

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 16th January, 1931.
Present:-Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan
and William Doyle.

(9653)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1027- 2- 3 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9654)
TENDERS FOR COAL.

Tenders were received from Messrs Wallace Bros, Ltd, Naas and John Hederman for the supply of 10 tons Wigan coal to Naas Courthouse. The Tender of Hederman being the lowest was accepted.

Mr. Fitzsimons
4/2/31

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Road Works Meeting of the County Council held on the 16th January, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. Phelan, E. Cleary, G. W. Henderson, T. Harris, M. Smyth, W. Doyle, S. B. Minch E. A. Coonan, J. J. Byrne, J. C. Bergin, H. Colohan, T.D.; P. J. Dunne, W. R. Ronaldson, F. Thornton, W. Fitzgerald, C. Buckley, A. Nevin, and J. Harris.

A letter from Mr. More O'Ferrall regretting inability to attend was read.

(10104.)

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The Council proceeded to consider the Provisional Road Works Scheme. It was unanimously decided to amend the Scheme by including the road from Bodenstown to Daars at a cost of £20 0 0d, which road had been inadvertently omitted from the scheme.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Byrne seconded:—"That the Provisional Road Works Scheme as amended be approved and adopted."

An amendment proposed by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Ronaldson seconded—"That no increased expenditure on last year's Scheme be allowed," was defeated on a division by 12 votes to 3, Messrs. T. and J. Harris and Buckley not voting.

Mr. Phelan's resolution was agreed to without a division, Messrs. Ronaldson, Cleary and Henderson dissenting.

(10105.)

MR. COONAN'S MOTION.

Mr. Coonan pursuant to notice proposed—"That the sum of £25 be expended on the County Kildare part of the road Athgoe to Blackchurch."

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order as the notice required by the Public Bodies' Order had not been served on the County Surveyor.

(10106.)

BALLYMORE-EUSTACE LOAN.

Proposed by Mr. Colohan, seconded by Mr. Byrne, and resolved:—"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage to Hibernian Bank, Ltd., for a Loan of £1,500 for Road Improvement in Ballymore-Eustace."

A letter dated 11th Mi na Nodlagh, 1930, S. Cill Dara, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning the Loan of £1,500 for improvement of streets, etc. in Ballymore-Eustace was read.

(10107.)

MR. HENDERSON'S NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion by Mr. Henderson were submitted:—

(a) "That the County Surveyor be directed to get weed cutting and edging of roads done by contract."

(b) "That wheelbarrows be used by roadmen when spreading material as far as possible."

(c) "That the wages of all men engaged by the County Surveyor, except gangers and foremen, be reduced by 5s per week."

(d) "That the County Surveyor be directed to remove triangles of clay at Blackwood, Geraldine and Bert cross-roads."

(e) "That the County Surveyor be directed to widen the roadway at the bottom of Moore Abbey Hill on the road to Athy from Monasterevan."

a, b and c were ruled out order. (d) was agreed to. (e) The County Surveyor stated that the work would be done this year.

(10108.)

RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 6th January, 1931, G. 394/31, Cill Dara, Fa., was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as follows:—

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of December, and to state that he must direct the Council's attention to the fact that no progress has been made during the month with the collection in the areas of Collectors J. Dowling, J. O'Connor, R. Ganon and P. Bell. In the case of the latter Collector the moiety has not yet been closed notwithstanding that the warrant was taken up at a date not substantially later than the warrants in the rest of the County.

The views of the Council in the matter are awaited.

The Council was satisfied that the Collectors mentioned were making every effort to collect the rates. As they had advanced large amounts to close first moiety out of their own resources any sums collected were retained by the Collector pending the paying of such advance. With regard to Collector Bell's account the Council note that he had lodged

first moiety less rates on Donohoe Estate which is in charge of Chancery and Bankruptcy Court, and on which the rates are irrecoverable at present. The Council's solicitor is looking after the interests of the Council in this Estate.

(10109.)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following letter was read from Office of National Education:—

Office of National Education,
Dublin,
6th December, 1930.

A Chara.—With reference to your communication of the 16th October last forwarding for approval a Draft Scheme of Scholarships for 1931, I am to call your attention to the official communication addressed to you on the 20th March last in regard to the proposed Scheme for 1930, and to state that in view of the protracted correspondence with your Council on the matter, and of the close proximity of the date for the receipt in this Department of the list of candidates for the Scholarship Examination it was not possible to settle the various points.

I am, however, to state that in the Scheme for 1931 the following amendments should be made:—

(1) Clause 2. Omit phrase "who have not previously attended a Secondary School."

(2) Clause 4.—The word "Primary" should be deleted from the second last line of paragraph (b) and first line of paragraph (c).

(3) Clause 5.—"Form B."—The word "Primary" should be deleted in the third line of this paragraph.

It is to be observed with regard to the proposal to limit the scholarships to pupils of Primary Schools that no restriction as to the class of school from which the candidates come is imposed or even suggested in Section 17 (1) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923 (as continued) which governs the powers of local authorities in the matter and reads as follows:—

SECTION 17 (1):—The Council of any County or County Borough may assist by means of exhibitions, scholarships, bursaries, payment of fees or otherwise, any students or intending students at any approved school in Saorstát Eireann who are ordinarily resident in such County or Borough and who satisfy the Council that they are qualified to profit

by instruction in such school and are in need of assistance, and who also satisfy such tests of ability as shall be prescribed in pursuance of this section.

This Department has always taken the view that the Act did not confer such power.

Mise, le meas,

S. BRAONAIN.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. T. Harris seconded—"That pending the adoption of a Scholarship Scheme by the Vocational Education Committee the Council's Scheme of Secondary Scholarships be discontinued."

The resolution was carried by 11 votes to 6.

(10110.)

MR. MARTIN MOONEY'S SCHOLARSHIP.

A letter dated 7th January, 1931, from National Education Office stating that Master Martin Mooney was entitled to hold a Scholarship of £20 granted by the Council notwithstanding the fact that he had secured a Scholarship of similar value from the Department.

In the circumstances the Council agreed to continue the Scholarship.

(10111.)

BLACKWATER DRAINAGE.

A letter dated 6th January, 1931, was read from Mr. Sargent, Secretary, Blackwater Drainage Committee requesting the Council to pay the amount of Maintenance Rate to the Committee forthwith. The Council paid the amount for March, 1930, amounting to £116 9s 9d and postponed payment of the balance till March when it is expected that most of it will be collected.

(10112.)

NAAS FAIR GREEN.

A letter dated 1st December, 1930, was read from the Department of Agriculture complaining of the state of the Naas Fair Green on fair days.

The matter was referred to the Urban Council as the County Council had no jurisdiction.

(10113.)

VALUATION APPEALS.

The Commissioner of Valuation enclosed a Schedule of his decisions on the Appeals made to him.

The Secretary stated that the usual notices in respect thereof had been published.

(10114.)

LYONS' ESTATE.

The Secretary reported that he had received Land Bonds amounting to £22 for Rates on Lyons' Estate. The Committee directed that the Bonds be sold and the proceeds lodged to the credit of the Council.

(10115.)

EDGHILL ESTATE.

A letter dated 12th January, 1931, was read from Mr. Osborne, solicitor, with reference to the rates due by Mr. John Edghill, Ballykelly, and stating that he was looking into the question of obtaining a judgment mortgage on the estate.

(10116.)

BALLYMANNY CORNER.

Correspondence was read between the County Surveyor and Colonel Peacocke with reference to the conveyance of land at Ballymanny Corner.

After considering same the Council were of the opinion that no formal conveyance of the land was necessary.

(10117.)

BUS ROUTES.

The County Surveyor reported that extraordinary damage had been done to roads between Robertstown and Kilmeague, and between Mylerstown and Blackstick by bus traffic and suggested that the Council apply for an Order prohibiting same.

The Council directed the County Surveyor to communicate with the Bus Company with regard to alternative routes, etc., and authorised the Finance Committee to deal with the matter.

(10118.)

SHANNON LIGHTING SCHEME.

A letter dated 16th December, 1930, P.H. Circ. 55/30, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of a General Order dated 11th December, 1930, conferring Urban powers on Boards of Health for the purposes of Section 80 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

(10119.)

DANCE HALLS.

A letter dated 14th January, 1931, P.H. Circ. 7/31, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing

ing copy of a General Order entitled "The Boards of Health (Urban Powers) Order, 1931, relative to control of Dance Halls and other places of entertainment of the like kind in rural areas.

(10120.)

LONGTOWN WOOD.

An agreement between County Committee of Agriculture and Mr. Joseph Gregory for caretaking of Longtown Wood was approved by the Council, and signed by the Chairman.

(10121.)

PETROL PUMPS.

An application dated 29th November, 1930, from Mr. Herbert Corbally for permission to erect two Petrol Pumps outside his garage at Dublin Road, Naas, together with letter dated 5th December, 1930, from the County Surveyor on the matter was read and the necessary permission granted.

(19122.)

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

An application from Department of Posts and Telegraphs for permission to erect overground telegraphic line from Railway Bridge, near Kildangan Post Office, to Kildangan Cross Road, was granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10123.)

CONTRACTOR BRIEN.

