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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of County Council held on the 26th June, 1931.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. Phelan, J. J. Byrne, G. W. Henderson, H. Cogan, J. J. Bergin, W. Doyle, P. J. Dunne, J. N. Wardell, F. Thornton, R. Gannon, W. Fitzgerald, E. A. Coonan, W. R. Ronaldson, J. Harris Joseph Brennan and C. Buckley.

(10298.)

TENEMENTS FOR REVISION.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle and resolved:—"That we, the members of the County Council, hereby approve of the List of Tenements submitted by the Secretary and consider the revision of same necessary, except these submitted by the Great Southern Railways, the revision of which is considered unnecessary."

(10299.)

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

A letter dated 11th June, 1931, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, G.45506-1931, Cill Dara, with reference to the rate of poundage to be paid to Collectors, and stating that if further consideration was to be given to the matter the Council's proposal should be an individual one for each Collector concerned arrived at after consideration of a statement showing the monthly progress in each case, as well as any special circumstances applicable. Such statement should be submitted to the Minister with any proposals of the Council in the matter.

The Council having considered the foregoing letter also statement showing monthly lodgments and statement of each Collector, the Council was satisfied that the Collectors made every effort to collect in proper time but found it impossible owing to the economic conditions prevailing, due to the abnormal rainfall of last year. The Council made a recommendation of payment of full poundage in each case and directed the Secretary to forward it to the Minister with a request that he would see his way to meet the wishes of the Council and sanction full poundage.

(10300.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

Applications for the office of Courtkeeper of Castledermot Courthouse were received

from Messrs. R. J. Thorpe, Patrick Nolan, William Hayden, Thomas Conneff, and John Byrne.

Mr. Byrne proposed and Mr. Henderson seconded "That John Byrne be appointed."

Mr. Bergin proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded "That William Hayden be appointed."

The other applicants were not proposed.

On a show of hands being taken, Mr. John Byrne was appointed by 9 votes to 4.

(10301.)

PETROL PUMP.

Mr. M. Cunningham was granted permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises at Kildare.

(10302.)

MRS. LAWLER, JOHNSTOWN.

A letter dated 27th May, 1931, was read from Mrs. Lawler, requesting permission to erect a small barrier at her residence in Johnstown. The County Surveyor had no objection to the barrier being erected. The County Council granted the required permission on condition that it be removed when ever required by the Council.

(10303.)

LAND AT AGHARDS.

A letter dated 26th May, 1931, was read from Irish Land Commission offering 36a 2r 20p of land at Aghards, Celbridge, on the Cullinan Estate to the Council for use as a Cow Park, for an annuity of £49 1s. 6d. until an advance of £1,052 was paid off. The Council did not consider the proposal of an economic nature and declined the offer.

(10304.)

WALL AT CONVENT, KILDARE.

With reference to the erection of a wall at the Presentation Convent, Kildare, which was under consideration at the last meeting of the Council, a letter dated 16th June, 1931, R.M. 13, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister had no functions in the matter in its present form. The Council appointed Messrs. J. C. Bergin, J. Cregan, and

W. Doyle to inspect the place and make what recommendations on the matter that they considered necessary.

(10305.)

GRAND CANAL COMPANY.

A letter dated 9th June, 1931, was read from the Grand Canal Company enclosing draft agreement with reference to the road way between Ballyteague Bridge and Skew Bridge.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

(10306.)

HOUSING GRANTS.

Applications for Grants under the Housing Acts were received from Mrs. Elizabeth Loughlin, Grange, Newbridge, and Mr. Peter Broughall, Whitesland, Kildare. The applications were granted subject to the statutory conditions being complied with.

(10307.)

CONTRACTOR CASEY.

A letter dated 10th June, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor, requesting permission to serve a 10 Days' Notice on Contractor Bernard Casey, Halverstown, for road P.I. 316, from Mallick's Hotel to Two-Mile-House. The Council granted the required permission.

(10308.)

LAW COSTS.

A requisition to tax Solicitor's costs was Sealed by the Council and signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

(10309.)

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

Applications for renewals of Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act were received from Messrs. Edward Grace, Ballymore-Eustace; John Lynam, Moyvalley; John Furey, Moyvalley, and Joseph Walsh, Athy. The licences were renewed in each case.

(10310.)

ANNUAL HOLIDAYS.

Dr. Harbison, County Medical Officer of Health, wrote by letter dated 26th June, 1931, stating that he proposed taking his annual leave next week, and the remainder as soon as he could get away after the August meeting of the Board of Health. He

also stated that he would like Dr. McCarthy to act as Deputy. The Council approved of the arrangement.

(10311.)

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HURLEY.

Assistant Surveyor Hurley wrote enclosing Certificate from Dr. Kilbride dated 22nd June, 1931, stating that he was suffering from bronchitis and would be unable to resume duty for one month. The Council granted a month's extension of leave, Mr. Gardner, C.E., to continue to act as his Deputy.

(10312.)

SUPERVISION OF RATE COLLECTORS

A letter dated 22nd June, 1931, G.61-31, Ilgh, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, with reference to the system of checking Rate Collectors' Accounts, and requesting a report on the matter by the Secretary to be submitted to the Council and the Minister.

The following report on the matter was read from the Secretary and approved of by the Council:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—With reference to the method of checking Collectors' Accounts, I beg to state that the arrangements in this county are being carried out to the letter, and would be effective against fraud if Ratepayers insisted on getting official receipts promptly.

Against such negligence no system of checking will be effective, and until persons are held liable for the rates unless the prescribed receipt can be produced, such slackness is liable to continue.

The sending out of Form 60 is to some extent a check, but people greatly resent such notice and in most cases take no notice of it.

Mise le meas,

WM. E. COFFEY,

Runaidhe.

(10313.)

CONTRACTOR KENNY.

Contractor Patrick Kenny, Pluckerstown, wrote requesting the assistance of the Council's Solicitor in Court proceedings against Thomas Reilly, who refuses to allow him to get gravel from a Pit at Pluckerstown.

The Council directed that Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, be instructed to appear for the Contractor.

(10314.)

TYPEWRITER.

The Council granted authority to the Co. Surveyor to purchase a Noiseless Typewriter at a cost of £30 16s. 0d.

(10315.)

COLLECTOR STAPLETON'S SURETY.

A letter was received from Mr. O'Haire stating that he was not prepared to continue as Surety for Collector Stapleton. The Council directed Mr. Stapleton to submit the name of another Surety to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

(10316.)

CO. COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Councils' General Council, with respect to compelling owners of stock to only expose them for sale on Fair Greens where such are available. The Council made no order.

(10317.)

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Secretary, County Councils' General Council, wrote stating that the Annual Meeting of the General Council would be held on the 5th. August next.

Adjourned.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 3rd July, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs P. J. Dunne and J. J. Byrne.

(97D6)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £3330- 13- 2 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9707)
COLLECTOR STAPLETON'S SURETIES.

Collector Stapleton submitted the name of Mr. James P. Taaffe, Ballagh as his Surety in place of Mr. O'Haire. The Committee approved of Mr. Taaffe, subject to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor being satisfied as to his solvency.

(9708)
MR. O'HAIRE.

A letter dated 2nd July, 1931 was read from Mr. O'Haire, Kilbrook, Enfield, withdrawing his name as Surety for Collector Stapleton in his capacity as Collector of Drainage Rates. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Stapleton and request hi, to submit the name of a suitable person to act as his Surety, in place of Mr. O'Haire, before the 10th July, 1931.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
14/8/31

COMHAIRLE GONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 17th July, 1931.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding, Messrs. P. J. Dunne, and E. A. Coonan.

(9709.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £3,640 13s. 2d were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9710.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 14th July, 1931, was received from Mr. J. R. Kavanagh, Timolin, requesting on behalf of the Castledermot Branch, Cumann na nGaedheal, the use of Courthouse in Castledermot for a meeting in connection with Greise Drainage, etc. The required permission was granted on condition that the meetings held therein be not of a political nature.

(9711.)

SHEEP SCAB.

A letter dated 13th July, 1931, was received from the Veterinary Inspector, Mr. J. J. Cosgrove, V.S., stating that it was his opinion that all posts, etc., in the vicinity of Ballymannny should be disinfected with non-poisonous Dip, as it was in this vicinity that the Sheep Scab outbreak occurred. The Committee directed that the disinfecting as suggested by Mr. Cosgrove be carried out.

(9712.)

COLLECTOR STAPLETON.

A letter dated 15th July, 1931, was read from Mr. Osborne, County Solicitor, enclosing a copy of letter dated 14th July, 1931, from Messrs Wm. Mooney and Sons, stating that Mr. James P. Taaffe is not prepared to act as Surety for Collector Stapleton in connection with his Bond for Collection of Poor Rate and Drainage Rate. The Committee adjourned consideration of the matter to the next meeting. In the meantime Mr. Stapleton to submit another Surety.

(9713.)

RATE COLLECTOR.

The following letter dated 17th July, 1931, G.55413-31, Fa. Cill Dara, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiula Agus Slainte Puibli, (Department of Local Government and Public Health),

Teach An Chustuim,
(Custom House),
Baile Atha Cliath,
(Dublin.)

16th July, 1931.

G. 55413-31, Fo.
Cill Dara.

A Chara,—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, and to state that he has given full consideration to the record showing the progress of each Collector with his Warrant for 1930-31. To qualify for poundage at the full rate of 8d., four conditions are necessary, viz., lodgments of specific amounts by the 31st July, 31st October, 31st December and 31st March. No one of the Collectors complied fully with these conditions. It is realised that these conditions were impossible in the cases of the two recently appointed Collectors, Messrs. Downes and J. Malone, and that they do not apply to Collector Downey, Collectors Sammon, Dunne, Headon, Stapleton and Kearns fulfilled three of the four conditions. In the cases of these eight Rate Collectors, the Minister as a special concession now agrees to payment of poundage in full.

The only other Collectors who complied with any one of the conditions are Messrs. Bell and S. Malone. In these cases, the Minister with some hesitancy agrees that the poundage on the second moiety collected and lodged may be increased to 7d. Similar treatment may be allowed to Collector Gannon whose Warrant has been lodged in full.

The Minister is not prepared to re-consider his previous decision in the cases of Collectors Dowling, O'Connor and Shinkins.

Mise, le meas,

J. HICKEY,
a/s Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Kildare County Council,
Courthouse, Naas.

In connection with the foregoing the Secretary was directed to write to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and

point out that Collectors O'Connor and Shinkins were ill during portion of the Collection period, and to request the Minister to reconsider his decision and sanction payment of poundage at 8d. in the £ in the cases of these two Collectors.

(9714.)

COUNCIL'S LORRY.

A letter dated 17th July, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor stating that the Morris Lorry had been in use for over five years and the cylinder block had recently been broken and would cost a considerable sum to repair and suggesting that he be authorised to dispose of the lorry for a reasonable price. The Committee approved of the County Surveyor's recommendation and directed that the vehicle be sold.

(9715.)

CANAL BANK, DIGBY BRIDGE

A letter dated 4th. July, 1931, was received from the Grand Canal Company relative to the Canal Bank from Digby Bridge to Waterstown North, and stating that as the Council declined to accept any responsibility for the upkeep of the road across the Aqueduct it must be closed and the concession enjoyed by the public of using it discontinued, otherwise in the event of an accident the Canal Co. might become involved in litigation, although any r esponsi-

bility to users, or any obligation to maintain a thoroughfare for the public is disclaimed.

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor, wrote by letter dated 17th July, 1931, stating that as previously pointed out to the Canal Company, the damage to the banks was caused by the wash of their boats, and their own traffic, and that consequently he would not depart from previous attitude whereby he expected the Canal Company to keep this part of the bank in repair.

As regards the suggestion to abandon the road, the County Surveyor was of the opinion that this would not be a right thing for the Council to acquiesce in, even if they had the power, which is doubtful. The Committee made no order in connection with the matter.

(9716.)

ROADWAY BETWEEN BALLYTEAGUE BRIDGE AND SKEW BRIDGE.

A letter dated 17th. July, 1931, from the County Surveyor was read with reference to Draft Agreement with the Canal Company relative to the roadway between Ballyteague Bridge and Skew Bridge in which the County Surveyor stated that he was of the opinion that the Council should not proceed with the proposed Agreement.

The matter was referred to the County Council.

Adjourned.

J. H. Fitzmaurice
14/8/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 31st July, 1931.
Present:-Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs P. J. Dunne, Wm. Doyle and E. A. Coonan.

(9717)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £3988- 4- 0 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9718)
TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Account for Travelling Expenses in respect of the Quarter ended the 30th June, 1931 amounting to £555 4- 6 was submitted by Dr. Harbison, County Medical Officer of Health. The Committee recommended payment of the amount, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(9719)
RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 21st July, 1931, G. 56891/1931, Cill Dara, Fa. was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding Poundage Fees of Collectors O'Connor and Shinkins and drawing attention to the terms of Article 104 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925. The Committee directed the Secretary to call the attention of the Department to the difficulty either of these Collectors would have in providing a suitable Deputy, as neither had a brother or other relative available, and reliable non-relatives are unwilling to assume responsibility for short periods. The Committee were also of the opinion that in cases of normal illness the Collector will often be able to resume duty before the several sanctions necessary for a Deputy can be provided and are satisfied that the appointment of Deputies was impracticable in the present cases and request the Minister to reconsider his decision in the matter and sanction payment of Poundage at 8d in the £ to Collectors O'Connor and Shinkins.

(9720)
COLLECTOR STAPLETONS SURETY.

Collector Stapleton submitted the name of Mr. Edward Fitzsimons, Cappagh, Enfield as Surety and a letter dated 30th July, 1931 was read from Mr. Fitzsimons stating that he was willing to act in the matter. The Committee accepted Mr. Fitzsimons as Surety for Mr. Stapleton, subject to Mr. Osborne, County Solicitor being satisfied as to his solvency.

(9721)
COLLECTORS KEARNS SURETY.

A letter dated 30th July, 1931 was read from Mr. Kearns submitting the name of Mr. Daniel Cuskelly, Johnstownbridge, Enfield as Surety in place of the late Mr. Allen. The Committee accepted Mr. Cuskelly as Surety for Mr. Kearns, subject to Mr. Osborne, County Solicitor being satisfied as to his solvency.

(9722)
LAND BONDS.

A letter dated 29th July, 1931 from the Irish Land Commission was read stating that directions had been given to the National City Bank, Dublin to Register £1., 4½% Land Bonds in name of County Council in respect of rates due by Nugent Estate, Gurteen Drainage District. The Committee recommended that the Bond be sold and the proceeds credited to Gurteen Drainage Account.

(9723)
DOBBS ESTATE.

A letter dated 28th July, 1931 from Messrs Crawford and Lockhart, Solicitors, Belfast enclosing cheque for £62- 18- 9 in payment of

Continuation Sheet I :

MINUTES FINANCE MEETING HELD 31ST JULY, 1931.

DOBBS ESTATE.

of
of Drainage Maintenance Rate for three years ending March, 1930,
31, and 32 on behalf of Major Dobbs on Blackwater Drainage District.

(9724)

Defaulting Ratepayer.

A letter dated 20th July, 1931 was read from Mr. P. J. Dunne, Rate Collector enclosing cheque for rates for £21, drawn by Miss K. E. Kelly on the National Bank, Droichead Nua and which was dishonoured, & stating that he had made every endeavour to collect the amount but had only succeeded in getting £5 on account. The Secretary was directed to place the matter in the hands of Mr. Osborne, County Solicitor for collection.

M. J. Spence
14/8/31

Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee, held on the 14th August, 1931.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding; Messrs. E. A. Coonan, J. Conlan, T. Harris, T.D.; Wm. Doyle and P. J. Dunne.

(9725.)

MINUTES.

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

(9726.)

APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1,971 16s 3d were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9727.)

PAYMENTS.

Payments from 1 to 74 in the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved and it was ordered that like payments be made in respect of salaries, pensions, etc., falling due monthly up to 1st November, 1931, by Special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other payments as per the Chairman's copy were approved.

(9728.)

PUBLIC WORKS.

Applications for payment for Contractors as per Form 22 were approved and payment recommended.

(9729.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1931, were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date. The Bank Book for the Subsidiary Account was signed by the Chairman.

