pension, etc., falling due monthly up to 1st. November, 1927, by Special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All the other payments as per the Chairman's copy were approved.

(8788.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts for the Quarter ended 30th June, last were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date. The Bank Book for the Subsidiary Account was signed by the Chairman.

(8789.)

RATES ON DOWNINGS GRAVEL PIT

A letter dated 28th July, 1927, from Collector Downey with reference to a sum of 16s. 1d. alleged to be due in respect of rates on Downings Gravel Pit. Having considered Mr. Downey's explanation the Committee decided to recommend payment of the amount.

(8790.)

HOSIE v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter dated 5th. August, 1927, from

Mr. Osborne was read, requesting payment of £137 17s. in respect of Counsel's and Medical Fees in the case of Hosie v. County Council. The Committee decided to recommend payment of the amount subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

(8791.)

MISS COPE.

A letter dated 22nd. July, 1927, from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, requesting payment of Decree and Costs amounting to £108 19s. for Miss Cope, Castledermot. The Committee decided to recommend payment of the amount.

(8792.)

COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

A letter dated 10th August, 1927, was read from the Secretary, County Insurance Committee, requesting refund of £147 7s. 9d. overpayment made to the Council in respect of the Agreement between the Committee and the Council. The Committee decided to recommend payment of the amount.

(8793.)

INSURANCE OF WORKMEN.

With reference to the Committee's decision to insure the workmen employed on Grant Works with the Hibernian Insurance Company, the Company wrote stating that the amount of the premium would be £244 0s. 10d. The Committee recommended payment of this amount.

(8794.)

SALARY OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

A letter dated 6th August, 1927, was read from Department of Lands and Agriculture, sanctioning present arrangement with Mr. Cosgrave, V.S., till 30th. September next, for remuneration for duties under Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

(8795.)

MAGAN CHILDREN.

A letter dated 29th. July, 1927, from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that he had received a letter from Sergt. Griffin, stating that he did not intend to apply to the District Court for a Committal Order re Magan

children. In the circumstances it would not be necessary for him to attend.

(8796.)

FOOD AND DRUGS PROSECUTION.

In the case of Guard Connolly re Patrick Kennedy, Celtrage, Mr. Osborne wrote advising the abandonment of the prosecution as the Guard had not strictly complied with the provisions of Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Acts, 1875. The Secretary was directed to instruct Mr. Osborne to withdraw the prosecution.

(8797.)

KILMEAGUE FOOTPATH.

A letter dated 9th August, 1927, was read from the County Surveyor, objecting to the erection of a concrete wall in the village of Kilmeague, but suggesting that the Council might give provisional sanction to the erection of a less permanent fence on condition that it would be removed at any time it was found necessary. The Committee approved of the County Surveyor's suggestion, and granted permission for the erection of a fence that would meet with the approval of the County Surveyor, on condition that it would be removed at any time the County Council require.

(8798.)

GANGER COSGROVE.

Mr. Dunne called attention to the employment of Ganger Cosgrove and his two sons,

contrary to the resolution of the Council. Overseer Connolly was directed to see that the Council's resolution was complied with, and Mr. Domican, Assistant Surveyor, to be asked for an explanation as to the employment of these men.

(8799.)

STREET OF BALLYMORE-EUSTACE.

Mr. Keenan called attention to the dilapidated condition of the streets in Ballymore-Eustace, and the matter was referred to the County Surveyor with a view of having them steamrolled.

(8800.)

CARBURY MILL STREAM.

A letter dated 29th July, 1927, from the Office of Public Works, enclosing a Map of Carbury Mill Stream Drainage District, was read. Consideration of the matter was adjourned, Mr. Phelan undertaking to ascertain the views of the people interested in the area.

(8801.)

THE LATE JOHN DILLON.

Mr. Conlan proposed, and Mr. Phelan seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:—
"That this Council tender to the relatives of the late Mr. John Dillon their very sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and record our sense of the great loss which the country has sustained by his death."

Adjourned.

Michael Higgins
2.11.27

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on 17th August, 1927.

Present—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding, Patrick Phelan, Bertram H. Barton, William E. Fawcett, Nicholas Travers, David Weld, Edward A. Coonan and Michael Smyth.

(8802.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payments for works in charge of County Surveyor amounting to £2,432 14s 11d were approved and ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account. The Account of the Registration Officer for expenses under the Franchise Acts were approved and payment recommended.

(8803.)

OVERDRAFT.

The Treasurer's Account showed a Debit Balance of £30,000 and the payments at Quarterly Meeting will amount to about £24,000. The Secretary was directed to apply to the Minister of Local Government and Public Health for his sanction to an overdraft of £60,000.

(8804.)

INSURANCE OF ATHY COURTHOUSE.

The Hibernian Insurance Company wrote offering 25 per cent. reduction on the premium of insurance of the Council agreed to continue the insurance for five years. The Committee approved of the proposal, and directed the Secretary to sign an agreement to that effect.

(8805.)

TIMAHOE ROAD.

A letter dated 13th. August, 1927, from the Roads Department, was read, stating "that the Minister of Local Government and Public Health would not feel justified in assenting to the departure from the Regulations in this case. Presumably, however,

the arrangements made by the County Surveyor are adequate to meet public traffic." The Secretary was directed to take no further action in the matter.

(8806.)

GANGER COSGROVE.

A letter dated 15th. August, 1927, from Mr. Domican, explaining why Ganger Cosgrove's two sons were employed. The Committee considered the explanation unsatisfactory and directed that the Council's resolution be observed with regard to the employment of men.

(8807.)

GANGER LOGIE.

Mr. Coonan stated that there were three men named Field (who live in one house), employed in Ganger Logie's section. On examining the Fay Sheets only one man of that name could be found. The Committee took no action.

(8808.)

RATHANNGAN DRAINAGE.

Mr. Patrick Behan, H.A.O., wrote complaining that he had offered good workmen who were on Home Help to the Overseer on Rathangan Drainage, but they were not taken on. Mr. Fullam, Acting County Surveyor, stated that any men that were any good were taken on. The Committee made not order on the matter.

(8809.)

ARREARS SHEET.

Collector Dunne submitted supplementary Arrear Sheet, and explained each item to the Committee, whose rulings were endorsed thereon, and the Sheet signed by the Chairman.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
2.11.27