A letter dated 8th January, 1930, together with letter dated 27th December, 1930, signed by Patrick Drennan and others relative to the disadvantages under which Thomas Brien, road contractor, is working owing to the extraordinary traffic on roads in his charge, were read, and no order made thereon.

(10124.)

DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

A letter dated 13th January, 1931, from the County Surveyor was read requesting permission to serve the usual 10 days' notice on Contractors Thomas Herbert, Mylerstown, Robertstown (Road No. 138) and Wm. Carroll, Ballinderry, Carbury (Road No. P.I. 27).

The Council directed that 10 days' notice be served in each case.

(10125.)

USE OF COURTHOUSE.

An application dated 15th January, 1931,

COMHAIRLE CONNDAL CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 30th January, 1931.

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

(9655)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1332- 19- 11 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9656)
COURTHOUSE FURNITURE.

A letter dated 20th January, 1931 was read from the County Surveyor stating that he had placed an Order with Messrs Alesbury Bros, Edenderry, for the supply of 1 dozen chairs for Castledermot Courthouse (as same were urgently required), also 1 dozen chairs for Naas Courthouse. The Committee approved of the action of the County Surveyor in the matter.

(9657)
KINGSBOG COMMON.

A letter dated 16th January 1931 was read from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor suggesting that the opinion of Senior Counsel be taken in connection with the recovery of Drainage Rate on Kingsbog Common. The Committee recommended that Mr. Osborne take Senior Counsel's opinion in the matter as a cost not exceeding £5- 5- 0.

(9658)
UNEMPLOYED.

A Deputation from Celbridge waited on the Committee and handed in a list of unemployed persons in that area, together with a communication signed by Mr. Patrick Healy. The Committee referred the matter to the County Surveyor with a request that some of the Unemployment Grant be spent in the Celbridge Area, if possible.

Adjourned.

Michael Fitzsimons
8/5/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDÁE CHILLE DARA.

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

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

(9659)
Minutes.

Minutes of Meetings held since date of last Quarterly Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

(9660)
Applications for Payment.

Payments from 1 to 77 of the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved, and it was ordered that like payments be made in respect of salaries falling due monthly up to 1st May, 1930 by Special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other Payments as per the Chairman's copy were approved.

(9661)
County Accounts.

The County Accounts for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1930, were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date. The Bank Book for the Subsidiary Account was signed by the Chairman.

(9662)
Purchase of Machinery.

A letter dated 22nd January, 1931 from the County Surveyor as follows was read:-

"In view of the extra Works to be undertaken out of the Grants and other Funds allocated for expenditure in the County, I should be glad if the Council would consider the question of making the sum of £1000 available for the purchase of Machinery as set out in my Quarterly Report dated 17th November, 1930".

The Committee recommended that the sum of £1000 be borrowed from the Treasurer, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas. Repayment to be spread over a period of five years.

(9663)
Library Rate.

A letter dated 29th January, 1931 from the County Librarian was received transmitting following copy of Resolution passed at meeting of the Library Finance Committee:-

"That the Library Finance Committee having considered the financial position and other matters connected with the Library, unanimously agree that the Library Scheme in this County has succeeded far beyond expectations and that the public demand cannot be met by a service which depends on a half-penny rate, call on the County Council for an additional sum of £225. Such a rate will enable us to efficiently carry on and develop the Library Work".

The Council recommended the raising of the additional amount required.

(9664)
Cattle Diseases Fund.

A letter dated 3rd February, 1931, Circ. 15/31 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read in which it was stated that a further assessment for the purposes of the ~~general~~ Cattle Diseases Fund will be necessary and requesting the Council to make appropriate provision in the Estimates for 1931-32.

(9665)
Annual Estimate.

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure for the coming year which showed an increase of about £4000 on last year's Estimate. The Committee reduced the amount proposed for Public Works by £500 and the estimated Debit Balance from £10,000 to £7000 & having made minor adjustments the Estimate as amended was recommended to the County Council.

(9666)
OVERDRAFT.

(Continuation Sheet, Minutes Finance Meeting held 6th Feb. 1931.)
(9666)

Overdraft.

It was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction an Overdraft of £10,000 in order to meet payments at Quarterly Finance Meeting of County Council on the 23rd instant.

(9667)

Distress Grant.

A letter dated 21st January, 1931, RU/13 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating that a Grant of £3000 and a Loan of £2000 free of Interest was allocated from Relief Schemes Vote for Road Works in County Kildare.

The Committee discussed the allocation of the amount with the County Surveyor and referred the matter to the County Council.

Michael Fitzmaurice

8/5/31

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 13th February, 1931.
Present: -Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs P. J. Dunne
William Doyle, and E. A. Coonan.

(9668)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1269-18- II were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

Michael Fitzsimons

8/5/31

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 13th February, 1931.
Present:-Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs P.J. Dunne,
Wm. Doyle and E.A. Coonan.

(9669)
PRINTING CONTRACT.

There was only one Tender received for Printing Contract which was
from the Leinster Leader, Ltd, Naas and after consideration same was
provisionally accepted by the Committee.

Michael Fitzsimons
18/5/31
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Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

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

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. J. J. Bergin, G. W. Henderson, W. R. Ronaldson, J. J. Conlan, Hugh Cogan, R. Gannon, James Byrne, J. N. Wardell, H. Colohan, T.D.; P. J. Dunne, P. Phelan, S. Minch, F. Thornton, W. Fitzgerald, C. Buckley, J. Harris, T. Harris, W. Doyle, M. Smyth, and J. Cregan.

(10123.)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. J. Conlan, seconded by Mr. P. J. Dunne, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meeting of the County Council held on the 24th November, 1930, and Road Works Meeting held on the 16th January, 1931, copy of which had been sent to each Member be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

Proposed by Mr. J. J. Byrne, seconded by Mr. R. Gannon, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held on the 5th and 19th December, 1930; 2nd, 16th and 30th January, 6th and 13th February, 1931, copy of which had been sent to each Member be taken as read and confirmed."

(10124.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipts and Expenditure Book for Quarter ended 31st December, 1930, 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.

(10125.)

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. P. Phelan, 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."

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

(1)—I have the honour to report that at the Quarterly Finance Meeting, recently held, contractors' applications for payment amounted to £2,350 1s. 10d. The manner in which this sum was dealt with is shown in the following table:—

(10126.)

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."

(10127.)

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.

(10128.)

OVERDRAFT.

A letter dated 16th February, 1931, G. 10749/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £10,000 to 31st March, 1931.

(10129.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Harris, and resolved:—"That Messrs. Dunne, Fitzgerald and Colohan be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following Documents:—Conveyance of Land Bonds (£22), Printing Contract with "Leinster Leader," in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council Meeting."

(10130.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

(2)

To Pay	To defer	To strike off	To be dealt with under Sec. 54.
£2,033 0s. 0d.	£175 6s. 10d.	£23 10s. 0d.	£68 5s. 0d.

During the Quarter ended 31st December, 1930, in addition to £2,083 0s. 0d. recommended for payment as above, the sum of £7,130 15s. 11d. was certified to the Finance Committee as follows:—Trunk Roads, £801 15s. 9d.; Link Roads, £2,694 2s. 1d.; County Roads, £2,870 19s. 10d.; Grants, £763 18s. 3d.

As might be expected from the long continued unfavourable weather conditions road surfaces in many places show considerable deterioration. The worst cases are, as reported twelve months ago, where contractors have been unable, or unwilling, to cope with the ever changing but increasing motor traffic which only became really apparent to them after signing their bonds two or three years ago. I fear the Council will have to consider more stringent measures than at present for dealing with defaulting contractors and their sureties; and in dealing with new contractors the Committees would do well to consider this question of traffic likely to increase after contracts are made: I may recall that it was given a lot of consideration in this county during the war on account of timber traffic, when it was ruled to be illegal to give existing contractors extra payment and recommended that contracts be broken by mutual consent and re-advertised at re-adjusted prices.

The question of dealing with Bus service traffic over peat bog roads is one still to be decided. It is unnecessary to inform the Council that such roads are quite unsuited and may be considered dangerous for vehicles of the weight and size of those in question, and that the increased cost of maintenance occasioned by the latter is most uneconomical inasmuch as it effects nothing permanent; while the cost of widening and reconstructing the carriageway would probably average £1,500 per mile. (There are two miles of Bog road affected in the vicinity of Robertstown and approximately ten miles of other unimproved roads continuing). I have considered the suggestion of an alternative route—which itself would need considerable widening and reconstruction—but I would like to be sure that this would not place any responsibility upon the Council for any accident that might afterwards occur.

I have to report that the encroachment of the River Liffey, previously noted, which threatens the road between Harristown Railway Station and Ballymore-Eustace, has increased during the past winter. The road here runs for a short length almost along the river edge at a height of 30 or 40 feet above water level. If it becomes necessary to divert the course of the river from the present bend, which is causing the trouble, a new cut about 200 yards long would have to be excavated and this work would probably be most economically carried out by machinery of the Steam Plough type, which the Council do not possess, having little use for it up to the present.

Neither of the roads referred to in the last two paragraphs are main roads, but are, nevertheless, highly important to the county at large.

The improvements to be carried out this year under Road Improvements Grants will include some stretches of concrete road. The Finance Committee have recommended the purchase of a concrete mixer and light roller and accessories to deal with those. This machinery will not be costly. In this connection it would be advisable to apply to the Minister for permission to temporarily close some of the roads of which I will furnish a list.