(9730.)

OVERDRAFT.

The Secretary was directed to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his sanction to an Overdraft not exceeding £10,000 which the Council expect will be repaid by the end of October.

(9731.)

FORESTRY ACCOUNT.

An account from the Committee of Agriculture requiring £99 7s 11d recoupment under the Forestry and Tree Nursery Schemes was deferred pending investigation as to the liability of the Council in the matter.

(9732.)

COUNTY REGISTRAR'S ACCOUNT.

The Account of the County Registrar in respect of the Register of Electors was approved and recommended for payment.

(9733.)

COST OF MORTGAGE.

The Hibernian Bank furnished an account for £5 17s 4d costs of preparing Mortgage for £1,000 for purchase of Machinery. The Secretary was directed to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of the amount without taxation.

(9734.)

COLLECTORS' SURETIES.

A letter dated 1st August, 1931, was read from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that he was making inquiries with respect to the solvency of Messrs. Fitzsimons and Cuskelly who are submitted as Sureties for Collectors Stapleton and Kearns respectively.

Mr. Osborne also stated that the Finance Committee should be satisfied as to the solvency of the proposed Sureties and would not be justified in accepting Sureties merely on his opinion.

As the Committee had already accepted the proposed Sureties provided, Mr. Osborne was satisfied as to their solvency, no order was made.

(9735.)

COLLECTORS O'CONNOR AND SHINKINS.

A letter dated 10th August, 1931, G.60523-1931, Cill Dara (Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health declining to modify his decision with respect to the Poundage to be paid to Collectors O'Connor and Shinkins.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
8/11/31

COMPAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 28th August, 1931.
Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs William Doyle and P. J. Dunne.

(9736)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2051- 8- 4 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9737)
BLACKWATER DRAINAGE.

The Secretary reported that the Dobbs Estate had paid Blackwater Drainage Maintenance Rate on Townland of Derrycrib. Seven of the Tenants had already paid their portion of this rate. The Committee ordered a refund to be made to the Tenants.

(9738)
COMPENSATION.

Following the consideration of a letter from Mr. Holland, V.S. Athy, the Committee approved of the expenditure of £9- 9- 0 to Mr. William Mahon, Prusselstown in respect of clothes destroyed in connection with a recent outbreak of Anthrax.

(9739)
COLLECTOR STAPLETON.

Correspondence was read from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor relative to financial position of Mr. Fitzsimons, the proposed Surety for Collector Stapleton. The Committee recommended his acceptance as Surety for Collector Stapleton.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
6/11/31

CILLIUM CONNDAE CHILLM DARA.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the County Council held on the 31st August, 1931.

Present: -Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs C. Buckley, W.R. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, T. Harris, T. D. M. Smyth, W. Doyle, R. More O'Ferrall, J. Cregan, J. Coffey, W. Fitzgerald, E. Cleary, P. J. Dunne, P. Phelan, J. Harris, M. Behan, G. W. Henderson, S. B. Minch, J. J. Bergin, J. Conlan, A. Nevin, J. N. Wardell and J. Brennan.

(10318)
DRAINAGE PETITION.

A Petition under Arterial Drainage Act 1925 was submitted from residents in neighbourhood of River Griese requesting "that a Drainage District be constituted to improve River Griese from Moone to the Barrow. The Council referred the matter to the County Surveyor for Report. The County Surveyor was also requested to report on the whole length of the River and confer with a Committee consisting of Messrs Minch, Conlan, Smyth and Brennan on the matter.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
6/11/31

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Quarterly Finance Meeting of County Council held on the 31st August, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding, Messrs. C. Buckley, W. R. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, T. Harris, M. Smyth, W. Doyle, R. More O'Ferrall, J. Cregan, J. Coffey, W. Fitzgerald, E. Cleary, P. J. Dunne, P. Phelan, J. Harris, M. Behan, G. W. Henderson, S. B. Minch, J. J. Bergin, J. Conlan, A. Nevin, J. N. Wardell, and J. Brennan.

(10319.)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Minch, and resolved:—“That Minutes of Meetings of County Council held on the 26th May and 26th June, 1931, copy of which had been sent to each Member, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Minch, and resolved:—“That Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held on the 22nd May, 5th and 19th June, 3rd, 17th and 31st July, 14th and 28th August, 1931, a copy of which had been sent to each Member be taken as read and confirmed.”

(10320.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipt and Expenditure Book for Quarter ended 30th June, 1931, were examined and signed by the Chairman, and the following Books were produced by the Secretary written up to date:—(1) General Ledger, (2) Register of Mortgages, (3) Register of Separate Charges, (4) Register of Applications and Proposals, (5) Reports from Rate Inspector re Checking Collectors' Accounts.

(10321.)

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Conlan, and resolved:—“That all Payments recommended by the Finance Committee for County-at-Large and other Charges be and are hereby approved.”

(10322.)

PAYMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Conlan, 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.”

(10323.)

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Payments since date of last Quarterly Meeting were submitted and the Bank Book signed by the Chairman.

(10324.)

OVERDRAFT.

A letter dated 26th August, 1931, G. 65792/31, Cill Dara, Fa., was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £10,000 to 30th September, 1931.

(10325.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Harris, and resolved:—“That Messrs. Dunne, Fitzgerald, and Keenan be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents:—Agreement with Messrs. Kelly re Gravel Pit at Rathbride, request for Transmission of Land Bonds £21 and £1 for Lerr and Gorteen Drainage Districts, respectively.

(10326.)

IRISH RAILWAYS.

Proposed by Mr. Cregan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—“That we, the members of this Council, view with alarm the serious plight of the Railways and the threatened closing down of Branch Lines which would mean a big dislocation of traffic from fairs, etc., in the towns within the areas served at present by these Branches, also the large amount of unemployment that must necessarily follow. We call on the Government to take immediate steps in conjunction with other interested parties to prevent what in our opinion is threatening to be a national disaster.”

(10327.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

(1)—I have the honour to report that at the Quarterly Finance Meeting, recently held, contractors' applications for payments amounted to £1,677 11s. 7d. The manner in which this sum was dealt with is shown in the following table:—

To pay	To defer	To strike off	To be dealt with under Sec. 54.
£1,481 12s. 10d.	£193 13s. 9d.	£2 5 0	Nil.

During the Quarter ended 31st March, 1931, in addition to £1,481 12s. 10d. recommended for payment as above, the sum of £18,207 18s. 6d. was certified to the Finance Committee as follows:—Main Roads, £6,304 5s. 9d; County Roads, £1,953 14s. 6d.; Grants and Loans, £9,949 18s. 3d.

During the unusually wet summer tar-painting our roads has been a tedious operation; nevertheless a fair amount of this work has been performed and it still continues. Fortunately a large proportion of important roads are becoming independent of annual spraying owing to repetition of this treatment in former years, and the fact that latterly a good deal of tar-grout macadam instead of water-bound is being rolled in.

The works of road improvement authorised under the Government Road Fund Grants commenced this year nearly three months earlier than heretofore, and already a large amount of superior road surfacing has been completed including water-bound rolling (to complete some long stretches of the same type). Bituminous grouting, machine-mixed tar macadam and rolled down or "compressed" cement concrete; in the last mentioned we undertook three separate lengths of road, totalling about 40,000 square yards, in places where the gradients rendered foothold for horses a matter of more than usual importance. Two of these have just been completed at Ballymore-Eustace and Monasterevan, and the third, at Castledermot on the Knocknacree Road, is about to commence at time of writing.

The annual arterial drainage work is proceeding.

August, 1931.

The following Supplemental Report was also read:—
"On the Knocknacree Road the Grant is only to complete something less than one half the length, and to avoid a repetition of closing the road next year, which has already been objected to, and also to avoid bringing back machinery to complete, it would be highly desirable if a further Grant of approximately £2,000 could be obtained so as complete the road finally this year."

With reference to the foregoing the Secretary was directed to apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a Grant of £2,000 to complete the improvement of the road mentioned.

Your obedient servant,

JOHN RORKE.

(10328.)

DANGEROUS CORNERS.

Mr. Ronaldson called attention to the advantage accruing by having dangerous corners marked with white lines.

The Council directed the County Surveyor to have all dangerous corners marked with white lines.

(10329.)

SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. James Cregan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council,

desire to record our sincere regret at the death of the late Dr. E. T. Coady who for 25 years was Surgeon to the Kildare County Infirmary. We hereby tender to his bereaved widow and family our deepest sympathy in their great sorrow."

(10330.)

CONTRACT RESCINDED.

The County Surveyor recommended that the Contract entered into with Mr. Jeremiah Hayden, Mageny, for Road P.I. No. 495 be determined as the road was being steam-rolled.

The Council accordingly declared the Contract rescinded.

(10331.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

The County Surveyor reported that the Aqueduct on the Allenwood Tributary at Derrymullen had become partially damaged by flooding, affecting the masonry and owing to this emergency he applied for an expenditure of approximately £45.

The Council authorised the expenditure of £45 on the Aqueduct. With regard to the flooding of the river at Rathangan it was decided to call the attention of Messrs. Minch, Norton and Company to the state of the river near Malthouse with a view of having the matter remedied.

(10332.)

MOTOR RACING CLUB.

Mr. Harold Brown, Secretary, Irish Motor Racing Club, wrote by letter dated 25th August, 1931, requesting to have the roads between Barberstown Castle, Ardrass Lodge, Straffan and Barberstown closed for the purpose of a Motor Cycle Race on the 17th October.

The Secretary was directed to ascertain if the Club was prepared to pay the cost of closing the road, and if so to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order for the purpose.

(1033.)

VETERINARY INSPECTOR COSGROVE.

Mr. J. J. Cosgrove, V.S., was granted leave of absence from the 7th to 12th September, 1931, Mr. Holland, V.S., to do duty in his absence.

(10334.)

CANAL BANK AT BALLYTEAGUE.

Messrs. Hayes and Sons on behalf of the Grand Canal Company wrote by letter dated

9th June, 1931, enclosing draft Agreement with the Canal Company and County Council with reference to roadway between Ballyteague Bridge and Skew Bridge.

The County Surveyor wrote by letter dated 17th July, 1931, stating that he was of opinion that the proposed Agreement should not be proceeded with.

The Council adopted the County Surveyor's advice and declined to approve of the draft Agreement.

(10335.)

CANAL BANK AT DIGBY BRIDGE.

A letter dated 4th July, 1931, was read from Secretary, Grand Canal Company, stating that as the County Council took no responsibility for the upkeep of the road across the Aqueduct it must be closed (Digby Bridge to Waterstown North) and the concession enjoyed by the public of using it discontinued.

A letter dated 17th July, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor stating that the damage to the banks was caused by the wash of the boats and that he could not depart from his previous attitude whereby he expected the Company to keep this part of the banks in repair. As regards the suggestion to abandon the road he did not think it a right thing for the Council to acquiesce in even if they had the power which was doubtful.

The Council agreed with the views of the County Surveyor and declined to agree to the closing of the road or to repair the banks injured by the canal boats.

(10336.)

PETITION FROM WATERSTOWN.

A petition was received from residents from Waterstown requesting the Council to arrange with the Canal Company to have the road, Digby Bridge to Waterstown North, restored.

The Secretary was directed to inform the petitioner that the Council was prepared to carry out the ordinary surface maintenance as heretofore, but was not prepared to repair the banks broken by the wash of the boats.

(10337.)

DRAWBRIDGE AT MONASTEREVAN.

The following letter was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

(Copy).

Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), Custom House, Dublin.

4th August, 1931.

A Chara,—I am directed by the Minister

for Local Government and Public Health to state that his attention has been drawn by the Grand Canal Company with respect to the unsuitability of the drawbridge at Monasterevan to carry fast motor traffic or traffic exceeding 3 tons in weight over the bridge. The Company state that they are anxious that steps should be taken to minimise the risk of serious accident and they suggest a maximum speed of six miles per hour, and that all traffic exceeding 3 tons in weight should be prohibited over the bridge. Although the Company have notices posted at the bridge it is found that in practice such notices are ignored by the public and the only practicable way of rendering the bridge safe for public use appears to be by its re-construction. The Minister is prepared to cooperate with the County Council in the matter and he would be glad if the question were dealt with as soon as practicable and that the Council would treat the matter as urgent.—
Mise, le meas,

E. P. McCARRON.

Runaidhe.

The Secretary, Kildare County Council,
Naas.

With reference to the foregoing the following letter dated 29th August, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor:—"In reply to your letter of the 10th instant this bridge was re-built some years ago. It was re-sheeted this year and has been carrying heavy weights for some time, and no evidence of failure was visible on my recent inspection. It is substantially constructed with five 8" x 6" iron girders spaced in a width of 15' and braced across. I agree that it is most desirable to limit the speed of vehicles, as is the case in most bridges in my experience."

The Secretary was directed to inquire what amount of grant the Department was prepared to give towards the erection of a new bridge, the matter to be further considered when this information would be available.

(10338).

GENERAL FANSHAWE.

A letter dated 28th July, 1931, was read from General Fanshawe requesting permission to erect a hay shed at Rathmore.

As Mr. Fullam, C.E., had reported that there was no cause to object to the erection of the shed as it would not interfere with the visibility to road traffic in any way, the Council granted the required permission.

(10339.)

WALL AT KISHAVANNA.

Mr. Richard Cole wrote requesting permis-

sion to finish a wall at Kishavanna which was erected on site of an old wall.

Having consulted with the County Surveyor on the matter the Council granted the required permission.

(10340.)

FLOODING IN NAAS.

A letter dated 6th July, 1931, was received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that while it was not clear that the County Council are responsible for the remedying of the flooding he agrees, in all the circumstances of the case, that no objection need be raised to the proposal of the County Council to contribute a sum not exceeding £50 towards the cost of the work.

With reference thereto a letter dated 7th July, 1931, was received from the Town Clerk, Naas, enclosing the following copy of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

(Copy).

Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), Custom House, Dublin.

A Chara.—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the communication dated 20th ultimo received from you and Mr. Lacy relative to flooding of Friary Road, Naas, and to say that he has had the question of responsibility for remedying the matter looked into.

It would appear that certain domestic services such as sewer pipes, etc. cross the drain at right angles. If the flooding is caused by an interference by such services which are under the control of the Sanitary Authority the remedying of the flooding is a responsibility of the Urban District Council. If on the other hand, as would appear from your communication, the flooding is caused by a defective arch or gullet under the road, the responsibility for preventing the flooding would be on the County Council as the Road Authority.

The information available on either of the foregoing heads is inconclusive and if ultimately the flooding cannot be attributed to either the presence of the sewer pipes or to a defective arch or gullet, the remedying of the flooding would be a responsibility of the riparian owners.

I am, at the same time, to enclose for your information copy of a letter addressed to the County Council in connection with their offer to contribute half the cost of cleaning the stream, subject to a maximum of £50.—
Mise, le meas,
le meas,

E. P. McCARRON,

Runaidhe.

Michael Fitzsimnos, Esq.,
Chairman, Urban District Council, Naas.

Having considered the matter the Council concluded that they were not liable for the remedying of the flooding, but directed that the offer sanctioned by the Minister be confirmed.

(10341.)

PENDER'S RIVER.

Correspondence was read from Mr. W. H. F. Verschoyle and the County Surveyor with reference to the draining of Pender's river on the Kilberry Estate.

The Council gave permission to Mr. Verschoyle to sink the river at the bridge referred to.

(10342.)

FLOODING AT BALLYMORE-EUSTACE.

Mrs. Berkley wrote complaining of flooding at Ballymore-Eustace.

As the County Surveyor stated that he had made arrangements to abate the matter the Council made no order.

(10343.)

COLLECTOR STAPLETON.

A letter dated 27th August, 1931, was received from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, enclosing a copy of letter from Mr. Edward Fitzsimons proposed Surety for Collector Stapleton with reference to his financial position. The Council being satisfied on this point, it was proposed by Mr. James Harris, and seconded by Mr. Buckley and resolved:—"That Mr. Edward Fitzsimons, Cappagh, Enfield, be accepted as Surety for Collector Stapleton in place of Mr. O'Haire.

(10344.)

COLLECTOR KEARNS.