I have had an enquiry as to when work would be commenced at some of the dangerous road corners, the improvement of which was provided in the last Road Works Scheme. Up to the present we have interpreted the new Public Bodies' Order as stating that such works could not be commenced until after the 1st April next following the Road Works Meeting. I may say that, owing to the large number of these works to be dealt with this year, there would be considerable advantage gained if some of those could be commenced immediately, in the present rather slack season of employment.

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN RORKE.

February, 1931.

With regard to the latter paragraph of the Report the Council were of the opinion that the Public Bodies Order had been correctly interpreted and that it would not be in order to make payments on the works referred to until 1st April, 1931.

(10131.)

LIFFEY AT BALLYMORE-EUSTACE.

With regard to the encroachment of the River Liffey on the road near Ballymore-Eustace, the following were appointed to inspect the place with the County Surveyor:—The Chairman, Messrs. J. J. Byrne, J. Conlan and H. Colohan, T.D.

(10132.)

OFFICE CHAIRS.

The County Surveyor reported that Office chairs were required in the Offices in the Courthouse and suggested that 1 dozen be purchased from Messrs. Clery and Company at 9s. per dozen.

The Council authorised the purchase of 1 dozen chairs at the price quoted.

(10133.)

ROAD GRANT.

A letter dated 21st January, 1931, R/RU/13, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that an allocation had been sanctioned from Relief Schemes Vote to Kildare County Council of £3,000, and a Loan of £2,000, free of interest, and repayable over a period of five years, contribution to a Scheme of Road Works in the County.

(10134.)

LOAN OF £2,000.

Proposed by Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, seconded by Mr. William Doyle, and resolved:—"That £2,000 be borrowed from the Roads Department, free of interest, in accordance with the terms of the letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 21st January, 1931, R/RU/13."

(10135.)

ALLOCATION OF GRANT.

With reference to the expenditure of the Grant and Loan the County Surveyor submitted the following Scheme:—

Moyvalley-Carbury (Broadford)	£ 500
Kilcock, Maynooth and Celbridge	1000
Robertstown-Clane	1000
Kildare-Droichead Nua	500
Moone-Castledermot	500
Naas-Kill	750
Athy-Fontstown	750

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Having considered the foregoing it was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Coonan, and resolved:—"That the suggested amount for Robertstown-Clane area be reduced to £700, and that £300 be spent on the Derrycrib road."

Mr. Henderson proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded and it was unanimously resolved:—"That the allocation of the amounts suggested by the County Surveyor, as amended, be approved."

(10136.)

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

The County Surveyor requested the Council to have the following roads closed while work was being carried out:—

(1)—From Stramillian Cross to Moore Abbey Estate from 1st June to 1st September, 1931.

(2)—From Castledermot to Knockraecree Cross Roads from 1st September to 1st December, 1931.

(3)—From Cooligmartin 3 roads to Ballagh Cross from 18th March to 11th April, 1931.

The Secretary was directed to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have the roads closed and publish the necessary advertisement.

(10137.)

MACHINERY LOAN.

Pursuant to notice Mr. Fitzsimons proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded and it was resolved:—"That £1,000 be borrowed from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, for the purpose of purchasing Road Machinery, repayable in five years by 10 equal half-yearly instalments with interest on outstanding balances from time to time, subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health."

(10138.)

HOUSING RATE.

Mr. Phelan, pursuant to notice, proposed and Mr. Conlan seconded and it was carried unanimously:—"That 1d. in the £ be raised for Housing."

(10139.)

HOUSING GRANTS.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Conlan seconded and it was carried unanimously:—"That in view of the large sums from the rate and general taxpayers' moneys spent in this County on National Health Services, we believe these services cannot produce the maximum amount of good to the general health of the community unless a means be found to improve the housing accommodation of the people, and knowing, as we do, the absolute impossibility of small farmers and workers

providing themselves with suitable houses owing to financial considerations, we call on the Government to immediately introduce and pass a comprehensive Bill for National Housing on the lines of the 1929-30 Act now expiring, but, in order to make it more useful to the general needs of the people, we urge that the contribution from National sources should be increased from £45 to £80 per house of three rooms."

(10140.)

ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

As the Certificate of Valuation of the County had not been received from the Valuation Office the consideration of the Estimate was postponed.

(10141.)

DRAINAGE ESTIMATES.

The consideration of the Estimates for the several Drainage Districts and Joint Drainage Districts was postponed to next meeting.

(10142.)

PUBLIC OFFICIALS SALARIES.

Mr. Henderson proposed and Mr. Buckley seconded and it was carried, Mr. Minch dissenting:—"That in the opinion of this Council the time has arrived for the revision of salaries of public officials, and as the amounts of said salaries were fixed or raised in accordance with the conditions which obtained in the country in war time and immediately after when prices of all agricultural goods were at a high figure. At present these conditions have completely changed, making the position of farmers worse than it was before the war. Owing to existing Statute Law no public body has any power to reduce the salary of any official, therefore we call upon the Government to enact such legislation as would enable public bodies to reduce salaries and make them proportionate with pre-war salaries and more in accordance with the capacity of the ratepayer to pay them."

(10143.)

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Mr. John J. Bergin proposed and Mr. Henderson seconded:—"That we ask the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to reduce the travelling allowances of Local Government Officials from 5d per mile to 3d on account of the present low cost of running a motor car."

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Colohan seconded:—"That the matter be postponed until a reply would be received to the previous resolution about the salaries."

On a show of hands Mr. Phelan's resolution was lost.

Mr. Bergin's resolution on being put to the meeting was carried by 9 votes to 6.

There voted for the resolution:—Messrs. Wardell, Gannon, Henderson, Ronaldson, Thornton, T. Harris, J. Harris, J. J. Bergin and C. Buckley—9.

Against—Messrs. Cregan, W. Doyle, M. Smyth, W. Fitzgerald, H. Colohan, T.D., and P. J. Dunne.

The Chairman, Messrs. Minch and Phelan did not vote.

(10144.)

MRS. KELLY'S PENSION.

The application of Mrs. Kelly, late Assistant Schoolmistress, Naas Workhouse, for a renewal of her increase of pension of £1 17s 6d per annum was granted unanimously.

(10145.)

FORESTRY SCHEME.

The Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, Naas, wrote enclosing sanction of Department to a Grant under the Forestry Act in aid of plantations at Dollardstown and Dunferth.

The Department suggested that the Council might apply to the Department of Finance for a Grant out of the Relief of Unemployment with a view to expenditure on Forestry work.

The Secretary was directed to make application to the Finance Department.

(10146.)

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBER.

The Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, Naas, wrote stating that Mr. P. Counihan, Connellmore, had become disqualified for membership of the Committee owing to not having attended a meeting during six consecutive months. The Committee requested the re-appointment of Mr. Counihan. He was unanimously re-appointed.

(10147.)

DISQUALIFICATION OF MR. FOLEY.

The Secretary, County Board of Health, Naas, wrote stating that there was a vacancy on that Board owing to the absence of Mr. Foley for a considerable time past.

Mr. T. Harris proposed and Mr. Phelan seconded and it was resolved:—"That Mr. J. J. Bergin be appointed a member of the County Board of Health in place of Mr. Foley."

(10148.)

FIRMOUNT SANATORIUM.

A letter dated 20th January, 1931, was read from Secretary, Board of Health, Naas, requesting the sanction of the Council to the borrowing of £4,353 for the purpose of providing and equipping Firmount House Sanatorium.

Mr. Phelan undertook to hand in notice of motion for the consideration of the letter.

(10149.)

HOUSING GRANT.

Mr. James McCann, Drumsree, who was provisionally awarded a Grant of £45 under the Housing Act wrote requesting the Council to make the grant to his wife, Mrs. Bridget McCann, as she was the owner of the place and was erecting the house. The Council granted his request.

(10150.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter dated 27th February, 1931 (27216), was read from Department of Industry and Commerce requesting the Council to provide Weights and Measures Standards in lieu of some which were no longer serviceable, viz.: 2 sets balances, 56 lbs., 7 lbs., 1 lb. and 1 oz. The letter also requested the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. De Grave Shortt and Co. at £130 0s 0d for the supply of the articles. The Council accepted the tender.

(10151.)

MR. THOMAS MCGOWAN.

Mr. Thomas McGowan complained of the flooding of his land by the Gorteen River and requested that sharps on Mr. Mooney's land be removed. The Council made no order on the matter.

(10152.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE (EXTENSION).

A letter dated 5th January, 1931, was read from the Secretary, Office of Public Works, declining to extend the Rathangan Drainage Scheme (so as to include the stream through Mr. A. McNally's land).

(10153.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

Mr. Thornton proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded and it was resolved:—"That a Committee be appointed to consider the financial

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state of Rathangan Drainage and to consider the striking of a rate for the coming year." Messrs. Thornton, Coffey, Doyle, T. Harris, P. Phelan, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman were appointed members of the Committee.

(10154.)

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

A letter dated 12th February, 1931, was read from Headmaster, Christian Brothers, Portarlinton, requesting the Council to prepare a University Scholarship Scheme. No order was made.

(10155.)

ARDRASS CHURCH.

A letter dated 29th January, 1931, was read from Capt. Palmer requesting the Council to have the roof of St. Patrick's Chapel, Ardrass, repaired as it was vested in the Council.

The County Surveyor said that it might cost £20 0s 0d to carry out the repairs.

The Council decided to give the matter in charge to the County Surveyor, expenditure not to exceed £20.

(10156.)

NATIONAL MONUMENTS.

A letter dated 30th December, 1930, was read from Secretary, Office of Public Works, with reference to the National Monuments Act, 1930, and suggesting that the Council appoint a Committee composed of persons having knowledge in Archaeology to advise and assist them as to the preservation of National Monuments.

It was decided to request the Archaeological Society to suggest names for such a Committee.

(10157.)

SOLICITOR'S COSTS.

A Requisition to Tax the Costs of Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, was Sealed by the Council.

(10158.)

CURRAGH SHEEP.

The following dates were fixed for the admission of sheep to the Curragh:—Friday: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March, 1931, and 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th April, 1931. Sheep to be dipped on these dates before being set at large on the Curragh.

(10159.)

COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The Annual Report of the County Committee of Agriculture was submitted and approved.

(10160.)

DRAINAGE OF BOGS.

Mr. Buckley, T.D., wrote enclosing petitions about the drainage of bogs at Tankards-garden, Derrymullen and Robertstown.

The Council agreed that the foregoing works were very necessary and as representations to that effect had already been made to the proper quarter, no further action on the part of the Council was considered desirable.

(10161.)

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

On application of Mr. Edward Taaffe, Donadea, his licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act was renewed for another.

(10162.)

RATE COLLECTION.

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

(10163.)

Certificate of Land Bonds amounting to £23 0s 0d in respect of rates due by Byrne Estate was ordered to be sold and proceeds to be placed to credit of Collector Gannon's Account.

(10164.)

COLLECTOR JOSEPH O'CONNOR.

A communication dated 18th February, 1931, from Dr. Keane, Moone, certifying that Collector Joseph O'Connor was suffering from Gastritis and would be unable to resume duty for at least fourteen days, was read.

(10165.)

DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

A letter dated February, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor requesting permission to serve 10 days' notice on Bernard Murphy, Kilshanroe, Enfield, Contractor for Road No. 7, Moyvalley Section.

The Council authorised the service of the notice.

(10166.)

AGRICULTURAL RATE.

A letter dated 31st January, 1931, with respect to the Rate to be raised for agricultural purposes was read from the Department of Agriculture.

The Secretary stated that the maximum rate (2d) was included in the Rate Estimate.

(10167.)

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 ending the 30th December, 1930.

Flour, 15th October, 1930, 2; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Sugar, 15th October, 1930, 2; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

New Milk, 27th October, 1930, 4; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

Butter, 13th November, 1930, 3; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

Cheese, 13th November, 1930, 1; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—Genuine.

Margarine, 15th November, 1930, 1; received from Sergt. Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Butter, 15th November, 1930, 2; received from Sergt. Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Coffee, 15th November, 1930, 2; received from Sergt. Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Tea, 15th November, 1930, 2; received from Sergt. Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

New Milk 24th November, 1930, 4; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

Buttermilk, 24th November, 1930, 4; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

New Milk, 22nd December, 1930, 4; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Lime Juice, 22nd December, 1930, 1; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Whiskey, 22nd December, 1930, 1; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Ginger Wine, 22nd December, 1930, 1; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Ginger Cordial, 22nd December, 1930, 1; received from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge—Genuine.

Drugs, 10th October, 1930, 3; received from Monasterevan—Genuine.

Drugs, 10th October, 1930, 3; received from Kilmeague—Genuine.

Drugs, 24th October, 1930, 3; received from Kilcock—Genuine.

Drugs, 1st November, 1930, 3; received from Castledermot—Genuine.

Drugs, 22nd November, 1930, 3; received from Kilmeague—Genuine.

Drugs, 6th December, 1930, 3; received from Naas—Genuine.

Drugs, 8th December, 1930, 3; received from Clane;—2 Genuine; 1 not Genuine.

Drugs, 11th December, 1930, 3; received from Athy—2 Genuine, 1 not Genuine.

Water (Maynooth), 4th October, 1930, 1; received from County Board of Health—Passed.

Water (Askinanagh), 9th October, 1930, 1; received from County Board of Health—Condemned.

Water (Killashee Convent) 27th October, 1930, 1; received from Co. Board of Health; Passed.

Water (Rathangan), 18th November, 1930, 1; received from Co. Board of Health—Passed.

Water (Celbridge Mills), 11th December, 1930, 1; received from County Board of Health—Passed.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 35; Drugs, 24; Waters, 5.

Number Adulterated—Drugs, 2; 1 Water Condemned.

Dated 16th January, 1931.

Signed.

PHILOMENA RYAN,

Public Analyst.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICIAL.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
20256	1	A letter dated 27th November, 1930, P.H. 84855/30, Cill Dara, Ae., from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to travelling expenses incurred by Dr. J. A. Harbison, County Medical Officer of Health for the six months ended 30th September, 1930, was read.
20258	2	A letter dated 27th November, 1930, G. 86046/1930, Fa., Cill Dara, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to payment of poundage fees to Rate Collectors, was read.
20288	3	A letter dated 1st December, 1930, G. 88511/1930, Sg., Cill Dara, from Department of Local Government Public Health relative to the appointment of Mr. William Dunphy as Caretaker of Athy Courthouse, was read.
20323	4	A letter dated 3rd December, 1930, from the Irish Land Commission relative to the Estate of Lord Cloncurry, was read.
20329	5	A letter dated 4th December, 1930, RU/13 from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Relief Grant, and requesting to be furnished with particulars relative to unemployment in the County, was read.
20356	6	A letter dated 11th December, 1930, G. 91358/1930, Sg. Cill Dara, from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning the part-time appointment of Mr. William Dunphy as Caretaker of Athy Courthouse, was read.
20365	7	A letter dated 11th December, 1930, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, F. 76437/30, Ilgh. (Pd.) relative to Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, was read.
20467	8	A letter dated 30th December, 1930, L. 1883-30, from Department of Agriculture relative to improvements proposed to be made at Ballymann Sheep Dipping Station, was read.
20467	9	A letter dated 28th November, 1930, L. 4091/30, from Department of Agriculture relative to Returns as to number of Sheep dipped during dipping periods of 1930, was read.
20720	10	A letter dated 15th January, 1931, from Office of Public Works relative to Gorteen Drainage District, was read.
20721	11	A letter dated 15th January, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department, R.M., relative to Grant particulars, was read.
20826	12	A letter dated 23rd January, 1931, from Department of Agriculture, L. 31/31, enclosing List (Thirty-eight) of names approved by the Department for use in connection with Margarine, was read.
20836	13	A letter dated 24th January, 1931, from Irish Land Commission relative to Estate of Captain Hornidge, was read.
20842	14	A letter dated 15th January, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, S., requesting particulars relative to salary paid to County Medical Officer of Health, was read.
20814	15	A letter dated 26th January, 1931, from Department of Agriculture, T. 186/31, relative to bullock, the property of Mr. Price, Annsborough, Robertstown, slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, was read.
20905	16	An Order dated 31st December, 1930, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to water supply at Inchaquire, was read.
20906	17	An Order dated 31st December, 1930, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to water supply at Ballitore Village, was read.