A letter dated 15th August, 1931, was read from Mr. Osborne, solicitor, enclosing letter from Mr. Cuskelly, proposed Surety for Collector Kearns, with reference to his financial position. The Council being satisfied on this point it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. Cuskelly, Johnstown-bridge, as Surety for Mr. Kearns, in place of the late Mr. Laurence Allen.

(10345.)

COLLECTORS' FIDELITY BONDS.

Application was made by Collector Jeremiah Malone for a refund of £6 10s. 0d. premium on his Fidelity Bond. The Council decided to refund half the amount, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local

Government and Public Health, and also subject to the same Authority to refund half the premium on the Bonds of all Collectors who are insured by a Guarantee Society (via Collectors Bell, Downes and Coonan.)

(10346.)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following applied for a renewal of their Scholarships, which were renewed:—Peter Brennan, Dublin Road, Naas; Jane F. O'Rourke, Main St., Newbridge; John D. Hayden, Shamrock House, Naas; Michael P. Greaney, Monasterevan; Fras. J. Behan, Johnstown, Kill; Annie Hutton, Sallins; Maurice Swann, Kildangan, Monasterevan; Kathleen Galvin, Eyre St., Newbridge; Fras Dowling, Robertstown; Laurence O'Neill, Barrettstown, Newbridge; Andrew Fitzpatrick, Kildare; Patrick J. Brennan, Dublin Road, Naas; Joseph Dowling, Skirtean, Monasterevan; Thomas Harvey, Naas; John Maher, Athy; William Murphy, Monasterevan; Denis Walsh, Cloneygath, Monasterevan; Angela Pyrne, Newbridge; Elizabeth Galvin, Newbridge; Hugh Donnelly Swift, Kildare.

(10347.)

ANDREW FITZPATRICK'S SCHOLARSHIP.

With reference to the Scholarship of Andrew Fitzpatrick, a letter was read from the Rector, Knockbeg College, Carlow, requesting an increase in the Scholarship of £20 awarded to Andrew Fitzpatrick, as he was a pupil in the College in preparation for the diocesan Priesthood. As Master Fitzpatrick's home was within four miles of a Secondary School, the Council were unable to increase the amount of the Scholarship.

(10348.)

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Proposed by Mr. T. Harris, seconded by Mr. J. Crean and resolved:—"That we recommend the Minister of Education to consider the matter of the price of School Books which is, at present rates, beyond the capacity of the average parents to meet. We consider a radical reduction in cost prices overdue, and we appeal to the Minister to take immediate action in this connection."

The Secretary was directed to forward copy this resolution to the Department of Education.

(10349.)

HOURS OF WORKMEN.

Mr. Smyth proposed, and Mr. Doyle seconded.

ded—"That the hours of the County Council roadmen be reduced from 54 to 50 per week. On a division the motion was carried by 12 votes to 10. The Chairman and Mr. J. J. Bergin not voting. There voted for the motion—Messrs. Minch, T. Harris, J. Brennan, J. Harris, C. Buckley, P. J. Dunne, P. Keenan, W. Fitzgerald, M. Smyth, A. Nevin, J. Cregan and W. Doyle—12. Against—Messrs. Phelan, Conlan, More O'Ferrall, Coonan, Henderson, Ronaldson, Wardell, Cleary, Behan and Coffey—10. Notice of motion by Mr. Dunne—"That the workmen be allowed 3 hours off on Saturdays" was withdrawn.

Notice of motion by Mr. Cregan—"That the workmen be allowed to cease work at one o'clock on Saturdays" was also withdrawn.

(10350.)

WEEKLY PAYMENTS.

Mr. Cregan proposed that part 2 of his motion be adopted—"That the roadmen be paid weekly in future instead of fortnightly as at present. Mr. J. J. Bergin seconded. After a discussion Mr. Smyth proposed and Mr. Phelan seconded—"That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to consider the feasibility of making weekly payments."

(10351.)

RATHERIDE GRAVEL PIT.

Letters dated 15th July and 25th August, 1931, from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, were read, enclosing Agreements with Messrs. Kelly with respect to Gravel Pit at Rathbride. The Council approved of the Agreement and affixed the Seal of the Council thereto.

(10352.)

RATES—GORTEEN DISTRICT.

Minute No. 9722 of the Finance Committee with respect to sale of Land Bond (£1) Rates, Nugent Estate, Gorteen Drainage, was approved. A request for the transmission of Certificate was Sealed.

(10353.)

LERR DRAINAGE.

A letter dated 29th August, 1931, was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that £21 Land Bonds had been registered in the name of the Council. These Bonds represented the redemption value of Charging Order (£20 10s. 10d) on holding of Mr. William Balding, Ballyhade, on Lerr Drainage District. The Council Sealed a request for transmission of certificate.

(10354.)

AFFORESTATION.

A letter dated 17th July, 1931, was received from the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, conveying resolution of the Committee, requesting the Council to purchase for Afforestation purposes a farm at Blackwood, near Athy, containing 100a. 2r. 21p. in occupation of the Irish Land Commission, for £200. A report from the Subcommittee in charge of Woods in Athy area, giving details of the property and recommending its purchase was also considered.

The Council agreed to purchase the holding on the terms mentioned, subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture.

(10355.)

HOME ASSISTANCE.

A letter dated 24th July, 1931, was received from the Secretary, Board of Health, enclosing a Report from Superintendent Officer Murray, recommending the provision of some class of work for the unemployed on Home Help, and suggesting that Drainage Works be carried out in the bogs.

A Petition from Tenants on Mansfield Estate, with respect to drainage of bogs was also considered. Mr. J. J. Bergin proposed and Mr. J. Harris seconded and it was resolved "That the problem of making roads into the faces of the bogs should be taken as part of a big National Scheme. Little bog-road construction work has been done for a century, and by putting this work in hands now unemployment will be relieved, the use of turf will be extended and useful work provided for many small holders on the edge of bogs." That a copy of this resolution be sent to the appropriate Minister and to the Press.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. J. J. Bergin and resolved:—"That we urge on the Land Commission the absolute necessity of acquiring, draining, and otherwise developing the bogs of this County, as a large number of uneconomic holders are dependent on them to make a living. Owing to the terrible wet season they cannot now either cut or get the turf and as a consequence large numbers of these people are nearly destitute. We would also point out that the starting of this work would greatly relieve unemployment which exists and is at present a serious charge on public funds."

(10356.)

HOUSING GRANTS.

Grants under the Housing Acts were provisionally allotted to Messrs. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Cloney; Patrick Conway, Thomastown; Wm. F. Lynch, Kilwarden, and Patk. Boylan, Kileock.

(10357.)

BULLOCK DROWNED.

Mr. Alec Tyrrell, Grangeclare, wrote claiming compensation for a bullock drowned in Rathangan River. The Council denied liability for such accidents.

(10358.)

RATHANGAN RIVER FLOODING.

A letter dated 2nd August, 1931, was received from Messrs. T. O'K. White and Sons on behalf of Mr. Patrick Logan, Killinagh, claiming damages, £20 10s. 0d. for loss of potatoes and hay, alleged to have been destroyed by the flooding of the Rathangan River at Killinagh. The Council made no order.

(10358.)

GORTEEN DRAINAGE.

A Petition was received from Ratepayers on Gorteen Drainage District protesting against anything being done with the Gorteen Drainage River this year. The Council agreed to postpone the work till next year.

(10359.)

COLLECTOR DOWNEY.

A letter dated 24th August, 1931, was read from Collector Downey, requesting the Council to have Mrs. Mary J. Patterson's name inserted in the Rate Book in place of the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., who have sold the property to her. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle—"That we deem Mary Patterson the rated occupier of rating in Rathernan lately in the occupation of Hibernian Bank, Ltd., and we direct that the necessary alteration be made in the Rate Book for Rathernan Electoral Division."

(10360.)

SIGN POST AT NARRAGHMORE.

Mr. John R. Kavanagh, Timolin, wrote on behalf of the Narraghmore Branch Cumanna nGaedheal, requiring that the masonry of the old Sign Post be removed from roadway in Narraghmore.

It was decided to retain the masonry pending the erection of a new Sign Post.

(10361.)

CLEANSING MARKETS.

A letter dated 3rd July, 1931, L.2778-31, was read from the Department of Agriculture, requesting that regulations be adopted

with reference to the cleansing of Markets, Fairs, and Saleyards. The Council considered that as all the Fair Greens in the County were cleaned after each Fair that there was no necessity for further Regulations.

(10362.)

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HURLEY.

A letter dated 25th August, 1931, was read from Assistant Surveyor Hurley requesting a further month's leave of absence, and enclosing Certificate from Dr. O'Neill that he was unable to resume duty.

The Council extended the period of absence for another month.

(10363.)

TELEGRAPH LINE.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs requested the consent of the Council to the erection of Telegraph Line from Timolin to Saw Mill and Garage, Timolin. The Council granted permission subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10364.)

HOUSING.

The Civic Institute wrote by letter dated 11th June, 1931, enclosing copy of resolution which they asked the Council to approve. The Council adopted the resolution as follows: "Being convinced of the urgency of adequate and well conceived measures being taken to deal with the slum problem in Dublin and other centres of population in the Irish Free State—the signatories call on the Government to press forward the promotion of such legislation as is necessary for this purpose. They consider that the adoption of a Town Planning Bill, on the lines of that already passed by the Senate, is a matter of immediate importance, and that powers should be required without delay to provide for the acquisition and demolition of slum properties without undue cost, and the erection of proper modern dwellings at rentals suitable to the means of the tenants."

(10365.)

OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES' ACT, 1926.

A letter dated 1st July, 1931, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing order for payment of £122 16s. 5d. by the Council, under the above Act for year ending 31st March, 1931.

(10366.)

PETROL PUMP.

Mr. Cott, Ballymore-Eustace, and Mr. S. O'Brien, Nurney, were granted permission to erect Petrol Pump outside their premises.

Mr. Cott was also granted permission to erect an underground tank, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10367.)

POISONS AND PHARAMCY ACT.

Application from Mr. John Hanrahan, Kilmeague, for Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act was approved and Licence issued.

Applications for renewal of Licences from Messrs. J. J. Byrne, Ballymore-Eustace, and Estate Management and Supply Association, Ltd., Millicent, were approved.

(10368.)

MALICIOUS INJURIES.

Mr. Harold Strahan served Notice of Malicious Injury to his bicycle and claimed £5 compensation. The matter was referred to Mr. Osborne to defend.

(10369.)

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR.

A letter dated 26th August, 1931, was read from Superintendent Murphy, Civic Guards, Naas, recommending that Garda Michael Coyle be appointed Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts in place of Garda Patrick Fitzgerald.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Phelan seconded, and it was unanimously resolved—“That Guard Michael Coyle be appointed Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts.”

(10370.)

MULLAGHMAST COW PARK.

Mr. Joseph O'Connor lodged £32 12s 6d., Receipts for grazing of Mullaghmast Cow Park, and reported that Patrick Byrne, Mullaghmast, failed to pay second instalment of his rent. As Byrne is at present dangerously ill the Council decided to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. O'Connor to collect at a favourable opportunity.

(10371.)

CONDOLENCE.

Letters acknowledging resolution of sympathy were read from Dr. O'Neill and Mr. Tyndall.

(10372.)

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Report of the County Analyst, as follows, was read:—

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Kildare upon the articles analysed by her during the quarter ending the 30th June, 1931:—

New Milk, 2nd April, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

Butter, 2nd April, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

Cheese, 2nd April, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

Margarine, 2nd April, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

New Milk, 23rd May, 1931, 4; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

New Milk, 14th April, 1931, 4; received from Guard Lenhon, Newbridge—Genuine.

T.a, 12th May 1931, 3, received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Sugar, 12th May, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Margarine, 12th May, 1931, 3; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Butter, 12th May, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Butter, 4th June, 1931, 4; received from Guard Murphy, Ballymore-Eustace—Genuine.

New Milk, 6th June, 1931, 4; received from Guard Geraghty, Robertstown—Genuine.

New Milk, 9th June, 1931, 2; received from Guard Hanrahan, Maynooth—Genuine.

Whiskey, 9th June, 1931, 2; received from Guard Hanrahan, Maynooth—Genuine.

New Milk, 11th June, 1931, 3; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Whiskey, 11th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Sugar, 11th June, 1931, 2; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Butter, 11th June, 1931, 3; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

New Milk, 11th June, 1931, 4; received from Guard McMahon, Kilcullen—3 Genuine 1 not genuine.

New Milk, 15th June, 1931, 4; received from Guard Reynolds, Kildare—Genuine.

New Milk, 15th June, 1931, 2; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine, 1 not genuine.

Whiskey, 15th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.
 Tea, 15th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.
 Butter, 19th June, 1931, 3; received from Guard Ryan, Castledermot—Genuine.
 Whiskey, 19th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Ryan, Castledermot—Genuine.
 New Milk, 19th June, 1931, 2; received from Guard Ryan, Castledermot—Genuine.
 Whiskey, 26th June, 1931, 2; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.
 Butter, 26th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.
 Cheese, 26th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.
 Jam, 26th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.
 New Milk, 26th June, 1931, 2; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.
 Lard, 26th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.
 Butter, 29th June, 1931, 2; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.
 Dripping, 29th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

Margarine, 29th June, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.
 Drugs, 4th April, 1931, 3; received from Naas—Genuine.
 Drugs, 7th May, 1931, 3; received from Castledermot—Genuine.
 Drugs, 29th May, 1931, 3; received from Clane—Genuine.
 Drugs, 1st June, 1931, 3; received from Athy—Genuine.
 Drugs, 9th June, 1931, 3; received from Carbury—Genuine.
 Drugs, 12th June, 1931, 3; received from Celbridge—Genuine.
 Drugs, 20th June, 1931, 3; received from Kildare—Genuine.
 Water, 17th June, 1931, 1; received from Co. Board of Health (Celbridge)—Passed.
 Total number of samples analysed during the quarter—Foods, 71; Drugs, 21; Water, 1; total, 93.
 Number Adulterated—New Milks, 2.
 10th July, 1931.
 Signed,

PHILOMENA RYAN,
 Public Analyst

(10373.)