Cons. No.	Reg No.	SUBJECT.
20893	18	A letter dated 30th January, 1931, from Department of Agriculture, T. 253/31, relative to bullock, the property of Miss Ennis, Miltown, slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, was read.
20936	19	A letter dated 23rd January, 1931, from Department of Agriculture, L. 4246/30, relative to statement of expenditure of County Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the year ended 31st December, 1930, was read.
21014	20	A letter dated 11th February, 1931, P.H. Circ. 7/31, from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing printed copy of "The Boards of Health (Urban Powers) Order, 1931," was read.
20827	20a	A letter dated 23rd January, 1930, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, was read.
GENERAL.		
20243	21	A letter dated 25th November, 1930, from Farmers' Protection Association, Dublin, enclosing copies of resolutions unanimously passed by the Emergency Committee at meeting on the 24th November, 1930, was read.
20294	22	A letter dated 19th November, 1930, from Urban District Council, Dundalk, transmitting copy of resolution relative to the establishing of a National Granary, was read.
20119	23	A letter dated October, 1930, from Royal Institute of Public Health, London, relative to Annual Congress to be held in the city of Frankfort-on-Main in May, 1931, was read.
20299	24	A letter dated 2nd December, 1930, from Farmers' Protection Association transmitting copy of resolution passed by the Emergency Committee at meeting on 1st December, 1931, was read.
20314	25	A letter dated 3rd December, 1930, from Waterford County Council transmitting copy of resolution relative to salaries of Public Officials, was read.
20325	26	A letter dated 4th December, 1930, from Women's Prisoners' Defence League relative to the release of Political Prisoners, was read.
20327	27	A letter dated 4th December, 1930, from Limerick County Council transmitting copy of resolution relative to legislation to expedite the purchase of the Labourers' Cottages by the Tenants, was read.
20330	28	A letter dated December, 1930, from An Rioghacht transmitting copies of resolutions relative to circulation of foreign literature and the showing of improper films, was read.
20493	29	A letter dated December, 1930, from National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis inviting delegates to attend Annual Conference at Margate in June, 1931, was read.
20520	30	A letter dated 31st January, 1931, from Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, London, relative to Annual Conference to be held at Birmingham in June, 1931, and inviting delegates thereto, was read.
20624	31	A letter dated 9th January, 1931, from Wexford County Council transmitting copy of resolution relative to the withholding of Government Grants on the ground of non-payment of Land Commission Annuities, also copies of resolutions relative to other matters, was read.
20748	32	A letter dated 16th January, 1931, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, County Solicitor, relative to committal of Teresa Fagan to an Industrial School.
20818	33	A letter dated 22nd January, 1931, from County Surveyor relative to erection of Petrol Pumps proposed to be erected by Mr. Samuel Cope outside his premises in Castledermot, was read.
20865	34	A letter dated 28th January, 1931, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, County Solicitor, relative to committal of a child named Christopher Daly to an Industrial School, was read.
20869	35	A letter dated 28th January, 1931, from Valuation Department stating that Revised Valuation Lists have been forwarded, was read.
20870	36	A letter dated 28th January, 1931, from Mr. J. J. Cosgrove, V.S., relative to bullock, the property of Mr. Price Annsborough, Robertstown, slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, was read.
20911	37	A letter dated 21st January, 1931, from Superintendent Murphy, Garda Siothchana, Naas, relative to application to commit a child named James McDonagh to an Industrial School was read.
20912	38	A letter dated 2nd February, 1931, from State Solicitor, Naas, enclosing Decree of the Circuit Judge in Malicious Injury Claim of Minister for Finance and Minister for Defence for £15 14s 3d, was read.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
20913	39	A letter dated 2nd February, 1931, from Messrs. Brown and McCann, Solicitors, Naas, enclosing original Decree of Circuit Court Judge in Malicious Injury Claim of W. H. Verschoyle was read.
20950	40	A letter dated 5th February, 1931, from Secretary, Droichead Nua Waterworks Committee enclosing Account for water used at Ballymannny Sheep Dipping Station for half-year ended 31st December, 1930, was read.
20909	41	A letter dated 9th February, 1931, from Hibernian Insurance Company, Ltd., relative to Insurance of men employed at Road Grant Work, was read.
21027	42	A letter dated 12th February, 1931, from County Dublin Committee of Agriculture transmitting copy of resolution relative to De-rating of Agricultural Land, was read.
20966	43	A letter dated 6th February, 1931, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, County Solicitor, stating that he had received the sum of 30s. on account from Mr. Patrick Healy, Secretary, Celbridge Gaelic Football Club, in respect of rent due for field at Celbridge, was read.
20276	44	A letter dated 28th November, 1930, from Royal Sanitary Institute inviting Delegates to attend Conference in July, 1931, was read.
20490	45	A letter dated 31st December, 1930, from Irish Tourist Association, Dublin, relative to Council's contribution to funds of the Association, was read.

WM. E. COFFEY,

Runaidhe.

County Council Offices, Courthouse, Naas,
18th February, 1931.

Nicholas G. Gorman

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 27th February, 1931.

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

(9670)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1677- II- 7 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

Michl Fitzsimons
8.5.31

Adjourned.

COMHAI RLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 13th March, 1931.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs W. Doyle, T. Harris, J. J. Conlan and P. J. Dunne.

(9671)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2181- 2- 9 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

Michl Fitzsimons
8/5/31

Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of County Council, held on the 13th March, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. Phelan, H. Colohan, T.D.; J. Conlan, G. W. Henderson, W. Fitzgerald, W. R. Ronaldson, J. Coffey, R. Gannon, T. Harris, J. Harris, W. Doyle, P. J. Dunne, J. J. Bergin, E. A. Coonan, C. Buckley, E. Cleary.

(10169.)

SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. W. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. Phelan, and resolved:—"That we record our regret at the death of Mr. Stephen J. Brown who was for many years Chairman of this Council, and we tender to Mr. Barry Brown, Mr. Ronald Brown and the other members of his family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement."

10170.)

ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

The Annual Estimate, as amended, passed by the Finance Committee was submitted.

Mr. T. Harris proposed, Mr. J. J. Bergin seconded:—"That we adjourn consideration of the Estimate to Monday, the 30th March."

The resolution was lost by 10 votes to 5, the Chairman and Mr. Henderson not voting.

There voted for the motion:—Messrs. Thos. Harris, J. J. Bergin, J. Harris, C. Buckley and R. Gannon—5.

Against:—Messrs. Coonan, Ronaldson, Coffey, Cleary, Phelan, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Conlan, Colohan and Dunne—10.

Messrs. T. and J. Harris, Bergin and Buckley left the Council Chamber stating that they would not attend any more meetings as a protest against the action of the majority of the members.

(10171.)

RATE.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Coonan seconded and it was passed unanimously:—"That the General Rate and the Rate for Separate Charges for year ending 31st March, 1932, be as follows:—"

	Pence.
Roads	30.18
County Services	29.92
Poor Relief	22.36
Board of Health Charges	3.06
Total General Poor Rate	85.52

And Whereas the separate charges specified in Column II. of the table below are respectively chargeable on the areas or contributory places specified therefor in Column I. of the said table, the special rate in the Pound specified in Column III. of the said table has been made on the appropriate one or contributory place for the payment of every such separate charge, and the same forms part of and will be collected with the above general Poor Rate in such area or contributory place.

	Name of Special Area or Contributory Place. (Col. I.).	Purpose or Name of Charge. (Col. II.).	Rate in the Pound (Col. III)
			Pence
	County and Athy Urban District ..	County Library ..	1
	County at Large	Pensions	1
	Former Rural District of Athy No. 1 ..	Criminal Injury, Etc. ..	1
	Former Rural District of Celbridge No. 1 ..	do.	1
A. 1	Athy No. 1 Rural District ..	Special Sanitary Expenses ..	1½
A. 2	Townlands of Monasterevan and Moore Abbey Demesne	Monasterevan Lighting ..	10
N. 1	Naas Rural Electoral Division and Naas Urban.	Naas Waterworks	1

N. 2	Newbridge Dispensary District	..	Newbridge Cemetery	..	12
N. 6	Newbridge Urban Electoral Division	..	Newbridge Waterworks	..	14
N. 8	Robertstown Dispensary District	..	Kilmeague Sewerage	..	1
N. 9	Clane and Naas Dispensary Districts	..	Sallins Water & Sewerage	..	2
N. 10	Kilcullen Dispensary District	..	Kilcullen Sewerage	..	4
N. 12	Ballymore-Eustace and Newtown	..	Ballymore Pumps	..	1
N. 14	Kildare Dispensary District	..	Kildare Waterworks	..	14
N. 16	Rathmore Dispensary District	..	Rathmore District Pumps	..	1
	Former Rural District Athy No. 1	..	Expenses Labourers' Acts	..	6
	Former Rural District Celbridge No. 1	..	do.	..	2½
	Former Rural District Edenderry No. 2	..	do.	..	4

(10172.)

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE.

The County Surveyor submitted his Estimate for Drainage Maintenance as follows—Baltracey, £100; Ballycowan, £50; Connell, £40; Foranwell, £100; Gorteen, £100; Kildare, £100, and Rathangan, £400.

The Council authorised the expenditure of £80 on Baltracey, £40 on Ballycowan, £40 on Connell, £80 each on Foranwell, Gorteen, Kildare, and adjourned consideration of Estimate on Rathangan.

(10173.)

DRAINAGE RATES.

The Council decided to raise a Rate of £40 on Ballycowan Drainage District in addition to the amount of Charging Order, £41 14s 8d, £100 on Baltracey, £100 on Gorteen and £120 on Kildare. It was not considered necessary to raise any rate on Connell or Foranwell areas. The question of raising a rate on Rathangan area was adjourned for consideration by a Committee.

(10174.)

DRAINAGE TENDERS.

It was decided that the Committee appointed in March, 1929, to take Tenders for the Districts of Ballycowan, Baltracey, Foranwell, Gorteen be re-appointed for the purpose.

(10175.)

BLACKATER DRAINAGE RATE.

On the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Gannon, it was decided to raise £128 2s 9d for maintenance and administration expenses and £128 14s 0d amount of Charging Order on the Blackwater Drainage District situate in County Kildare.

(10176.)

BOYNE DRAINAGE.

On the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Gannon, it was decided to raise £102 17s 0d on Boyne Drainage area situated in County Kildare.

(10177.)

LERR DRAINAGE.

On the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Gannon, it was decided to raise £121 10s 6d on Lerr Drainage District situated in County Kildare in addition to the amount of Charging Order, viz., £300 19s 0d.

(10178.)

WAGES ON DISTRESS GRANT.

It was proposed by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Conlan:—"That the wages be 25s for men employed on Distress Grant of £3,000 and £2,000 Loan."

Messrs. Colohan, Fitzgerald, Doyle and Dunne strongly protested against any reduction in the wages. Mr. Colohan stated that this reduction would be used as a lever to reduce the ordinary wages by the majority of the Council. Mr. Conlan protested that there was no such intention. Messrs. Colohan and Fitzgerald left the meeting as a protest against the action of the Council in attempting to reduce the wages.

Mr. Phelan suggested to Mr. Henderson that 27s be substituted for 25s in the resolution which was agreed to.

Eventually the motion as amended was carried without a division, Messrs. Doyle and Dunne protesting against any reduction.

(10179.)

RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 6th March, 1931, G. 15999/31 Cill Dara, Fa., was read from the Depart-

ment of Local Government and Public Health with reference to the state of Collection of Rate and directing the Secretary to issue notice to each Collector calling attention to the consequences of delay in closing accounts and furnishing Schedule of Uncollected Rates in proper time.

The Department also stated that preparatory steps should be taken to enforce obligations on the Bonds against Sureties of such Collectors as show default in closing.

The letter was deferred to the Finance Committee to consider after the close of the financial year, meanwhile the Secretary was directed to send the notice referred to in the letter to each Collector.

An application on behalf of the Collectors for at least one month's extension of time to close their accounts was submitted. The consideration of same was adjourned till after the close of the financial year, the Collectors being warned to make every effort to complete their collections in proper time.

(10180.)

MR. DAVID J. LYNCH.

Letters dated 27th February and 9th March, 1931, were received from Mr. David J. Lynch, Kilcullen, complaining of injuries received by a fall from his motor bicycle caused by a pot-hole on Kilcullen road, and requiring to know what the Council intended doing under the circumstances.

The Council made no order on the matter.

(10181.)

HOUSING GRANTS.

Applications for Grants under Housing Acts were received from Messrs. John Donohoe, Andrew Sweeney and John Walsh.

The Council agreed to give a Grant in each case on the usual conditions.

(10182.)

KILDOON PIT.

A letter dated 4th March, 1931, was read from County Surveyor enclosing £2 0s 0d rent of Kildoon lands and also enclosing letter from Messrs. D. Brennan and Son recommending £1 10s 0d for the coming 11 months from Mr. Michael Howard.

The Council accepted the offer of Mr. Howard at £1 10s 0d.

(10183.)

ELECTIONS.

The Council fixed the 30th June, 1931, as date of County Council Elections.

(10184.)

RATES ON NEWBRIDGE POST OFFICE.

A letter dated 23rd February, 1931, was read from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, relative to rates due out of Newbridge Post Office when the following order was made, viz.:—"That the Council hereby determine that Thomas O'Neill, of Newbridge, Co. Kildare, is liable for the Poor Rates in respect of the premises known as the "Newbridge Post Office" from 31st March, 1930, to 1st June, 1930, amounting to £2 13s 3d, and that Richard Henderson and Elizabeth Henderson are liable for the said Poor Rates from the 1st June, 1930, to 31st March, 1931, amounting to £13 6s 4d."

(10185.)

SHEEP SCAB.

A Report dated 4th March, 1931, was read from Veterinary Inspector Cosgrove stating that an outbreak of Scab had taken place amongst the Curragh Sheep. He attributed the outbreak to the fact that the Winter Dipping could not be carried out owing to the inclement weather.

As the Report stated that the matter was well in hand no action on the Council's part was considered necessary.

(10186.)

FLOODING AT TULLY.

Correspondence between Mr. Hickey, Solicitor, Dublin, on behalf of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, and the County Surveyor with reference to alleged flooding of Mrs. Fitzpatrick's land at Tully was read. It was arranged that Mr. Quinn, Assistant Surveyor, would meet Mr. Hickey at the place of alleged flooding.

(10187.)

AGREEMENT WITH G.S. RAILWAYS.

A letter dated 13th February, 1931, was read from Chief Engineer, G.S. Railways, stating that the Directors were willing to enter into an Agreement with the Council for the maintenance of approaches to over-bridges, and that a Draft Agreement would be sent in due course.

The Council expressed willingness to enter into a satisfactory Agreement with the Company.

(10188.)

BALLYMORE-EUSTACE LOAN.

On the reading of a letter dated 10th March, 1931, S. Cill Dara, from Department

of Local Government and Public Health, the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Conlan:—"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having sanctioned a loan of £2,000, free of interest, to the Kildare County Council, for the purpose of carrying out works for the relief of unemployment, this Council hereby undertakes to repay the said loan within a period of five years in ten equal half-yearly instalments of £200 each."

(10189.)

SHEEP DIPPING.

A letter dated 10th March, 1931, L. 448/31 was read from Department of Agriculture with reference to the arrangements for the dipping of sheep under supervision and enclosing draft Regulations to that effect.

The Council were of opinion that the Regulations proposed were unnecessary as the sheep in the county were being dipped by owners privately.

(10190.)

GLASHA STREAM.

A letter dated 10th March, 1931, from Secretary, Committee of Agriculture, with reference to the cleaning of Glasha Stream (adjoining Dollardstown Wood) which Mr. Osborne advised was the property of the Council who were responsible for the maintenance.

Mr. Campbell had served notice on the Committee to have this stream cleaned as Messrs. T. W. Greene and John N. Greene claimed watering facilities for their cattle. The Committee decided to take no action.

The Council decided to leave the matter in the hand of the Committee of Agriculture.

(10191.)

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

On the forwarding of a letter dated 4th March, 1931, from Chief Superintendent O'Neill recommending the appointment of Guards Glanney and Geraghty as Food and Drugs Inspectors in place of Guards Fuller and Saurin, Mr. Dunne proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded and it was resolved:—"That Guards Glanney, Donadea, and Geraghty, Robertstown, be appointed Food and Drugs Inspectors for County Kildare."

(10192.)

AQUEDUCT AT LOWTOWN.

A letter dated 10th March, 1931, was read from Mr. Buckley, T.D., requesting the Council to lower the bed of the Aqueduct at Lowtown (through which the Slate River runs) out of Grant money. As the Council had altered the Aqueduct as far as the Canal Company would permit no further action could be taken in the matter.

(10193.)

COLLECTOR STAPLETON.

A certificate was received from Dr. M. M. Purcell stating that Collector Stapleton was under his care from 4th March, 1931, and that he would not be able to resume duty for 10 days.

(10194.)

PRINTING CONTRACT.

The contract between the Committee of Agriculture and "Leinster Leader," Ltd., for printing was approved and sealed by the Council.

Adjourned.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF KILDARE.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held at ATHY on the 16th March, 1931.

Present:- Messrs G.W.Henderson, J.J.Bergin.

(9683)
ROAD TENDERS.

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for roads received. The lowest Tender in each case was accepted.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held at CEBURY on the 19th March, 1931.

Present:- Messrs P.Phelan, James Harris.

(9684)
ROAD TENDERS.

Mich. Fitzgibbon
8/5/31

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for roads received and accepted the lowest Tender in each case.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held at MAYNOOTH on the 20th March, 1931.

Present:- Messrs E.A.Coonan, C.P.Buckley and W.R.Ronaldson.

(9685)
ROAD TENDERS.

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for Roads. The lowest Tender in each case was accepted.

Mich. Fitzgibbon 8/5/31

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held at KILDARE on the 23rd March, 1931.

Present:- Messrs James Coffey, Wm. Doyle and Wm. Fitzgerald.

(9786)
ROAD TENDERS.

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for roads. The lowest Tender in each case was accepted.

Mich. Fitzgibbon 8/5/31

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held at NAAS on the 24th March, 1931.

Present:- Messrs J.N.Wardell, James Byrne.

(9687)
ROAD TENDERS.

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for roads and accepted the lowest Tender in each case.

Mich. Fitzgibbon 8/5/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 27th March, 1931.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs W. Doyle, J. J. Byrne, and F. Thornton.

(9672)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2185- 6- 3 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

Michael Fitzsimons
8/5/31

Ad journed.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Adjourned Road Works Meeting of County Council held on the
27th March, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. W. Doyle, F. Thornton, P. J. Dunne, J. J. Byrne, H. Cogan, J. Coffey, G. W. Henderson, E. A. Coonan, P. Phelan, W. Fitzgerald and M. Smyth.

(10195.)

SYMPATHY.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Coonan, and resolved:—"That we, the members of Kildare County Council, have learned with deep regret of the death of the late Mr. Edward Glover, who for twenty-eight years was County Surveyor of this county. We tender to his daughter, Mrs. Browne, and to his other relatives our deepest sympathy in their bereavement."

(10196.)

ROAD CONTRACTS.

Tenders accepted by Tenders Committees were approved and ordered to be sealed.

10197.)

ROADS NOT TENDERED FOR.

The Council decided to re-advertise all roads for which no tender had been received. The members of the Finance Committee were appointed a Tenders Committee to receive Tenders at Naas on the 10th April, 1931.

(10198.)

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

The following letter was read from Supt. Murphy and the recommendations therein approved by the Council:—

Superintendent's Office, Naas,
19th March, 1931.

The Secretary, Kildare County Council,
Courthouse, Naas.

Re Traffic Regulations.

A Chara,—With a view to providing better and safer arrangements for traffic in this District, I am directed by my Authorities to ask to have the following recommendations sanctioned by your Council, so that in future they may enforced by the Gardai at centres referred to:—

Naas.—It is recommended (1) that no

motor cars be allowed to park within fifteen (15) feet on either side of the turn at Murtagh's Corner; (2) that no cars be allowed to park opposite each other on the Main Street from the Town Hall to the corner of John's Lane; (3) that the Abbey Square be in future recognised as a parking place.

Kilcock.—It is recommended that no cars be allowed to park in the street called "New Lane" as it is very narrow.