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICIAL

SUBJECT.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
1	21884	A letter dated 23rd May, 1931, from the Local Government (Roads) Department relative to Loan of £2,000 in connection with Relief Scheme Vote, was read.
2	21898	A letter dated 27th May, 1931, No. 49/31 from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to probable postponement of Local Elections, was read.
3	21919	A letter dated 29th May, 1931, T. 1315/31, from Department of Agriculture relative to cow, slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, the property of Mr. M. Kenna, Clane, was read.
4	21923	A letter dated 29th May, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to return of Forms in connection with rents paid by wage earning classes, was read.
5	21925	A letter dated 29th May, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to travelling expenses of Dr. Harbison, County Medical Officer of Health, for the half-year ended 31st March, 1931, was read.
6	21988	A letter dated 6th June, 1931, T. 209/3 from the Local Government (Roads) Department relative to Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1920, was read.
7	21943	A letter dated 1st June, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, C. 52/31, relative to the reduction in rate on agricultural land as a result of the County Share of the additional relief of £750,000 recently provided, was read.
8	21954	A letter dated 1st June, 1931, G. 42040/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., conveying the sanction of the Minister to the appointment of Mr. Vincent Noone as Deputy for the Rate Inspector, was read.
9	21955	A letter dated 10th June, 1931, IR/107/1, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to temporary closing of the public road in connection with repairs to Monasterevan Drawbridge, was read.
10	22037	A letter dated 12th June, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health Circ. 57/31 requesting to be furnished with two copies of Notice of Rates having been made in respect of financial year ending March, 1932, was read.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
11	22044	A letter dated 13th June, 1931, from Department of Agriculture, L. 2039/31, relative to enforcement of Regulations governing Control of Dogs, was read.
12	22105	A letter dated 20th June, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health A. 49PPS/31, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on Audit of Accounts of the late County Kildare Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the periods ended 30th September, 1930, and 1st November, 1930, together with attested Abstracts of Accounts, was read.
13	22143	A letter dated 25th June, 1931, L. 2428/31, from Department of Agriculture relative to Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909, was read.
14	22207	A letter dated 2nd July, 1931, from Valuation Department relative to the application of the Great Southern Railway Company for a revision of Valuation of the Company's property in Co. Kildare, was read.
15	22212	A letter dated 2nd July, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 41892/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., relative to supervision of Rate Collectors and requesting to be furnished with particulars in connection with the existing arrangements relative to the Checking of the Rate Collectors' Accounts, etc., was read.
16	22237	A letter dated 4th July, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health P.H. 51891/1931, Cill Dara, (Ae.), relative to annual leave of Dr. Harbison, Co. Medical Officer of Health, was read.
17	22243	A letter dated 4th July, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 52336/1931, Cill Dara, Sg., relative to the appointment of Mr. John Byrne as Caretaker of Castledermot Courthouse and enclosing query forms for completion, was read.
18	22244	A letter dated 4th July, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 51537/1931, Cill Dara, regarding the payment of Poundage Fees to Rate Collectors in connection with the 1930-31 warrant, was read.
19	22252	A letter dated 6th July, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to the flooding of Friary Road, Naas, was read.
20	22286	A letter dated 8th July, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department RGM-201-31, relative to Main Road Upkeep Grant, 1931-32, was read.
21	22299	A letter dated 9th July, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 53931/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., requesting to be furnished with full particulars in connection with Rate Collection, was read.
22	22328	A letter dated 13th July, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 53301/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., acknowledging receipt of statement of dates and place appointed by the Council for the Checking of the Rate Collectors' Accounts, was read.
23	22325	A letter dated 13th July, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, Circ. 59/31, relative to Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, and enclosing copy thereof, was read.
24	22351	A letter dated 15th July, 1931, RS/13 from Local Government (Roads) Department sanctioning the employment of Mr. G. J. Gardiner as Assistant County Surveyor at remuneration of £5 5s per week during the period of Mr. Hurley's absence on sick leave, was read.
25	22361	A letter dated 16th July, 1931, from Department of Education requesting to be furnished with particulars relative to Renewal of Secondary Scholarships for coming year, was read.
26	22375	A letter dated 17th July, 1931, from Department of Agriculture L. 31/31, enclosing a list of names approved of by the Department for use in connection with Margarine, was read.
27	22425	A letter dated 23rd July, 1931, from Office of Public Works relative to Ardass Church, Celbridge, was read.
28	22426	A letter dated 24th July, 1931, from Office of Public Works requesting to be furnished with particulars as to owner of Car I.O. 3190, was read.
29	22395	A letter dated 21st July, 1931, G. 56891/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to payment of Poundage Fees to Collectors O'Connor and Shinkins, was read.
30	22523	A letter dated 6th August, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting to know why the Warrant for the current year's Collection has not yet been issued to Collector Stapleton, was read.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
31	22539	A letter dated 10th August, 1931, G. 1475/31, from Department of Agriculture requesting to be furnished with the names of the Members appointed on the Co. Committee of Agriculture, was read.
32	22558	A letter dated 11th August, 1931, P.H. 59001/31, Cill Dara (Ae.), from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning payment of Travelling Expenses to Dr. Harbison, County M.O.H., in respect of the quarter ended the 31st March, 1931, was read.
33	22565	A letter dated 11th August, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department, MT/162, requesting to be furnished with particulars relative to the number of vehicles of the various classes for which a licence was current on the 10th August, 1931, was read.
GENERAL.		
34	21920	A letter dated 29th May, 1931, from the Secretary Tipperary S.R. County Council transmitting copy of Resolution relative to purchase of Creameries under the Dairy Act, was read.
35	21924	A letter dated 29th May, 1931, from Mr. W. A. Lanphier, Solicitor, Naas, relative to cutting of trough by County Council employees in approach to gateway of field, the property of Mr. Bartle Connell at Dublin Road, Naas, was read.
36	21933	A letter dated 30th May, 1931, from Secretary, Dublin County Council, transmitting copy of Resolution adopting a Report of the Joint Committee of Agriculture on the findings of the Commission in De-rating, was read.
37	21980	A letter dated 4th June, 1931, from Public Works Congress Committee inviting Delegates to attend Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition in London in November, 1931, was read.
38	22129	A letter dated 24th June, 1931, from Grand Canal Company relative to canal banks at Allenwood and Killina and enclosing agreement in connection with the matter dated 6th June, 1918, was read.
39	22024	A Memorandum dated 10th June, 1931, from Women's Prisoners Defence League relative to Political Prisoners, was read.
40	22071	A letter dated 13th June, 1931, from Dublin Corporation relative to Road Machinery for sale, was read.
41	22125	A letter dated 22nd June, 1931, from Irish Tourist Association transmitting copy of letter recently issued together with copy of Resolution in regard thereto relative to appeal on behalf of Irish Holidays, 1931, was read.
42	22228	A letter dated 3rd July, 1931, from Secretary, Sligo County Council transmitting copy of Resolution protesting against the proposed legislation relative to Local Authorities, was read.
43	22230	A letter dated 3rd July, 1931, from Tipperary S.R. County Council transmitting copy of Resolution relative to Land Annuities, was read.
44	22362	A letter dated 6th July, 1931, from County Surveyor relative to Chr. Kearney's Contracts, was read.
45	22274	A letter dated 7th July, 1931, from W. A. Lanphier, Solicitor, Naas, enclosing Decree in case of Patrick Brereton v. the Council, Rathangan Drainage District, was read.
46	22279	A letter dated 8th July, 1931, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, Athy, relative to preparation of Bond for Collector Stapleton, was read.
47	22429	A letter dated 24th July, 1931, from Great Southern Railway Company stating that account for year ending March, 1931, relative to approaches to over-bridges has been passed for payment, was read.
48	22516	A letter dated 5th August, 1931, from Valuation Department requesting to be furnished with the Valuation Lists and Abstract relating to County Kildare, was read.
49	22535	A letter dated 8th August, 1931, from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Naas, enclosing Return under Food and Drugs Act, was read.
50	22545	A letter dated 10th August, 1931, from Valuation Department acknowledging receipt of Valuation Lists relating to the County, was read.

SUBJECT.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
51	22546	A letter dated 10th August, 1931, from Office of Public Works requesting to be furnished with reports in respect of the several Drainage Districts, was read.
52	22556	A letter dated 11th August, 1931, from County Councils General Council relative to Drainage Act, 1924, was read.
53	22589	A letter dated 13th August, 1931, from Mr. J. S. McElveen, Curragh, enclosing account of expenses incurred at Ballymany Dipping Station during the ten months ended the 31st July, 1931, was read.
54	22594	A letter dated 15th August, 1931, from Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd., relative to Motor Policy No. 550116, was read.

Adjourned.

M. K. P. in
22/11/31

Kildare County Council

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 11th September, 1931.

Present: - Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs P. J. Dunne and Thomas Harris, T. D.

(9740)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £3676- 0- 5 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9741)
ILLNESS OF OFFICIAL.

A letter dated 3rd September, 1931 was read from the County Surveyor enclosing a Certificate dated 1st September, 1931 from Dr. Roantree stating that Mr. Domican, Assistant Surveyor is ill and will be unable for duty for some weeks.

(9742)
DAMAGE BY FLOODING.

A letter dated 10th September, 1931 was read from the County Surveyor giving particulars of Works to be executed as a result of damage caused by flooding, as follows:-

1.	Bridge at Palmerstown P. I. £90 to be restored.			
2.	Road Foundations & Surface, P. I. 209 to be restored.			
3.	Do	Do	211.	Do Do.
4.	Do	Do	202	Do Do
5.	Do	Do	198	Do Do
6.	Do	Do	195	Do Dc
7.	Do	Do	194	Do Do
8.	Do	Do	193	Do Do
9.	Do	Do	192.	Do Do
10.	Do	Do	198	Do Do.
11.	Do	Do	179	Do Dc.

As No. I. will cost more than £50, the County Surveyor stated that he had reported under the Order to the Local Government Department and now enclosed Draft Consent for signature by two Councillors. The Consent was signed as required.

(9743)
COLLECTOR STAPLETON.

The Secretary was reported that Collector Stapleton's Bond was now in order. The Committee directed that Collector Stapleton be given his Books.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
6/11/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 25th September, 1931.
Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan,
P.J. Dunne and W. Doyle.

(9744)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in Charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2984- 4- 6 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9745)
OVERDUE ACCOUNT.

An account for £5- 12- 3 from Messrs Wiggins & Company which was Statute-Barred was submitted. The Secretary was directed to apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to extend the time within which payment may be made.

(9746)
CURRAGH SHEEP ORDER.

A letter was read from Veterinary Inspector Cosgrove reporting breach of the Curragh Bye-Laws by Mr. John Mahon, Boystown House, Valleymount, The Committee ordered that Mr. Osborne, the Council's Solicitor be instructed to take proceedings in the case.

(9747),
COLLECTORS POUNDAGE.

A letter dated 12th September 1931, G.68559/31.Fa.Cill Dara from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that the Minister was not prepared to alter his decision regarding the Poundage of Collector O'Connor and the other Collectors who have not received poundage at the maximum rate, was read.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
6/11/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 9th October, 1931.
Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E. A. Coonan, P. J. Dunne, J. J. Byrne, T. Harris, T. D. and J. N. Wardell.

(9748)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1718- 9- 1 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

A similar order was made for payment of expenses under the Roads Act, 1920 for period ended 30th September, 1931.

Payment of Travelling Expenses to Dr. Harbison, County Medical Officer of Health for Quarter ended 30th September, 1931 amounting to £39- 16- 6 was recommended, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(9749)
CONTRACTOR PATK. KENNY.

A letter dated 22nd September, 1931 was received from the County Surveyor enclosing Report from Assistant Surveyor Quinn in connection with neglect by Contractor Kenny, Pluckerstown of Roads P. I. Nos 145, Robertstown, 246a and 246b, Rathangan. The Council directed that the County Surveyor serve the usual 10 Days Notice on Contractor Kenny.

(9750)
ROAD NO. P. I. 295.

A letter dated 8th October, 1931 was read from the County Surveyor in which it was stated that the Contractor for Road No. P. I. 395 complained that he considered I. O. C. Parcels Bus & Hughes' Lorry (6 Ton) did much damage to the road as they were on it at least twice each day. The County Surveyor stated that the road in question was a narrow bog one and could not be widened.

The Committee adjourned the matter for a further Report and recommendation from the County Surveyor.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
9/10/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Special Meeting of County Council held on the 9th October, 1931.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding, Messrs. E. A. Coonan, W. Doyle, P. J. Dunne, J. N. Wardell, P. Phelan, S. B. Minch, P. Keenan, M. Smyth, J. Byrne, T. Harris, T.D.; J. Harris, C. Buckley and G. W. Henderson.

(10375.)

SYMPATHY.

It was proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and unanimously resolved:—"That we tender to our colleague, Mr. Fitzgerald, our deepest sympathy on the death of his brother."

It was proposed by Mr. T. Harris, seconded by Mr. Smyth, and resolved:—"That we tender to Miss Mitchell our deepest sympathy on the tragic death of her brother."

It was proposed by Mr. J. J. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thomas Harris, and resolved:—"That we, the Members of the Kildare County Council, have learned with deep regret of the untimely death of Mr. Thomas Doran, Milemill, a former Member of this Council, and we hereby convey to his bereaved relatives our sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained."

(10376.)

NAAS FLOODING.

A deputation from the Naas Urban District Council, consisting of Messrs. Doyle, Lacy, and Dowling, and Mr. Sargent C.E., attended before the Meeting relative to the recent flooding in Naas, and the following Statement was read from the County Surveyor.—

It will be necessary that which ever body proceeds to get the work done will have the force of proper authority.

The present demand itself shows which Council is more interested. The County Council can hardly act as a Sanitary Authority and every one knows that the prime cause at heart is the flooding of dwelling-houses and shops.

Cleansing of the drains sufficient for the roads will be insufficient for the houses.

Again, there are some areas flooded where the Main roads are not involved e.g., Mill Brook, where new houses on a very low level are flooded by the larger river after issuing from the pumping station. The river then passes under an Urban Road and runs through private grounds for nearly 400 yards

before it reaches the main road.

The County Council carries on its duty regarding repair and improvement of roads under a Road Works Scheme prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, 1925. This part of the Order read as follows:—Article 40—"In this part of this Order, save where the context otherwise requires, the expression "repair" when used in relation to roads means all work of repair of roads, and includes resurfacing roads with a material similar to the existing surface, patching or tarring the surface, repairing surface water drains required exclusively for the drainage of roads." For "improvement" a similar limitation is set out.

The area flooded is all within that where the Urban Council have undertaken in addition to their own cleansing and scavenging to carry out whatever cleansing of the main roads might be considered the duty of the County Council. (These two cleansings are different.) The relevant Agreement refers to the "roads," and the L.G. Act, 1925, Section 1, reads as follows.—The word "road" means any public road, and includes any bridge, pipe arch, gully, footway, pavement, fence, railing or wall forming part thereof."

Applications from private individuals seeking to make the County Council as road authority liable for such flooding are always resisted.

Both of the rivers causing flooding form a Mill Race after the converge, with no by-pass, and the first thing to ensure is the cleansing of the Mill Race and Mill Pond, and afterwards the proper regulation of the Sluices. In the last flooding only one Sluice was opened. Further operation of the Mill, even in normal times, so close to the town, probably causes silting higher up owing to reduction of velocity in the flow of water.

The question having been discussed at length, it was proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Buckley, and resolved:—"That Council's opinion be taken as to the County Council's duty and liability in the matter. The Council wish to say they are in sympathy with the Naas residents of the flooded area."

(10377.)

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY M.O.H.

Dr. J. A. Harbison tendered, and the Council, with regret, accepted as from the 9th November, 1931, his resignation as

County Medical Officer of Health. The question of making arrangements for the temporary discharge of his duties having been considered, it was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—That Dr. McCarthy be appointed temporary County Medical Officer of Health pending permanent appointment of successor to Dr. Harbison, or till further order, at same salary and expenses as that paid to Dr. Harbison, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The question of making arrangements for the permanent appointment was referred to the Finance Committee.

(10376.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

With reference to Rathangan Drainage, Mr. Minch stated that his Firm (Messrs. Minch, Norton and Company, Ltd), were in communication with the Office of Public Works relative to the Weir at Rathangan and were prepared to relinquish their Water Rights, if satisfactory arrangements could be made.

The Council appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. Minch, T. Harris, Doyle and the County Surveyor to inspect the place.

Adjourned.

H. J. Harrison
12/11/21

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on the 23rd October, 1931.

Present: Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan and W. Doyle.

(9751)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payments for Works in charge of the County Surveyor, amounting to £1986- 15- 7 were approved, and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

M Fitzsimons
20/11/31

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE GONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of County Council held on the 23rd October, 1931.

Present—Messrs. W. R. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, W. Doyle, W. Fitzgerald, P. Phelan, M. Behan, H. Cogan, and P. Keenan. Mr. Osborne, Council's Solicitor, was also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. Doyle, Mr. Phelan was elected Chairman of the Meeting.

(10379.)

DUNSTOWN WOOD.

A letter was received from Messrs. Russell, Portarlinton, offering to sell Dunstown Wood to the Council for Forestry purposes for £325. With reference to the matter the following Minute was read from the County Committee of Agriculture:—"Woodland at Dunstown—A letter dated 6th October, 1931, was received from Messrs. Russell Brothers, Ltd., Portarlinton, stating that an area of about 100 acres of land, with the timber thereon, at Dunstown, near Naas, would be conveyed to them at the beginning of November, and offering to sell the land to the County Council in fee-simple for the sum of £325. On the motion of Mr. E. A. Coonan, seconded by Mr. W. Doyle, it was unanimously decided to make an offer of £270 for the land, the actual area of which is about 94 Statute acres, and the offer was accepted on behalf of his Firm by Mr. R. G. H. Russell, who, with his Solicitor, Mr. A. Rolleston, Portlaoighise, was present at the meeting. Mr. Russell further undertook not to remove the timber from two narrow strips of land which will be conveyed to the Council, and which contain, in all, about 10 acres. The land will be handed over by the Vendors in sections according as they are cleared of timber, and the first section will be transferred to the Council in March, 1932, or thereabouts."

On the reading of the foregoing it was proposed by Mr. Coonan, seconded by Mr. Doyle and resolved:—"That the County Council acquire the land for plantation purposes, the purchase price to be £270."

(10380.)

TELEPHONE FACILITIES AT NARRAGHMORE.