Maynooth.—It is recommended that no cars be allowed to park opposite the Town Hall, and that cars intending to park there should be directed to the Harbour Road which is convenient and suitable as a recognised parking place.

I will be very glad to hear from you in due course of the decision arrived at by your Council.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) NICHOLAS MURPHY,
Feadmamach.

(10199.)

POLLARDSTOWN GRAVEL PIT.

A letter was read from Messrs. Ellis, Solicitors, on behalf of the Sutton Sand Company directing the Council to cease working the Pollardstown Pit as the Company required it for their own use.

The letter was referred to the County Surveyor.

(10200.)

SEALED DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved:—"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Road Contractors Bonds accepted by the Tenders Committees, and to the Deeds of Transfer of 4½ per cent. Land Bonds (£21 0s 0d and £2 0s 0d, respectively)."

(10201.)

PETROL PUMPS.

Applications were received from Messrs. W. A. Tynan, Monasterevan, and P. G. Dowling, Kilcullen, for permission to erect Petrol Pumps outside their premises.

Permission was granted in each case, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10202.)

KILDARE COURTHOUSE.

Messrs. Goff and Company requested permission to hold an auction in Kildare Courthouse on the 13th May, 1931.

The Council granted the request on the usual conditions.

(10203.)

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

A renewal of Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act was granted to Mrs. A. McDermott, Naas.

(10204.)

HOUSING GRANT.

Mr. Andrew Cross, Grangeclare, applied for a Grant under the Housing Acts. The Council agreed to allocate a Grant on the statutory conditions being fulfilled.

(10205.)

BOARD OF HEALTH LOANS.

A letter dated 18th March, 1931, was read from the Secretary, Board of Health, Naas, requesting the consent of the Council to the borrowing of £3,000 for a Housing Scheme in Maynooth.

Mr. Ronaldson undertook to hand in notice of motion on the matter.

A letter dated 20th March, 1931, was also received from the Secretary, Board of Health, requesting the Council's consent to

the borrowing of £1,700 for the purpose of providing a Steam Laundry and Disinfectant at Athy County Home.

Mr. Phelan undertook to give notice of motion on the matter.

(10206.)

LATE MR. S. J. BROWN.

A letter dated 14th March, 1931, was received from Mr. J. Barry Brown acknowledging receipt of Resolution of the Council on the death of Mr. S. J. Brown and conveying his thanks therefor.

(10207.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE KEEPER.

A letter dated 24th March, 1931, was read from County Surveyor enclosing letter from Mr. William Dunphy, Courthouse-keeper, Athy, stating that he was ill and unable to light the boilers in Courthouse, but that Mr. Bramley would do it for him. No order was made.

(10208.)

SECRETARY'S SURETIES.

The Secretary stated that one of his Sureties, Mr. Thomas Whelan, had died on the 20th March, 1931, and he submitted the name of Mr. James Whelan, Royal Hotel, Naas, as his substitute.

The Council accepted Mr. James Whelan and directed the Secretary to instruct Mr. Osborne, Council's Solicitor, to prepare the necessary Bond.

Adjourned.

W. J. Phelan
28/5/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 10th April, 1931.

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

(9679)
ROAD REPAIRS.

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for repairs to roads. The lowest Tender in each case was accepted.

Michael Fitzsimons
8/5/31
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Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.
MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 10TH APRIL, 1931.

Present: -Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs P. J. Dunne, J. Conlan, and W. Doyle.

(9673)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2921-17-8 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account. Expenses under Motor Act 1920 were approved and payment ordered.

(9674)

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Fras. Field closed his Account on the 31st March, 1931 and Mr. Coonan closed on the 2nd April, 1931. The Committee ordered payment of Poundage Fees to Mr. Field and recommended payment at 8d in the £ to Mr. Coonan, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The Committee proceeded to consider application from the other Collectors for an extension of one month to enable them close their Accounts. The Committee granted to the 30th instant, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(9675)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTKEEPER.

A letter dated 9th April, 1931 was read from Mr. Thomas Conneff stating that Mr. William Dumphy, Caretaker, Castledermot Courthouse &c was ill and unable for duty, and that he had been doing his work for some time past. The Committee appointed Mr. Thomas Conneff temporary Courtkeeper at £10 per annum, during the illness of Mr. Conneff, or until further Order, and made the appointment retrospective from the 1st April, 1931.

(9676)

PUNCESTOWN RACE TRAFFIC.

A letter dated 30th March 1931 was read from the County Surveyor relative to Posters in connection with Puncestown Race Traffic and stating that he considered same unnecessary. The Committee left the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor and directed that he consult the Garda Siothchana before coming to a decision.

(9677)

Coal Supply.

Two Tenders were received for supply of 10 tons best Wigan double-screened Coal, to Nags Courthouse, one from Mr. John Hederman at 40/- per ton, and the other from Messrs Wallace Bros at the same price. The Committee accepted Mr. Hederman's Tender.

(9678)

INSURANCE.

A quotation from the Hibernian Insurance Company dated 7th April, 1931 relative to insurance of men engaged on Relief Grant Works and stating that they were prepared to issue Policy to cover the full legal liability of the Council under the Workmens Compensation Acts and Common Law at a rate of 45/- allround, was considered, and the Committee accepted the Policy on the terms referred to.

Adjourned.

Michael Fitzsimons
 10/4/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Committee appointed to consider financial condition of Rathangan Drainage, held on the 24th April, 1931.

Present.—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. Phelan, J. C. Bergin, J. Coffey, E. A. Coonan, W. Doyle, F. Thornton.

(9860.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Joseph Connell, D. Connell, Neill and McLaughlin were received by the Committee and complained that the river had not been sufficiently cleaned for the money expended, and that it would require to be sunk five feet to be any real benefit.

The County Surveyor explained that the council could not deepen the river under their present statutory powers, but could only maintain it in the condition as it was when handed over by the Board of Works; that everything possible was done for the amount of money at his disposal to keep the river in order.

Mr. Joseph Connell suggested that the river might be maintained cheaper by setting it by contract.

The County Surveyor stated that the work would be more effectively done by Direct Labour and he was opposed to contracts.

The Committee agreed with the County Surveyor.

Messrs. Connell suggested that the river should be cleaned in June.

Mr. Neill opposed this and stated that September was the best time.

The Committee recommended leaving the matter to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

(9681.)

MR. FULLAM'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor read a report from Mr. Fullam on the condition of the river and the cause of the recent flooding as follows:—
16th December, 1930.

John Rorke, Esq., County Surveyor.

Dear Sir,—When investigating cases of flooding in the Rathangan Drainage District about which claims for damages were heard at the Naas Circuit Court on the 11th and 12th instants some matters came under my notice to which I would like to draw attention.

The Court gave decrees in all cases against the County Council on the grounds that the Council failed to raise and collect sufficient

funds to keep the river and tributaries in proper condition. It appears to me that there were other factors which made the flooding inevitable and for which the Council is not responsible, but which may make future claims possible no matter how efficiently the work of maintenance is carried out. Lands which were not included in the original scheme are now being drained (not marked on map or area) by means of the Rathangan River and Tributaries, and a large volume of water is finding its way into the rivers which would be retained in the Canals and Canal supplies if they were functioning as they did some years ago, and I think it is significant that nearly all the claims arose out of flooding in the vicinity of these Canals.

The Whiteye Canal supply which drained a large part of the Townlands of Moods, Downings, Robertstown and Mylerstown, has been left derelict except for a length of 20 or 30 perches. The water which this supply should convey to the Canal escapes through breaches in the banks into the Moods Tributary. During the floods the water rose to a height of 18.9" over the ope of the Aqueduct which takes the water under the supply to the main river. This Aqueduct has a much smaller section area than the bridge built by the Drainage Board close to it upstream, and to cope with increased volume of water would, in my opinion, need to be enlarged or removed altogether.

The Canal known as the Blackwood Canal which connects with the Reservoir at Ballinacagh has also, I understand, been almost abandoned by the Canal Company, no cleaning having been done on it for some years. During the August floods water flowed through a breach in the canal bank opposite James McHugh's house and but for the prompt action of Mr. McHugh in stopping the breach to prevent the water entering his house a passage might have been scoured large enough to allow a great part of contents of canal into Rathangan river. I do not know if there is anyone in charge of the sluice at the Reservoir. There is an overflow over Blackwood Bridge about 40 yards in length at which water was overflowing, I am told, to a depth of 3 to 6 inches.

The canal supply which drains the Townlands (or part) of Robertstown, Coolaght, Newtown, Doonre, Mylestown and Lowtown flows into the Grand Canal at Ballyteague. Near Iowtown Aqueduct there is a sluice consisting of loose planks and I was informed that during the floods this sluice was raised,

allowing the water of the supply to flow freely into the main river at Derrymullen.

The improvement of the Aqueduct at Derrymullen which has been often under consideration during the past 15 years is not possible owing to the enormous cost of lowering and enlarging it. This Aqueduct which passes under the canal has a section area of only about 19 square feet. On the 19th August there was at the upstream side a section area of water of about 45 square feet. There is a fall of about 8 feet between the Aqueduct and main river. If the Tributary were diverted to flow north of canal into the main river at Lowtown (along a drain made by the Land Commission) the advantage of this 8ft. could be gained and a large area in Allenwood and Derrymullen made secure from possible flooding.—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) L. J. FULLAM.