A Petition dated 3rd October, 1931, from Residents in Narraghmore District, requesting the Council to guarantee the payment of £43 for seven years and undertaking to indemnify the Council against any loss, in connection with the provision of Telephone facilities

at Narraghmore, was read, and adjourned to next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

(10381.)

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

A letter dated 2nd. September, 1931, was read from Mr. More O'Ferrall, Kildangan, resigning his office as County Councillor, when it was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Coonan and resolved:—"That Mr. More O'Ferrall be asked to reconsider his decision and remain on this Council." The Secretary was directed to convey the wishes of the County Council in the matter to Mr. More O'Ferrall.

(10382.)

SHEEP SCAB ORDER.

A report from Veterinary Inspector Cosgrove, stating that he had discovered Scab in Sheep, the property of Mr. William Burke, Blackhall, and that Mr. Burke had failed to report the matter. It was proposed by Mr. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. Behan, and resolved:—"That legal proceedings be taken against William Burke, Blackhall for not reporting Sheep affected with Scab, as reported by our Veterinary Inspector."

The Secretary was directed to instruct Mr. Osborne, the Council's Solicitor, to institute proceedings against Mr. Burke.

(10383.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 21st October, 1931, was read from the Secretary, Vocational Education Committee, Naas, requesting the use of Castledermot Courthouse for Cookery and Needlework Classes. The Council granted the application on the understanding that any damage done will be made good by the Committee.

(10384.)

TELEGRAPH LINE.

An application dated 15th October, 1931, from Department of Posts and Telegraphs, for permission to erect an overground telegraphic line from Railway Bridge along new road Bohereenagore to St. Brigid's Terrace, Kildare, was received, and the required per-

mission granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10385.)

ROADS IN CONTRACT.

A letter dated 22nd October, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor, requesting permission to serve 10 Days' Notice on James Flanagan, Derry, Donadea, in respect of Roads P.I. Nos. 69, 70 and 71, Kilcock Section. The required permission was granted.

(10386.)

HOUSING GRANT.

A letter dated 6th. October, 1931, was received from Mr. George Kelly, Bay View House, Kishavanna, applying for Grant under the Housing Act, and stating that the house had been completed and he had received a Grant from the Local Government (Housing) Department. The Council granted the application as the house had been commenced before the 1st. April, 1931.

An application from Mr. Thomas Smyth, Lackagh, Monasterevan, for a grant under the Housing Act, was received and consideration thereof postponed.

(10387.)

ROADWAY AT BALLYTEAGUE.

A letter dated 20th. October, 1931, was read from Messrs. Hayes & Sons, Solicitors to the Grand Canal Company, applying for pay-

ment of the sum of £5 14s. 6d. costs in connection with preparation of Agreement in respect of Ballyteague Roadway, which was not approved of by the Council. Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, informed the Council that there was no obligation on them to pay the Costs in this case, and the Secretary was directed to convey this information to Messrs. Hayes & Sons.

(10388.)

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

Applications for renewal of Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act were received from Messrs. S. Wright, Castledermot, and C. Ua Buachalla, Kilcock, and granted in each case.

(10389.)

PETROL PUMP.

An application was received from Mr. Edward Clarke for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises at Main Street, Maynooth, and permission granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10390.)

SYMPATHY.

Letters thanking the Council for sympathy extended to them in recent bereavements were received from Mrs. Coady, Kildare, and Miss Mitchell, Naas.

Adjourned.

H. J. O'Sullivan
22/11/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 31st October, 1931.
Present: -Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan and Wm. Doyle.

(9752)
SPECIAL MEETING.

The Chairman explained that he had got the Meeting called in consequence of a Report from the Secretary that Collector Shinkins failed to attend to have his Books checked on the 26th October, and gave no explanation when requested, and also failed to attend to check on the 29th October, when requested by telegram to do so.

(9753)
COLLECTOR SHINKINS.

Collector Shinkins attended the meeting and stated that he was ill all the week, and produced a certificate from Dr. Rowan certifying that he was suffering from lung trouble and recommending that he cease from doing out-of-door work for a fortnight. His Accounts had been checked by the Rate Inspector before the meeting and found to be in order. In the circumstances the Committee accepted his explanation, but warned him that serious notice would be taken by the Committee if any irregularity occurred in future.

(9754)
POUNDAGE.

The Committee paid Poundage at the appropriate rate to Collectors Jos. O'Connor, F.J. Field, H.J. Kearns, J. Downes, T. Sammon, P. Downey, G.E. Coonan, J. Malone and J. Headon. Collector Dunne who met with a mishap on his way to the Treasurer's Office was late to make a lodgment, but he lodged amount sufficient to close 1st Moiety with the Secretary. In the circumstances the Committee recommend payment of his poundage. The Committee also recommended payment of Poundage to Collector Simon Malone who had collected more than half the current years rate, less arrears, which are temporarily uncollectable.

(9755)
COLLECTORS O'CONNOR & KEARNS.

Collectors O'Connor & Kearns wrote asking to be paid Poundage at 8d in the £, as they only got their Books on the 30th June it was impossible for them to have one-fourth lodged by 31st July. The Committee recommended payment subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(9756)
ROAD CONGRESS.

The County Surveyor requested permission to attend the Road Congress in London in November. The Committee granted the required permission.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
8/11/31.

COMHAIRLE GONNDÁE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 6th November, 1931.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding; Messrs. J. Conlan, E. A. Coonan, W. Doyle, F. Thornton, P. J. Dunne and J. N. Wardell.

9757.)

MINUTES.

Minutes of Meetings held since date of last Quarterly Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

(9758.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the Co. Surveyor amounting to £2,027 8s 0d were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9759.)

APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Payments as certified by the County Surveyor on Form 22 were approved and recommended for payment.

Payments 1 to 75 in the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved, and it was ordered that payments be made in respect of salaries and pensions falling due monthly up the 1st. February, 1932, by Special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other payments as per the Chairman's copy were approved.

(9760.)

COLLECTION OF RATE.

A Return showing the state of the Collection of Rate was submitted.

(9761.)

OVERDRAFT.

The Secretary was directed to request the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to an overdraft of £10,000.

(9762.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1931, were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date. The Bank Book for the Subsidiary Account was signed by the Chairman.

(9763.)

DR. HARBISON'S RESIGNATION.

The Committee proceeded to consider whether any, and what alterations should be made in the salary and duties of the office of County Medical Officer of Health, the position being vacant owing to the resignation of Dr. Harbison. The Committee recommended no alteration in the salary, viz., £800, with travelling expenses not exceeding £200. The duties being set out in Order dated 8th. November, 1926, the Committee see no reason to alter, but recommend that the person appointed take on the duties of Tuberculosis Officer, if and when that office became vacant.

The Committee recommend that for administrative convenience, that the salary and travelling expenses of the Office be paid by the County Board of Health.

(9764.)

LATE VETERINARY INSPECTOR SMITH.

Mr. Coonan proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—"That we, the Members of the Finance Committee of the Kildare County Council, have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Michael Smith, V.S., Mullingar, and we hereby convey to his bereaved widow and family our sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained."

(9765.)

VETERINARY INSPECTOR—FORMER EDENDERRY NO. 2 AREA.

The Committee proceeded to consider whether any, and what alterations should be made in the salary and duties of the office of Veterinary Inspector for former Edenderry No. 2 area. The salary being £47 10s. 0d per annum for duties under the Diseases of

Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order, and the Committee see no reason for any alteration.

(9766.)

TEMPORARY VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Crowe, V.S., Edenderry, and Mr. McDonald, V.S., Cormackstown, Maynooth, intimated their willingness to act as temporary Inspector pending the appointment of a permanent officer, for the former District of Edenderry No. 2. Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Dunne seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:—"That Mr. William McDonald, M.R.C.V.S., be appointed in a temporary capacity to the position of Veterinary Inspector for late Edenderry No. 2 area, at a salary of £47 10s. 0d. per annum, pending the permanent appointment, or till further order.

(9767.)

WEEKLY PAYMENTS.

The Committee considered the question of paying the roadmen weekly. They were of the opinion that it would only be possible by increasing the clerical staff in the Secretary's and County Surveyor's Offices. Even then it would duplicate the clerical work on the County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors and Overseers whose time would be more profitably employed at other work, and in the circumstances the Committee can recommend no alteration in the present arrangement.

(9768.)

DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR.

A letter dated 5th November, 1931, was received from the County Surveyor, requesting sanction of the Committee to serve 10 Days' Notice on following contractors who had neglected their Contracts:—Road P.I. No. 21, Richard O'Brien, Thomastown, Johnstownbridge; Road P.I. No. 51, Ber-

nard Murphy, Killyon, Moyvalley, and road P.I. No. 480, Thomas Curtis, Levitstown, Mageny. The Committee directed that the Notices be served in each case.

(9769.)

ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS.

The following letter was read from the County Surveyor:—
County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Naas.
31st. October, 1931.

PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION, 1931.

Dear Sir,—I beg to ask if the Finance Committee will be so good as to recommend that I be appointed as a Delegate to this Congress, in case I am able to go, or if they would consent to my going on the same terms as they approved four years ago to the same Congress?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN RORKE.

The Secretary,
Kildare County Council,
Courthouse, Naas.

The Committee recommend that Mr. Rorke be appointed a Delegate according to the terms of his letter, but remind him that travelling expenses were not sanctioned by the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the occasion referred to in his letter. His attention is also called to the terms of the Local Conference Order, 1928, which limits the distance of Conferences to 100 miles from functional area.

(9770.)

COAL FOR COURTHOUSE

The Secretary was directed to get quotations from Local Traders for the supply of 10 tons coal for Naas Courthouse.

Adjourned.

M. F. O'Sullivan
29/12/32

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 20th November, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E. A. Coonan, P. J. Dunne and Wm. Doyle.

(9757)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1712- 12- 0, were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9758)
RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary reported that all the Collectors had now closed their Accounts with the exception of Collectors Dowling and Shinkins, less Arrears of Collectors Bell and S. Malone. The Committee directed that the Secretary write these Collectors and urge on them the necessity of closing their Accounts forthwith.

(9759)
POUNDAGE.

A letter dated 8th November, 1931, G. 85227/1931, Cill Dara, Fa. was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to extension of time to Rate Collectors to enable them close their Accounts. The Committee recommended payment of Poundage Fees at 8d in the £ to Collectors Bell, Stapleton and Gannon, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

(9760)
COLLECTOR S. MALONE.

A letter dated 10th November, 1931 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health, G. 85226/31, Cill Dara, Fa. relative to payment of Poundage Fees to Collector Simon Malone. The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter to the Collector concerned.

(9761)
COAL FOR COURTHOUSE.

Tenders for the supply of 10 tons coal to Naas Courthouse were received from Messrs Wallace Brothers, and J. Hederman, Naas. The Tender of Mr. Hederman, being the lowest was accepted,
Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
29/11/32

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Quarterly Finance Meeting of County Council held on the 23rd November, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding, Messrs. Buckley, Ronaldson, T. Harris, T.D.; M. Smyth, J. Byrne, W. Doyle, J. Coffey, W. Fitzgerald, E. Cleary, P. J. Dunne, P. Phelan, F. Thornton, J. Harris, M. Behan, G. W. Henderson, S. B. Minch, J. J. Bergin, P. Keenan, R. Gannon.

(10391.)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Gannon, and resolved:—"That the Minutes of Meetings of County Council held on the 31st August, 9th and 23rd October, 1931, copy of which had been sent to each Member be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

Proposed by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Keenan, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held on the 11th and 25th September, 9th, 23rd and 31st October, and 6th November, 1931, copy of which had been sent to each Member be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

(10392.)

SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. G. W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. J. J. Bergin, and resolved:—"That we, the members of the Kildare Co. Council, have learned with regret of the death of Mr. Flynn, a former member of this Council, and we hereby convey to his widow, Mrs. Flynn, and the other members of the family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement."

(10393.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipts and Expenditure Book for Quarter ended the 30th September, 1931, were examined and signed by the Chairman, and the following Books were produced by the Secretary written up to date:—(1) General Ledger, (2) Register of Mortgages, (3) Register of Separate

Charges, (4) Register of Applications and Proposals, (5) Reports from Rate Inspector re Checking Collectors' Accounts.

(10394.)

PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Buckley, and resolved:—"That all payments recommended by the Finance Committee for County-at-Large Charges be and are hereby approved."

(10395.)

PAYMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Buckley, 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."

(10396.)

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Payments since date of last Quarterly Meeting were submitted and the Bank Book signed by the Chairman.

(10397.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Phelan, and resolved:—"That Messrs. Keenan, Smyth and Doyle be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents:—Receipt for Mr. T. Hannon for Redemption of Drainage Charge on Blackwater Drainage; Agreement with Irish Tourist Association."

(10398.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

(1)—I have the honour to report that at the Quarterly Finance Meeting, recently held, contractors' applications for payments amounted to £1,881 5s. 4d. The manner in which this sum was dealt with is shown in the following table:—

To Pay	To defer	To strike off	To be dealt with under Sec. 54.
£1,590 10s. 10d.	£252 7s. 0d.	£13 17s. 6d.	£24 10s. 0d.

During the Quarter ended 30th September, 1931, in addition to £1,590 10s. 10d. recommended for payment as above, the sum of £19,501 7s. 6d. was certified to the Finance Committee as follows:—Main Roads, £10,658 19s. 9d.; County Roads, £3,333 2s. 5d.; Grants and Loans, £5,509 5s. 1d.

Road contractors have, since getting the minor roads last April, carried out their duties fairly well, with several exceptions, and I am taking steps to impress upon these at this early stage in their contracts that materials for repair must be delivered at the specified date and be of reasonably good quality: in some cases where an Assistant Surveyor has actually tested by screening the material put out for measurement this year, I have seen up to fully 50 per cent. consisting of sand under an eighth of an inch in size.

Under Government Grant and monies specially provided by the Council many notable improvements have been carried out during the year, e.g., rolled concrete at Knocknacree Hill and elsewhere, and Killecullen footpaths: to mention only a couple.

The Roads Department have again this year suggested you informing them as early as possible as to the amount of money to be passed for road upkeep during next financial year so as to be in a position to announce the grants-in-aid (which are proportionate to our own expenditure) correspondingly early. One advantage in this arrangement which I may point to being the value obtained in the long day as compared with one of shorter working hours: I hope to have Provisional Road Works Scheme ready for your consideration at Quarterly Meeting, and that it will call for no increase in the road rate for next year. However, I wish to draw attention to some of the present aspects of road upkeep and its probable cost in the future. It may seem like platitudinous repetition to mention increasing traffic, but I consider this unavoidable. I reported for 1927 that I noticed that year a definitely upward jump in heavy traffic: this was due to the Buses then becoming firmly established. For 1931 I think another well defined rise could be recorded, this time consisting in the increased numbers of fast heavy lorries of a recent type, travelling as fast as the Buses, carrying goods of all descriptions, for example, coal, building materials, cattle, herds of sheep, etc., etc., all apparently having forsaken the Railways. I mention this only to argue that if such a change has taken place road expenditure of a very different order to what we are accustomed to must inevitably be a very immediate question. Owing to the present traffic stream it is now unsafe to turn a vehicle on the road from Naas to Dublin without using the greatest caution, or even to walk across the road; workmen there will in future have to be safeguarded by traffic pointsmen. The result is that this, and other roads of its class are, I regret to say, leaving their foundations obviously damaged (particularly along the sides) apart from surface wear, and require re-shaping and widening to accommodate users more safely; and very soon the bulk of our improvement grants will have to be applied to these national roads instead of to the secondary main roads which we have been improving for the past 3 or 4 years. The point again is that the present rate of expenditure from all sources will not overtake or keep pace with the new requirements of the general body of road users, who, once any definite line of improvement commences, cannot understand any cessation in the work of completion, being generally hopelessly misinformed as to road-making costs and the year to year status of the money provision in this particular case. Then again our bye-roads for some years past are having new traffic requirements to fulfil, the change in their case being the very numerous lighter lorries (principally of local ownership) which have become ubiquitous, rendering the former low costing method of maintenance by loose macadam of rapidly diminishing value. When it is realised that we have 7 to 800 miles of this class to keep, the seriousness may be recognised.

PETROL PUMPS AND OIL CABINETS.—Up to the present when the Council have been requested to licence the erection of Petrol Pumps on public roads they have done so subject to the County Surveyor's approval. There are some cases pending at present, but in view of the traffic rush commented on above, the need of more accommodation and space on roads and streets and the dangers from lack of same, and the fact that the public are already sufficiently supplied with Petrol Pumps, I have decided to refrain by any positive act to add to the confusion on our highways, or in other words to refuse sanction as far as I am concerned unless in extremely rare conditions of space. The legislation of 1925 probably never contemplated the present rows of pumps and the sort of ownership which the lessees seem to have taken in the surrounding thoroughfares. As regards oil cabinets they appear to be quite illegal on the roadways and when ranged along with the pumps form an effective barrier to anyone attempting to get on or off the footpaths; with your approval I intend to serve notice in all cases in the county for their removal.

HEDGES.—Where the Council desire to improve dangerous corners and this necessitates the removal of a hedge for a space, it is becoming more evident that the notice prescribed by the 1925 L.G. Act should in all cases be first served on owner or occupier to remove the hedge himself. As regards hedge cutting generally the Ministry have recently written threatening to withhold road grants if County Councils do not compel more hedges to be cut. I have given Assistant Surveyors instructions accordingly.

DAMAGE BY FLOODS.—In the very exceptional flooding last September considerable damage to roads occurred; this has almost all been made good by emergency expenditure except in the difficult cases where the damage consisted of long lengths of minor gravel roads leaving the surface completely loosened in these times when motor

traffic will not consolidate it again. It would be uneconomical to roll these surfaces as new material of "broken stone" or cubical quality would have to be supplied at enormous cost. This amount of this emergency expenditure has been as follows, all in the Kill District:—

P.I. 190 at Palmerstown	£750
„ 209 at Eadestown	100
„ 179 at Turnings	53
„ 202 at Furness	10
„ 195 at Hempstown	14
„ 206 at Red Bog	6

UNEMPLOYMENT.—The County Board of Health and Public Assistance have recently corresponded with me on the subject of endeavouring to find employment for willing workers unfortunately idle through no fault of their own. As the suggestion for the time being involved no increase in expenditure I acquiesced, but the experiment is so recent, and has gone such a small way so far, that it can hardly be adjudicated upon except by saying that it marks a new move towards most useful co-operation in a very grave matter by the public bodies. Formerly I have considered this subject outside the scope of official duty, but words of those qualified to speak impel me to the opinion that no one can refuse to volunteer his help, especially when so doing in no way interferes with his official work, but rather the contrary. I think that the Council might receive the Board of Health in conference on this matter usefully if this were agreed as regulations require me to prepare my road works scheme for next year before you can consider this report and direct me, and as the said scheme is the only method I know which can deal with the matter I am setting down tentatively at its conclusion certain sums of money for work of the same amount as have been actually paid out in public assistance last year to able-bodied men on the score of unemployment. This information I have obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Health and he assures me that if you pass the extra amount for work his own estimate will be correspondingly reduced, and so the rates will not be increased as I stated at the commencement of this report. The administration of these sums in different areas, if passed, I am quite willing to leave to your direction or to any local Committee you might appoint for the purpose. Of course the Council need not approve and may restore the estimate to its normal condition.

The Council approved of the Report.

(10399.)

PRELIMINARY ROAD ESTIMATE.

A letter dated 30th October, 1931, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health Ref. R.G./201/31, requesting the Council to frame Estimates of the sums which they are likely to allow for the upkeep respectively of (a) Main Roads and (b) County Roads for financial year, 1932-33.

The amount recommended by the County Surveyor in the Provisional Road Works Scheme was £29,055 0s 0d for Main Roads and £22,382 0s 0d for County Roads. In the latter estimate £2,465 was provided for unemployment relief works. The Council increased the amount under this head to £5,000, and with this amendment the Estimate was approved.

(10400.)

UNEMPLOYMENT.

The following communication was received from the County Board of Health:—
Kildare Board of Health and Public Assistance, County Hospital, Naas,
17th November, 1931.

RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

A Chara,—

I am directed to send you the enclosed copy of a report made by the Superintendent Assistance Officer to the Board at their meet-

Your obedient servant,

JOHN RORKE.

ing on the 16th instant, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—
"That a copy of the Report be sent to the County Council with a recommendation that they should make available, if necessary by borrowing, a sum of £3,000 for the provision of Relief Works on public roads during the remainder of the current year in accordance with a Scheme to be prepared by the County Surveyor, and a further sum of £5,000 in the coming financial year for a similar purpose, on condition that the demand of the Board of Assistance shall be reduced by the amount which it is calculated would otherwise have been expended from their funds in affording Home Assistance to unemployed able-bodied men, these reductions approximating to £1,800 and £3,000 respectively."

On the reading of the foregoing letter Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded:—
"That in order to give effect to the recommendation of the Board of Health to bring relief to the unemployed who would be chargeable to Home Help that a Joint Committee of the Board of Health and this Council be formed to prepare a Scheme to expend a sum of £3,000, and that the Treasurer be requested to give us an overdraft for that amount."

The motion was passed unanimously and Messrs. Minch, T. Harris, Keenan, Coonan, Cleary, Thornton and Buckley were appointed with the County Surveyor to confer with the Board of Health in drafting a Scheme to be submitted to the County Council at meeting on 30th November, 1931.

(10401.)

DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The County Surveyor's Report as follows on the Drainage Districts was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Naas,
21st November, 1931.

The Secretary,

Kildare County Council, Naas.

RE ARTERIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Dear Sir,—

As a supplement to my Quarterly Report I beg to state that all the Arterial Drainage Districts have been satisfactorily maintained except the Gorteen, where the Contractors delayed too long into the wet season to perform the work satisfactorily, and in the Ballycowan District where the Contractor did no work. In these cases a proportionate reduction of the Contractors' money has been made.

In both the Rathangan District and the Kildare District there are increasing complaints of tributaries, which were not included in the original schemes by the Board of Works, being unsatisfactory from the point of view of land drainage, or else overcharging the rivers in the care of the County Council with water that the latter were not intended to take. It appears to me that the re-organization of these districts may be a matter for the consideration of the Council and the Board of Works.

The question of the Canal Company's drains in the Rathangan Drainage District becoming derelict, which I referred to in previous correspondence, is still undealt with.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN RORKE.

With reference to the last paragraph of the Report, the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, for information as to how matters stand.

(10402.)

KILDARE DRAINAGE.

With reference to the second paragraph of the County Surveyor's Report a complaint was received from a number of residents at Kildoon that flooding of their lands was caused by the course of another river being diverted and now made to flow into a tributary under the care of the County Council which is not capable of carrying the extra amount of water. The complainants requested the County Council to have the matter remedied.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Dempsey and Howard attended the meeting and explained the matters complained of.

The Council appointed Messrs. J. C. Bergin, Doyle, and Cleary a Committee to inspect the river and report to the Council.

(10403.)

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

A letter dated 14th October, 1931, P.H. I/31, Cill Dara (Ac.), was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health approving of the appointment of Dr. McCarthy to discharge the duties of County Medical Officer of Health as a temporary arrangement pending the appointment of a successor to Dr. Harbison. The letter also stated that immediate steps may be taken to make application to the Local Appointments Commissioners for a recommendation in connection with the filling of the vacancy.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Minch seconded and it was passed unanimously:—"That in pursuance of Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, Dr. William McCarthy, who was appointed to the Public Health Service in this County on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission, be and is hereby appointed to the Office of County Medical Officer of Health for Kildare at the authorised salary and expenses for the position, the duties of which he is at present performing, and has from time to time during the past 3½ years discharged in an eminently Satisfactory manner."

(1040.)

VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

The Council approved of the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the 6th November, 1931, with reference to the appointment of Veterinary Inspector for former District of Edenderry No. 2, and requested the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend an Inspector for appointment.

(10405.)

RESIGNATION OF MR. MORE O'FERRALL.

A letter dated 27th October, 1931, was read from Mr. More O'Ferrall declining to withdraw his resignation as Councillor, when it was proposed by Mr. Cleary, seconded by Mr. Henderson, and resolved:—"That the Office of County Councillor for the County Electoral Area of Kildare be declared vacant in consequence of the resignation of Mr. R. More O'Ferrall, and that the Council proceed to fill the said vacancy on the County Council at the hour of 3 p.m. on this date, and

that Notice hereof signed by three members of the Council, and countersigned by the Secretary, be published by affixing a copy of said Notice on the outer door of the Courthouse, Naas."

(10406.)

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR.

Mr. Cleary proposed and Mr. Henderson seconded:—"That Mr. Edward Hyland, Oghill, be co-opted Councillor for Kildare Electoral Area in place of Mr. More O'Ferrall, also a Member of the Carlow Mental Hospital Committee.

(10407.)

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Mr. Thomas Harris, T.D., was appointed a Member of the Vocational Education Committee in place of Mr. J. J. Bergin who became disqualified for non-attendance.

(10408.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

The following letter was read from the Office of Public Works with reference to the flooding of Slate River at Rathangan:—
Rathangan River Drainage District.

We enclose a copy of a letter and a tracing which we sent to the Surveyor for the County on the 9th September regarding flooding in the town of Rathangan.

It would appear when the Rathangan Drainage District was originally constructed that it was not provided with a proper outfall and the making of such an outfall is now estimated to cost £1,000.

Our Engineer considers that the weir at B (see tracing) should be removed, the channel deepened and straightened from A to C, and probably the road bridge between B and C widened to take the full discharge of the river, the greater part of which now passes through the malt-house headrace and waste sluice.

We are unable to carry out this work as part of the Barrow Drainage Scheme, and we are of opinion that the work could not be undertaken as one of maintenance by your Council on the Rathangan Drainage District.

In the circumstances if your Council consider it desirable that action should be taken to obviate the complaints they might take steps to have a petition presented to them under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, for the drainage of the lands already included in the Rathangan Drainage District, together with those which are at present flooded from

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the outfall of the District to the point C-- which is the limit of the Barrow Drainage Works on the Slate River.

(Sgd.) J. TAYLOR,

a s Rmd.

The Map referred to accompanied the letter.

The Council directed that the Committee already appointed with the County Surveyor inspect the River at the place complained of and report to the Council.

(10409.)

KILDARE COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 23rd October, 1931, was read from District Court Clerk, Naas, with reference to improvements in Kildare Courthouse. The matter was referred to the Co. Surveyor with directions to carry out the improvements as far as possible.

(10410.)

CIRCUIT COURTS IN ATHY.

The following resolution was received from Athy Urban Council, and on the motion of Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. J. J. Bergin, was adopted unanimously:—"That we, the members of the Athy Urban Council, appeal to the Minister for Justice, the Kildare Co. Council, the Sheriff of the County Kildare, the Circuit Court Judge, and the three T.D.'s of the County Kildare, to arrange that alternate County Courts be held in Athy as formerly. We make this request on account of the very great hardships and expenses imposed on litigants from Athy and South Kildare, generally, in being obliged to attend the Circuit Court in Naas. We wish to point out that the Courthouse in Athy is now in very good order and quite comfortable in every way and that it has been made suitable for the holding of County Courts, at considerable expense to the Ratepayers."

(10411.)

FIREWOOD FOR ATHY COURTHOUSE

Correspondence was read from the County Surveyor and the Caretaker, Athy Courthouse, with reference to the supplying of firewood for Athy Courthouse. The Council agreed to allow 10s. per annum to the Caretaker to supply the necessary firewood.

(10412.)

DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR.

The County Surveyor requested permission to serve 10 Days' Notice on Contractor John Murray, Killinaugh, Carbury, P.F. No. 24. The Council granted the necessary permission.

(10413.)

RESIGNATION OF MR. HURLEY, C.E.

Mr. Hugh Hurley tendered his resignation of the office of Assistant County Surveyor, and requested the Council to favourably consider the question of his Pension. The Council accepted his resignation as from 1st December, 1931, and Mr. Minch undertook to give Notice of Motion with regard to his Pension.

(10414.)

NARRAGHMORE TELEPHONE.

A Petition was received from the Residents in Narraghmore area requesting the Council to guarantee a charge of £43 per annum for a period of seven years to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for provision of Telephone facilities in the village of Narraghmore. The Petitioners agreed to guarantee the Council against any loss to the amount set out opposite their signatures. The Council agreed to give the guarantee, the Petitioners to enter into an Agreement through Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to indemnify the Council against loss. The area of charge to be the former Athy No. 1 Rural District.

(10415.)

FLOODING IN NAAS.

A letter dated 10th September, 1931, was read from Mr. Lanphier, Solicitor, on behalf of Mr. Lowe, Poplar Square, Naas, complaining of the flooding of his premises, and requesting the Council to have the matter remedied. Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, advised the Council that they were not liable for the flooding in Naas, and read the opinion of Mr. M. J. Ryan, K.C., who advised that the County Council had no responsibility in the matter, and that it was a matter for the Sanitary Authority to take the necessary steps to stop such flooding.

(10416.)

MR. O'RORKE, RAILPARK.

Ten letters were submitted from Messrs. Wm. J. Shannon and Company, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Michael O'Rorke, Railpark, Maynooth, claiming damages for trespass and loss by the Council cutting a hedge, the boundary of his Holding, and the roadway. They also stated that the wire fence erected by the Council was inadequate for protection of the Holding, and demanded a proper fence of Canadian Chain Wire, or otherwise be erected.

Letters in reply to Messrs. Shannon were read from the County Surveyor and he ex-

plained that the fence was erected with the acquiescence of Mr. O'Rorke, that no land was taken, and that the wire had been tightened and the fence put in order in such a way as to reasonably satisfy Mr. O'Rorke. The Council was satisfied that a proper fence was erected and decided to take no further action.

(10417.)

COLLECTOR SHINKINS.

A letter dated 30th September, 1931, was read from Messrs. Brown and McCann, Solicitors, Naas, on behalf of Mr. Peter Brennan, Martinstown, giving Notice of his intention to withdraw from his Bond with Mr. John Kelly, Martinstown, the Sureties of Collector Michael Shinkins.

The Council directed that Mr. Shinkins be informed of the contents of the letter.

(10418.)

COLLECTOR'S POUNDAGE.

An application was received on behalf of the Rate Collectors for payment of Poundage on the amount of their Warrants before the reduction by the last Agricultural Grant. The Council postponed the consideration of the matter until the end of the Financial year.

(10419.)

MRS. LAWLER, ATHY.

Mrs. Margaret Lawler, Meeting Lane, Athy, applied for compensation for injuries received by falling over a flag which was left loose during some repairs to the street in Athy. The Council made no order on the matter.

(10420.)

MONASTEREVAN DRAWBRIDGE.

A letter dated 4th September, 1931, IR.96 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that the Minister would be glad if the matter of building a suitable bridge over the Canal at Monasterevan was taken up by the County Surveyor with the Canal Company's Engineer, as soon as possible. On receipt of particulars of the estimated cost the Minister will indicate the Grant he is prepared to recommend. With reference to the foregoing the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Naas,
19th November, 1931.

The Secretary,
Kildare County Council,
Courthouse, Naas.

MONASTEREVAN DRAWBRIDGE.
Dear Sir,—Re Item 28 on Agenda for quar-

terly meeting on 23rd inst, I beg to say the Canal Company's Engineer called here to interview me on the matter last month.

I understand the position the Company is taking up is that they simply wish to evade any liability or interference with their trade which an accident might cause, and that while they must be in charge and want control of any new bridge that might be erected, they decline to suggest how or what bridge is to be built and have no estimate of cost and do not propose to give one.

It will be remembered that this bridge is situated on the Main road Monasterevan to Portarlinton, L.108, close to the narrow Pass Bridge, which the Council recently sought, unsuccessfully, to replace by a new bridge, on the occasion of the Barrow drainage, when the foundations at the place were dried. In addition to the Pass Bridge, there are also 5 Canal Bridges, including the Drawbridge, on the same route within a three mile stretch of road (mostly on bog), all objectionable for main road traffic. An alternative route of practically equal length is as follows:—When going from Dublin to Portarlinton instead of turning to the right in Monasterevan, turn right at the second next turning off the Lime- rick Road near Killinure and join the existing Portarlinton Road immediately west of Bergin's Canal Bridge. The intervening County Road is all in the next County and would need widening and improvement for Main Road Traffic. It is 2½ Statute Miles long, and has only one bridge (viz., over the Main Line of G.S. Railway), which possibly might require widening or cantiliver footways. The road goes over this Railway Bridge in a slight double bend and fairly long approaches in a width of 20½ feet between the masonry parapet walls. This is narrow for Buses and Lorries, but compares favourably with the Pass Bridge on the present route, which is only 13½ feet wide between the parapets for a length of about 132 feet.

The Canal Company's Engineer agreed that if all heavy traffic could be taken by the alternative route referred to, this would settle the matter.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN RORKE.

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the County Surveyor's letter to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

(10421.)

OFFICIAL GUIDE.

A letter dated 5th September, 1931, was read from Irish Tourist Association requesting permission to publish an Official Guide to County Kildare. The Council granted permission on condition that the expense should not fall on the Council.

(10422.)

AGREEMENT WITH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

The Council approved of the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association to contribute £100 to the funds of the Association in the manner set out in the Agreement, which was Sealed by the Council.

(10423.)

BLACKWATER DRAINAGE.

The Council Sealed a Receipt for Mr. Timothy Hannon for £54 2s 0d Redemption of Charging Order on Blackwater Drainage Area.

(10424.)

DRAINAGE SCHEME—YELLOW BOG COMMON.

A Petition under Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, was received from Residents of Yellow Bog Common Area and referred to the County Surveyor for Report.

(10425.)

CASTLEDERMOT-TULLOW ROAD.

A letter dated 8th September, 1931, R.G.-13, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health, declining to recommend a further Grant for the Castledermot-Tullow Road, having regard to the more urgent demands on the Road Fund.

(10426.)

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The question of whether a Scholarship Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships should be considered was on the Agenda, but the Council made no order.

(10427.)

BLESSINGTON-POULAPHUCA TRAMWAY OFFICES.

A letter was received from the Wicklow County Council, calling attention to the dilapidated state of the Blessington to Poulaphuca Tramway Offices. The letter was referred to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to advise on the Council's liability in the matter.

(10428.)

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Auditor's Report for eight half-years

ended 30th September, 1930, was read as follows:—

CILL DARA.
KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL.
A.22905/1931.

Naas,
27th March, 1931.

A Chara.—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Kildare County Council for the eight half-years ended 30th September, 1930. Transmitted herewith are two copies of the Abstract of Accounts and Secretary's Statements, duly certified.

Hereunder is a statement showing the rates struck for each of the years ended 31 March, 1923, 31st March, 1929, and 31st March, 1930, respectively:—

Year ended.	Rate in £		Agri Grant equivalent to
	s	d	
31st March, 1928	8	3	2/6 in £
31st March, 1929	7	3	2/6 in £
31st March, 1930	7	7	2/6 in £

I have charged a sum of £785 16s 1d representing a deficiency on his warrant in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1930, against Michael Cunningham, a defaulting rate collector. Investigations show that the method of fraud adopted by this collector, who has since served a term of imprisonment, was to return as paid several small items in his warrant and subsequently, having altered the names and amounts, to utilise the receipts for larger payments. An inspection of these receipts shows the alterations to have been of the crudest, the original details having been partly erased and new names and amounts superimposed. Yet notwithstanding the use of the Office Rate Notices as required by Article 108 of the Public Bodies Order (1925), the remarkable fact emerges that these mutilated receipts were accepted, apparently without question, by the Ratepayers concerned. It is hoped that, in future, in their own interests and in the interests of the county generally, Ratepayers will refuse to accept receipts that bear any evidence of having been tampered with, and also reply to the Rate Notices sent out from time to time by the County Secretary. If these precautions were observed fraud of this nature would be obviated. Insurances are paid to date as shown on Secretary's statements.

I have also audited the accounts of the Kildare County Library for the three half-years ended 30th September, 1930. Three certified copies of the Abstract of Accounts are forwarded herewith.

Two Sureties on the Rate Collectors' Bonds have died, whilst a third has withdrawn. Steps are being taken, I am in-

formed, to have fresh bonds perfected in these cases.

Mise, le meas,
(Signed)

J. E. CURRAN,
Auditor.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Local Govt. and Public Health,
Dublin.

(10429.)

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

The half-yearly Statement from the Co. Board of Health was submitted.

(10430.)

TELEGRAPH LINE IN MONASTER-EVAN.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs requested the consent of the Council to the erection of Telegraph Line along the Dublin Street, Monasterevan. The permission was granted, subject to the approval of the Co. Surveyor.

(10431.)

PETROL PUMP.

Mr. C. E. Doran requested permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises at Leixlip. Permission was granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10432.)

HOUSING GRANTS.

Applications for Grants under the Housing Acts were adjourned.

(10433.)

SHEEP SCAB.

A letter dated 18th November, 1931, was read from the Department of Agriculture, reporting Sheep Scab amongst a flock of sheep, the property of Mr. Leason Treacy, Plunketstown, Castledermot, and recommending that legal proceedings be instituted against Mr. Treacy. A letter was also received from Mr. Holland, V.S., Athy, on the same subject. The Council directed that Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, take whatever proceedings he thought advisable.

(10434.)

SHEEP SCAB.

Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, reported that Mr. Burke, Blackhall, had been fined £1, and ordered to pay £2 2s 0d costs, expenses for breach of the Sheep Scab Order.

(10435.)

CURRAGH SHEEP.

Reports dated 2nd and 19th October, 1931, from Mr. McElveen, with reference to the dipping of the Curragh Sheep were submitted.

(10436.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

Mr. P. Byrne applied for the use of the Technical Room in Castledermot Courthouse for the Football Club on the night of the 20th December, 1931.

The application was granted.

(10437.)

MALICIOUS INJURIES.

A List of Claims for Malicious Injuries received since last Quarterly Meeting was submitted.

(10438.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

A process for £20 was received from Mr. Patrick Logan, Killinaugh, for damages for alleged flooding by Rathangan River.

It was given to Mr. Osborne to defend.

(10439.)

COLLECTION OF RATE.

From a Return showing the state of Collection of Poor Rate it appeared that all the Collectors had closed their first moiety except the arrears on Collectors Bell and Simon Malone's District.

As the Council was satisfied that the outstanding amount was temporary irrecoverable and that the Collectors had made every effort to collect them they recommended payment at the rate of 8d in the £ on the amount of the warrant in each case.

(10440.)

POLLING STATION AT SUNCROFT.

The Council considered that a Polling Station should be fixed for Suncroft for the Electoral Division of Ballysax West, and the Secretary was directed to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to consent to the alteration in the List of Polling Places already approved by him.

(10441.)

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

A letter dated 21st November, 1931, was

read from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that he had attended at Kilmainham Court on the hearing of an application to commit three children named Crofton to an Industrial School. The Justice made an Order committing two children to an Industrial School, but fixed the responsibility for their maintenance on Dublin County Council.

(10442.)

CONDOLENCE.

A letter acknowledging the Council's resolution of sympathy with relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Doran was received from Mrs. Wm. Byrne and Mrs. Joseph Brady.

(10443.)

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Analyst's Report as follows was read:—

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Kildare upon the articles analysed by her during the quarter ended the 30th September, 1931:—

New Milk—1st July, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cleary, Monasterevan—Genuine.

Butter—1st July, 1931, 4; received from Guard Cleary, Monasterevan—Genuine.

New Milk—22nd July, 1931, 4; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—3 Genuine, 1 not Genuine.

Butter, 31st July, 1931, 4; received from Guard Renoylds, Kildare—Genuine.

Whiskey, 31st July, 1931, 4; received from Guard Reynolds, Kildare—Genuine. 1 not Genuine.

New Milk, 1st August, 1931, 4; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

Butter, 1st August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

Jam, 1st August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

Sugar, 1st August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

Tea, 1st August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

New Milk, 1st August, 1931, 4; received from Guard Reynolds, Kildare—3 Genuine, 1 not Genuine.

Jam, 4th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Cheese, 4th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Butter, 4th August, 1931, 2; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Ginger Wine, 4th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Port Wine, 4th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Whiskey, 4th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Whiskey, 5th August, 1931, 2; received from Guard Murphy, Ballymore-Eustace—Genuine.

New Milk, 5th August, 1931, 2; received from Guard Murphy, Ballymore-Eustace—Genuine.

New Milk, 7th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Geoghegan, Ballytore—Genuine.

Whiskey, 7th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Geoghegan, Ballytore—Genuine.

Butter, 7th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Geoghegan, Ballytore—Genuine.

Butter, 12th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Gleeson Clane—Genuine.

Margarine, 12th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Gleeson, Clane—Genuine.

Whiskey, 12th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Gleeson, Clane—Genuine.

Flour, 12th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Gleeson, Clane—Genuine.

Butter, 13th August, 1931, 4; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 25th August, 1931, 3; received from Guard Reynolds, Kildare—2 Genuine, 1 not Genuine.

Ham, 20th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Margarine, 20th August, 1931, 3; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 20th August, 1931, 4; received from Guard McMcNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 22nd August, 1931, 1; received from Guard McGough, Rathangan—Genuine.

Butter, 22nd August, 1931, 1; received from Guard McGough, Rathangan—Genuine.

New Milk, 22nd August, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Kilcullen—Genuine.

Butter, 22nd August, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Kilcullen—Genuine.

Cheese, 22nd August, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Kilcullen—Genuine.

Margarine, 22nd August, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Kilcullen—Genuine.

Cheese, 25th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Butter, 25th August, 1931, 3; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Tea, 26th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Geraghty, Robertstown—Genuine.

Lard, 25th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Geraghty, Robertstown—Genuine.

Margarine, 26th August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Geraghty, Robertstown—Genuine.

Butter, 27th August, 1931, 4; received from Guard McGough, Rathangan—Genuine.

New Milk, 31st August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cleary, Monasterevan—Genuine.

Tea, 31st August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cleary, Monasterevan—Genuine.

Jam, 31st August, 1931, 1; received from Guard Cleary, Monasterevan—Genuine.

New Milk, 3rd September, 1931, 1; received from the Co. Home, Athy—Genuine.

Cocoa, 4th September, 1931, 2; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Tea, 4th September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Jam, 4th September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Marmalade, 4th September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Ovaltine, 4th September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kill—Genuine.

Margarine, 4th September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Byrne, Kilcock—Genuine.

Whiskey, 12th September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

New Milk, 12th September, 1931, 3; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Sugar, 12th September, 1931, 2; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Butter, 12th September, 1931, 2; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

New Milk, 12th September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Margarine, 22nd September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Hanrahan, Maynooth—Genuine.

Butter, 22nd September, 1931, 2; received from Guard Hanrahan, Maynooth—Genuine.

Tea, 22nd September, 1931, 1; received from Guard Hanrahan, Maynooth—Genuine.

New Milk, 23rd September, 1931, 4; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Margarine, 30th September, 1931, 2; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Butter, 30th September, 1931, 2; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Drugs, 2nd July, 1931, 3; received from Kilcock—Genuine.

Drugs, 2nd July, 1931, 3; received from Kill and Rathin—Genuine.

Drugs, 8th July, 1931, 3; received from Kilcullen—Genuine.

Drugs, 23rd July, 1931, 3; received from County Home—Genuine.

Drugs, 28th July, 1931, 3; received from Naas—Genuine.

Drugs, 29th September, 1931, 3; received from Maynooth—Genuine.

Drugs, 15th August, 1931, 4; received from Naas County Hospital—Genuine.

Drugs, 24th August, 3; received from Athy—Genuine.

Drugs, 25th September, 1931, 3; received from Fontstown—Genuine.

Water (Prumplestown), 4th August, 1931, 1; received from County Board of Health—Passed.

Water, (Ballykelly), 12th August, 1931, 1; received from County Board of Health—Passed.

Water (Donaghdea and Kilcullen), 20th August, 1931, 2; received from County Board of Health—Passed.

Water (Derrinturn), 18th September, 1931, 1; received from County Board of Health—Condemned.

Total number of Samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 110; Drugs, 28; Waters, 5. Total—143.

Number Adulterated—New Milks, 3; Whiskey, 1; Water, 1 Condemned. 13th October, 1931.

Signed,
PHILOMENA RYAN,
Public Analyst.

With reference thereto the following letter was received from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Naas:—
Garda Siothchana, Naas,
20th November, 1931.

The Secretary,
Kildare County Council,
Courthouse, Naas.

(10444.)

Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

Dear Sir,—

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant regarding Report of County Analyst for Quarter ended the 30th September last, I give hereunder particulars of samples which proved defective on analysis:—

(1) Sample of milk forwarded by Garda Lennon, Newbridge. Although this sample was found not genuine by Analyst no certificate was issued as the adulteration was very slight—6.66 per cent. abstracted, consequently proceedings were not instituted.

(2) Sample of whiskey forwarded by Garda Reynolds, Kildare. Although not genuine the Analyst did not enclose certificate and gave as reason that the adulteration was too slight. The whiskey was 25.4 U.P.

(3 and 4) Two samples of new milk forwarded by Garda Reynolds, Kildare. Proceedings were instituted in both cases against the one person—James Dunne, South Green, Kildare. He was fined the sum of £1 0s 0d and ordered to pay the sum of £1 19s 8d as costs in each case. Total amount of fine and costs £4 19s 4d.

Is mise le meas,

A. L. O'NEILL,
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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICIAL.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
1	22701	A letter dated 1st September, 1931, from Office of Public Works relative to rent due in connection with Forage Yard and Stores at Droichead Nua, was read.
2	22702	A letter dated 1st September, 1931, from Office of Public Works relative to Balracey Drainage District, was read.
3	22703	A letter dated 1st September, 1931, from Office of Public Works relative to Gorteenno Drainage District, was read.
3	22704	A letter dated 1st September, 1931, G. 66616/1931, Cill Dara, Ss., relative to arrangements for annual holidays, was read.
5	22707	A letter dated 1st September, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that a payable order for £1,560 5s. 0d. in respect of balance of the instalment of Agricultural Grant issued in July is enclosed, also a payable order for £2,370 0s. 0d. in respect of a further payment on account of the Grant for 1931-32, was read.
6	22710	A letter dated 1st September, 1931, from Valuation Department enclosing Form of Claim for contribution in lieu of Rates on Government property, was read.
7	22734	A letter dated 4th September, 1931, from Office of Public Works relative to Annual Report in connection with the Foranwell Drainage District, was read.
8	22735	A letter dated 4th September, 1931, from Office of Public Works relative to Annual Report in connection with Connell Drainage District, was read.
9	22762	A letter dated 8th September, 1931, M/269/13, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1920, was read.
10	22773	A letter dated 9th September, 1931, G. 68295/31, Cill Dara, Fa., sanctioning refund by the Council of half the premium of Fidelity Bonds to Collectors Downes, Bell, alone and Connan, was read.

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Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
11	22775	A letter dated 9th September, 1931, L. 3794/31, from the Department of Agriculture sanctioning the temporary employment of Mr. Holland, V.S., as substitute for Mr. Cosgrove, V.S., on leave from the 7th to the 12th September, 1931, was read.
12	22778	A letter dated 10th September, 1931, from Office of Public Works relative to Rathrone proposed Drainage District, was read.
13	22834	A letter dated 18th September, 1931, G. 48/31, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land Act, 1931, and enclosing copy thereof, was read.
14	22836	A letter dated 18th September, 1931, B. 64096/1931, Ilgh. Tractala, relative to Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, was read.
15	22859	A letter dated 23rd September, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, F. 69644/31, relative to claim for remuneration and expenses in connection with the preparation of the Ninth Register of Electors, was read.
16	22877	A letter dated 25th September, 1931, Stat. 8409/1928, Ilghneitheach, from Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting Statistical information, was read.
17	22878	A letter dated 25th September, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department MT/36, relative to vehicle I.O. 2351, was read.
18	22935	A letter dated 1st October, 1931, MT/210/13, from Local Government (Roads) Department acknowledging Monthly Returns, was read.
19	22837	A letter dated 20th September, 1931, 546/F., from Department of Agriculture requesting to be furnished with particulars in connection with the County Afforestation Account, was read.
20	22979	A letter dated 6th October, 1931, IR/107/1, from the Local Government (Roads) Department enclosing copy of an Order under Section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1925, authorising the County Council to close to public traffic certain roads in the neighbourhood of Straffan for the purpose of a Motor Cycle Race on the 17th October, 1931, was read.
21	22982	A letter dated 6th October, 1931, MT/36, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to vehicle I.O. 2351, was read.
22	23061	A letter dated 15th October, 1931, MT/163, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to vehicle Y.I. 5368, was read.
23	23066	A memorandum dated October, 1931, from Department of Agriculture relative to Diseases of Animals (Disinfection) Order, 1931, was read.
24	23116	A letter dated 22nd October, 1931, A. 73684/31 from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on audit of Accounts of the County Kildare Vocational Education Committee for the period from 1/11/30 to 31/8/31, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts, was read.
25	23138	A letter dated 24th October, 1931, from Department of Agriculture, I. 1611/31, relative to samples taken under the Sale of Foods and Drugs Acts, was read.
26	23175	A letter dated 28th October, 1931, R/IR/31, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to Direction and Danger Signs, was read.
27	23182	An Order dated 23rd September, 1931, from Department of Agriculture entitled the Exportation of Animals' Order, 1931, was read.
28	23174	A letter dated 28th October, 1931, 388/258, (2) from the Department of Finance, enclosing a Paying Order for £12 in discharge of the 10 per cent. addition authorised by the Damage to Property (Compensation) Amendment Act, 1926, in respect of payment made on foot of an Award of Compensation in favour of the Edenderry No. 2 R.D.C. for destruction in favour of a Labourer's Cottage at Ballinakill, was read.
29	23188	A letter dated 29th October, 1931, P.H. 83393/1931, Cill Dara (H) relative to entry of County Analyst's Report in Minutes of Quarterly Meetings, was read.
30	23197	A letter dated 30th October, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, A.83108/31, enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on Audit of Accounts of the Carlow Mental Hospital for the two half-years ended the 31st March, 1931, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts, was read.
31	23234	A letter dated 4th November, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G.84959/1931, Cill Dara Fa, relative to Collector Shinkins, was read.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
32	23238	A letter dated 4th November, 1931, from Department of Public Health, requesting to be furnished with particulars of the salary, etc., of the Co. Medical Officer of Health during the year ended the 30th September, 1931, was read.
33	23243	A letter dated 6th November, 1931, G.85224/31, Cill Dara Fa, from Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the payment of poundage fees to Collectors, Dunne, Kearns and O'Connor, was read.
34	23244	A letter dated 6th November, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, G.85227/1931, Cill Dara, Fa, relative to Collectors Bell, Dowling, Gannon, Stapleton, and Shinkins, was read.
35	23249a	A Memorandum from the Civic Institutes of Ireland, relative to the Housing of the Poor in Saorstát Eireann, was read.
36	23266	A letter dated 9th November, 1931, G.8620/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., from Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the action under Article 108 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, in regard to Collector Shinkins' Accounts, was read.
37	23267	A letter dated 9th November, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, P.H.79681/1931, Cill Dara, relative to payment of Travelling Expenses to Dr. Harbison, County Medical Officer of Health, in respect of the Quarter ended the 30th September, 1931, was read.
		GENERAL.
38	22872	A letter dated 24th September, 1931, from the County Surveyor relative to Electric Light Scheme—Naas Courthouse, was read.
39	22956	A letter dated 3rd October, 1931, from Galway County Council relative to Public Safety Act, was read.
40	23038	A letter dated 12th October, 1931, from Westmeath County Council transmitting copy of Resolution relative to Public Safety Act, was read.
41	23077	A letter dated 16th October, 1931, from Wexford County Council, transmitting copy of recommendation of Finance Committee relative to amount to be paid under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing Act, 1925) for financial year, 1930-31, and stating that the said recommendation had been confirmed at General Meeting of Council on the 12th October, 1931, was read.
42	23089	A letter dated 19th October, from Limerick County Council, enclosing copy of suggested scheme for the purchase of Labourers' Cottages in an Saorstát, was read.
43	23111	A letter dated 13th October, 1931, from Mr. Michael Smyth, V.S., Mullingar, stating that he visited Johnstownbridge Fair on 13th inst, and found no trace of infectious disease among the animals exposed for sale, was read.
44	23139	A letter dated 23rd October, 1931, from Cavan County Council, transmitting copy of resolution relative to holding of Convention in Dublin for the purpose of asking the leaders of different parties to find a common basis of agreement for the acceptance of Treaty Rights, etc., was read.
45	23183	A letter dated 21st October, 1931, from Dublin Railway Shops Council, transmitting copy of resolution passed at meeting of delegates representing all Railwaymen, calling on the the Government to take steps for an impartial enquiry and the introduction of legislation for State Ownership and Control of the whole Transport Industry, was read.
46	23181	A letter dated 28adh Deireadh Foghmhair, 1931, from Leitrim County Council transmitting copy of Resolution relative to the curtailment of Railway Services on former Cavan and Leitrim Railway, was read.
47	23189	A letter dated 26th October, 1931, from Irish Motor Traders' Association, transmitting resolution protesting against any curtailment of Motor Transport in the Irish Free State, was read.
48	23190	A letter dated 29th October, 1931, from Sligo Corporation, transmitting copy of Resolution relative to political situation in the Irish Free State, and suggesting the holding of a National Conference, was read.
49	23227	A letter dated 3rd November, 1931, from Meath County Council, transmitting copy of Resolution relative to improvement of Link and Tourist Roads, was read.
50	23252	A letter dated 7th November, 1931, from Donegal County Council, transmitting copy of Resolution relative to the unemployment problem, was read.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
29/11/32

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Special Meeting of County Council held on the 30th Nov., 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding, Messrs. P. Phelan, G. W. Henderson, F. Thornton, J. C. Bergin, J. Conlan, M. Behan, J. N. Wardell, J. J. Byrne, T. Harris, C. Buckley, P. J. Dunne, W. Fitzgerald, W. Doyle, M. Smyth, S. B. Minch, and J. Harris.

(10445.)

SYMPATHY.

Mr. T. Harris proposed and Mr. Phelan seconded and it was resolved:—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, desire to express our sincere sympathy with Mr. Cooney on the death of his brother."

(10446.)

RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

The Secretary of the Board of Health submitted the following Scheme for relief of unemployment which was passed by the Board at Special Meeting on the 30th November, 1931.

Proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Ronaldson, and resolved:—

"That the Board with the concurrence of the Representatives of the County Council do hereby approve of the following Scheme for providing employment on public works for able bodied men who otherwise would have to be afforded Home Assistance:—

"The Scheme shall come into operation as soon as the necessary preliminaries have been completed and continue in force until the 31st March, 1932.

"The expenditure for the purpose of the Scheme shall not in the period up to the 31st March next exceed the sum of £3,000 which shall be allocated according to the destitution existing in the respective Districts.

"The money required to meet the expenses of the Scheme shall be provided by the County Council out of their Revenue Account, an overdraft, if necessary, to be obtained from the Treasurer for the purpose.

"The works which shall be carried out under the Scheme shall comprise the preparation of material for next year's road work under a Materials Expenditure Account in accordance with Article 58 of the Public Bodies Order, the cost to be re-credited from Road Works Scheme early in the next financial year.

"Persons employed under the Scheme shall be paid at the ordinary rate approved by the County Council for road workers.

"Applications for employment under the

Scheme shall be made to the Home Assistance Officer for the District who shall investigate the circumstances and make recommendations in a fashion analagous to that adopted for Home Assistance, and in approved senses, shall give the applicant a recommendation for work, specifying the number of days or the value of the work to be performed in a week and the period of weeks for which the employment shall be continued. Such recommendations shall be verified by the Superintendent Assistance Officer. The Officer may withdraw or renew the recommendation as circumstances from time to time dictate. A printed form of recommendation shall be provided for the purpose and a carbon copy retained for record purposes.

"The County Surveyor in consultation, if necessary, with the Superintendent Assistance Officer, shall arrange all other details necessary for the effectual and economical carrying out of the Scheme, and Assistance Officers shall co-operate as may be required with the County Surveyor and his Staff."

Mr. Conlan proposed and Mr. Henderson seconded, and it was unanimously resolved—"That the Scheme be approved and adopted and put in force as soon as possible."

(10477.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT— RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

The following Report dated 30th November, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor:—"In reference to the suggestion to borrow £3,000 for relief of unemployment for present financial year provision of this Loan has not been made in the Road Works Scheme as no definite decision was come to at County Council meeting of 23rd November when Scheme was going to Printer.

"I consider Loans should be avoided as far as possible unless they adequately deal with their purpose for the whole period of repayment. At present we have provided £3,400 in next year's Estimate for repayment of loans—more than half of which are for past relief of unemployment and repayments in connection with same will continue until 1936. To add to these for relief to be given and finished this financial year seems to me to be a bad principle of finance. Accordingly, I suggest that any money spent in the proposed manner this year—even £3,000—should be spent directly out of revenue, especially as there is to be a set-off of £1,800 in the rates by the Board of Health."

(10448.)

GRANT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT.

The following resolution of the Board of Health was submitted. It was proposed by Mr. Fitzsimons, seconded by Mr. Ronaldson, and resolved:—"That in view of the acute destitution prevailing in the county the Superintendent Assistant Officer's return showing 755 cases comprising 2,273 persons unemployed (apart from a large number of single men not assisted but requiring work) and the special scheme now being formulated to provide employment from local sources at a time when the ratepayers find it difficult to meet their ordinary liabilities, we request the Kildare County Council to at once make application for a substantial Grant out of the National Relief Vote just announced by the Government towards the solution of this pressing problem in a county entitled to exceptionally favourable treatment as admitted by the Minister."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

(10449.)

LAND COMMISSION.

It was resolved that the Land Commission be asked before spending any money out of Relief Grants to consult the County Council as to the Schemes to be carried out.

(10450.)

PETROL PUMP.

An application from Mr. Samuel Cope, Castledermot, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump in Castledermot was granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10451.)

NAAS FLOODING.

Notice (Form "A") requiring abatement of nuisance in Poplar Square and Friary Road, Naas, was served on the County Council by the Naas Urban Council.

The matter was referred to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, for advice.

(10452.)

HOUSING GRANTS.

Applications for Grants under the Housing Acts were received from Messrs. Henry Lynam, Clongorey; William Tiernan, Newtown, Rathbride, and Thomas Smyth, Lackagh.

A Grant of £45 was made in each case subject to the statutory conditions being fulfilled.

(10453.)

BALLYTEAGUE ROADWAY.

The Secretary of the Grand Canal Company wrote by letter dated 28th November, 1931, requesting payment of Solicitors' costs amounting to £5 14s 6d for preparing Draft Agreement with reference to roadway on canal bank at Ballyteague.

The letter was referred to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to advise if the Council was liable for payment.

(10454.)

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

A letter dated 28th November, 1931, Ref. G. 91561/1931, Cill Dara, from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning payment of poundage at the rate of 6d in the £ in the cases of Collectors Bell and Gannon, and requiring further explanation in respect of Collector Stapleton.

The Secretary was directed to supply particulars with respect to the latter.

Query Forms were enclosed in respect of poundage payable to Collectors Dowling and Shinkins which were completed.

(10455.)

CURRAGH SHEEP.

Mr. J. J. Cosgrove, V.S., wrote by letter dated 21st November, 1931, with respect to sheep-owners taking sheep to and from the Curragh contrary to the Regulations, and suggested that Notices be sent to the owners calling attention to the Regulations. He also recommended that a small Swin Bath be erected for dipping small lots of sheep as it is too expensive to fill the large bath for lots up to 200. He stated that he would submit plans for submission to the County Surveyor so that he could estimate the cost.

The Council directed that Notices be sent to the sheep-owners as suggested.

A decision on the question of the Swin Baths was postponed until an estimate of the cost was available.

(10456.)

MR. HURLEY'S SUPERANNUATION.

Mr. Minch gave Notice of Motion with respect to the superannuation of Mr. Hurley, late Assistant County Surveyor, to be considered by the County Council at meeting on the 15th January, 1932.

Adjourned.

Mr. Fitzsimons
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Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 4th December, 1931.

Present: → Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan, W. Doyle and P.J. Dunne.

(9762)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in Charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1463- I- II were approved, and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9763)

COLLECTORS SHINKINS & DOWLING.

A letter dated 3rd December, 1931, G. 92973/1931, Cill Dara, Fa. from Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the payment of poundage to Collectors Dowling & Shinkins in respect of 1st Moiety Collections and stating that the Minister sees no reason to assent to payment in excess of a rate of 6d and conveying the sanction of the Minister to payment at that rate, was read and noted.

(9764)

COLLECTOR STAPLETON.

A letter dated 3rd December, 1931, G. 92974/31, Cill Dara, Fa. was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that in the special circumstances, the Minister will raise no objection to payment of Poundage at the rate of 8d in the £ to Collector Stapleton.

(9765)

NAAS FLOODING.

A letter dated 3rd December, 1931 was received from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, Athy returning Notice served on the County Council by Naas Urban Council and stating as follows:— "I am of opinion that a "main road" comes within Section 32 of the Public Health Act 1896 which exempts all premises used for public purposes from the Provisions of the Public Health Acts and, therefore, that the Notice is not applicable". The Secretary was directed to write to the Naas Urban Council denying liability in the matter and pointing out Mr. Osbornes' remarks relative to Sec. 32 of the Public Health Act, 1896.

Adjourned.

*Mr. Fitzsimons
29/12/31*

COMHAIRLE GONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 18th December, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding, Messrs. E. A. Coonan, W. Doyle, F. Thornton, and P. J. Dunne.

(9766.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payments for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2,436 13s 2d were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9767.)

ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The Committee proceeded to consider whether and what alterations should be made in the Office of Assistant County Surveyor rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Hurley, C.E.

The Committee recommended that in addition to the ordinary duties heretofore devolving on Assistant Surveyors that he carry out any Drainage Works required, superintend any Drainage Districts at present or in future taken over by the County Council and any works under the Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, or otherwise. That no alteration be made in the salary of £240 with C.S. Bonus. That he resides in the Urban District of Athy or whatever requested by the County Council.

Mr. Coonan dissented against making any recommendation as he considered it unnecessary to make any appointment.

(9768.)

RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

A letter dated 15th December, 1931, was received from Secretary, Board of Health, setting forth Schemes for sewerage and waterworks in the county.

The Committee approved of the Schemes.

(9769.)

RELIEF GRANTS.

The following letter was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin, 17adh Mi Na Nodlag, 1931.

S. Cill Dara.

A Chara,—

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant and previous correspondence in regard to the arrangements made by the Kildare County Council for undertaking additional work at the present time, with a view to relieving unemployment, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is not intended to make any contribution for Relief Funds towards the carrying out of further road works in the county.

An application has been received from the Board of Health and Public Assistance for grants towards public health works and if the Board's proposals have sufficiently advanced to enable them to be considered a preference will be given to such works in the allocation of any grants that may be made. In the circumstances the County Council wish to revert to the arrangement previously made for giving additional employment on road works.

Mise le meas,

E. P. McCARRON,

Runaidhe.

The Secretary,
Kildare County Council.

The Committee expressed disappointment that there was no money for road works, but hoped that the Sewerage Schemes of the Board of Health would be carried out.

With regard to the last paragraph of the letter there was no question of reverting to any previous arrangement as that Scheme being proceeded with out of revenue.

(9770.)

PETITION FROM HOME HELP WORKERS.

A Petition was received from a number of workmen recently employed under the Relief Scheme requesting to be paid during Christmas Week.

The Committee were most willing to facilitate the workers but found it impossible to meet their request.

(9771.)

CASTLESIZE COWPARK.

A letter dated 17th December, 1931, was received from the Irish Land Commission

offering to sell a plot of land at Castlesize containing about 43 acres to the Council for £884 for the purpose of grazing cattle of holders whose Poor Law Valuation does not exceed £10 0s 0d. The advance to be repayable by an annuity of £41 19s 10d per annum.

The Committee do not recommend the taking over of the land as they are satisfied

that there are not sufficient number of persons having cows under the valuation stated.

(9772.)

HOLIDAY.

The Committee directed that the Council Offices be closed on Monday, the 28th December, 1931.

Adjourned.

M. J. J. Morris
29/12/31

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