The Committee directed that a copy of the report be sent to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, for his advice with regard to the Canal Company.

(9682.)

ESTIMATE OF RATE.

A letter dated 31st March, 1931, from Mr. Osborne with reference to Decree and Costs was read.

The Committee considered the financial condition of the District and the Secretary submitted the following Estimate:—

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE. ESTIMATE 31st MARCH, 1931.

	£	s	d
1931			
To amount of Rate outstanding	534	0	0
Less amount uncollectable	234	0	0
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	300	0	0
Rate required	800	0	0
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	£1,100	0	0
	£	s	d
1931			
March 31			
To balance against	399	18	2
Co. Surveyor's Estimate for main-			
tenance	400	0	0
Decreases for flooding	119	10	0
Costs	200	0	0
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	£1,119	8	2

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Thornton seconded and it was resolved:—"That the Rate recommended for the coming year be £600."

It was decided to request the Treasurer to continue overdraft for coming year.

Adjourned.

M. J. Thornton
14/8/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 24th April, 1931.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan, J. Conlan, Jas. Bergin, J.N. Wardell, F. Thornton, P.J. Dunne, W. Doyle and J. Byrne.

(9688)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2594- 13- 7 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

M Fitzsimons
14/8/31

Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of County Council, held on the 24th April, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. Phelan, J. Conlan, J. C. Bergin, J. Coffey, G. W. Henderson, H. Cogan, E. A. Coonan, J. N. Wardell, J. Byrne, P. J. Dunne, W. Doyle, J. Fitzgerald, F. Thornton, and M. Smyth.

(10208.)

SYMPATHY.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Phelan, and carried unanimously:—"That we hereby express our sincere regret at the sad death of our colleague, Mr. Hugh Colohan, and we tender to his family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement."

(10209.)

TENDERS.

The tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee were approved and Sealed by the Council.

All works for which no tender had been received were given in charge to the County Surveyor.

(10210.)

RATE COLLECTION.

A return showing the state of collection was considered. A letter dated 16th April, 1931, G. 26864/1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health was read declining to sanction an extension of time for the purpose of enabling full poundage to be paid collectors.

A petition was received from the collectors who had closed their accounts requesting extension of time to 15th prox. to close.

The Secretary was directed to request the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to grant the extension to 15th May to all collectors who had not closed their accounts by 30th April.

(10211.)

IRRECOVERABLE ARREAR SHEETS.

The Council considered the Irrecoverable Arrear Sheets of the Collectors and the Secretary's Report thereon.

The rulings of the Council were recorded on the sheets.

(10212.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider financial condition of the Rathangan Drainage Area was submitted and approved.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Thornton seconded and it was resolved:—"That £600 be raised on the Rathangan Drainage District for the coming year."

(10213.)

COLLECTOR'S SURETY.

A letter dated 17th April, 1931, from Collector Downey was read stating that one of his sureties, Mr. Keating, was dead, and submitting the name of Mr. Louis Nolan, Rathernan, Kilmeague, to act in his stead.

The Committee approved of Mr. Nolan as Surety for Mr. Downey and directed that a new Bond be prepared.

(10214.)

MR. REGINALD WHITE.

A letter dated 9th April, 1931, as follows was read from Mr. White, Derrylea:—

Derrylea, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare,
9th April, 1931.

Mr. Coffey, Sec., Kildare Co. Council.

Dear Mr. Coffey,—I would feel indebted if you would put a proposal before the Council at their next meeting to guarantee me immunity from seizure (during the current financial year) for rates. I have no means of meeting them at present, but if I had this guarantee now I could take in graziers immediately, and I promise at least £60 off this year's rate, or if the year was very fine £70. If I do not get the guarantee now of course people will take grazing elsewhere and I can promise nothing as I have nothing to give.

There is a prospect that the Irish Land Commission will take over portion of the Estate for division and that the Department of Agriculture will take more for planting, but this is only a chance—if it takes place, however, I will be in a position to make a settlement with you.

I would be grateful in the meantime if I could obtain the guarantee to help me to carry on and to meet some portion of my liabilities.—Yours faithfully,

(For) REGINALD WHITE.

The Council placed the matter in the hands of Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to make the best arrangements possible with Mr. White.

(12015.)

AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

A memo from Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that a sum of £2,560 18s 4d had been deducted from Agricultural Grant, was read.

(10216.)

PETROL PUMP.

An application dated 9th April, 1931, was read from Mr. Laurence Kelly requesting permission to erect Petrol Pump outside his premises at Milltown Bridge, Droichead Nua, together with a letter dated 24th April, 1931, from the County Surveyor approving of the erection of the pump in question.

The Council approved of the erection of the pump.

(10217.)

HOUSING ACTS.

Applications for Grants under the Housing Acts were received from Messrs. John Dunne, Ballyteague, Kilmeague; T. Gorman, Coonough, Carbury, and Michael Dowling, Suncroft.

The Council approved of the making of a Grant in each case subject to the statutory conditions being complied with.

(10218.)

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter dated 7th April, 1931, was read from Mr. Fras. Shortt, Celbridge, stating that Rev. Dr. McGough, P.P., and Rev. M. Gleeson, C.C., who were members of the O.A.P. Sub-Committee had left Celbridge, and suggesting that Rev. Fr. Nowlan, P.P., and Rev. J. Purfield, C.C., both of Celbridge, be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Sub-Committee.

The Council appointed Rev. Fr. Nowlan, P.P., and Rev. Fr. Purfield, C.C., members of the O.A.P. Sub-Committee in place of Rev. Fr. McGough and Rev. Fr. Gleeson.

(10219.)

MAINTENANCE OF OVERBRIDGES.

A letter dated 2nd April, 1931, from the Great Southern Railways Company was read enclosing draft agreement for approval relative to maintenance of overbridges, together with letter dated 21st April, 1931, from the County Surveyor on the same subject.

The Council approved of the draft agreement referred to and decided to enter into an agreement with the G.S. Railway Company on the terms thereof.

(10220.)

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

The Council approved of the renewal of Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act to Messrs. Jackson Bros., Athy.

(10221.)

MACHINERY LOAN.

A letter dated 1st April, 1931, S. Cill-Dara from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning the raising of a Loan of £1,000 for purchase of road machinery was read.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved:—"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to Deed of Mortgage to Hibernian Bank, Ltd., for Loan of £1,000 for purchase of machinery."

(10222.)

RATES—NEWBRIDGE POST OFFICE.

A letter dated 2nd April, 1931, from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, relative to Poor Rates on Droichead Nua Post Office as follows was read:—

Re Poor Rates on Newbridge Post Office.

Dear Sir,—I have had a long correspondence with Messrs. Brown and McCann, Solicitors, for Mr. and Mrs. Henderson re above.

They contend that their clients are not liable, while I hold the opposite view. However, the case is full of difficulties, and Messrs. Brown and McCann have now made an offer, without prejudice, that they are prepared to advise their client to pay the rates on the actual valuation as from the 1st June last, and, I think, we ought to agree to this suggestion as being the best way out of the difficulty in all the circumstances.

The Poor Law Valuation was, I understand, £25.

You might kindly let me know if I may accept Messrs. Brown and McCann's offer.—Yours faithfully,

R. A. OSBORNE.

The Council accepted the terms as stated in Mr. Osborne's letter.

(10223.)

SYMPATHY.

A letter dated 8th April, 1931, from Mrs. Browne, Naas, acknowledging resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of her father, the late Mr. Edward Glover, was read.

(10224.)

CANAL BANK.

A letter dated 17th April, 1931, from Grand Canal Company relative to condition of Canal Bank from Digby Bridge to Watertown North, was read, together with a letter dated 21st April, 1931, from the County Surveyor stating that in his opinion the damage complained of was caused by the wash of motor boats on a part of the canal construction, and he considered it a matter for the Company to repair as they have done in the past.

The Council made no order.

(10225.)

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

A letter dated 8th April, 1931, L. 1386/31, from Department of Agriculture stating that a sample of butter obtained from Mr. Michael O'Brien, Athy, on the 18th instant, had on analysis proved not to be genuine.

The Council directed the Secretary to instruct Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to institute proceedings against Mr. O'Brien.

(10226.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 17th April, 1931, G.

26865/31, from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning on a temporary basis for three months the appointment of Mr. Thomas Conneff as caretaker of Castledermot Courthouse, was read.

(10227.)

COLLECTOR COONAN.

A letter dated 20th April, 1931, G. 28867/31, Fa., Cill-Dara, from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning payment of poundage at 8d in the £ to Collector Coonan on his 1930-31 warrant, was read and payment ordered.

(10228.)

ROAD TENDERS.

A letter dated 14th April, 1931, from Mr. Michael Doyle, Colstown, Castledermot, was read, stating that owing to the car in which he was travelling breaking down he was late to attend Tenders Committee meeting on the 10th instant, and requesting to know if it were possible to have his tender for Road No. 498 accepted now.

The Council made no order.

Adjourned.

Mr. G. J. O'Brien
26/3/31

COMHAIRLE GONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee held on the
8th May, 1931.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. J. Byrne, W. Doyle, and P. J. Dunne.

(9689.)

MINUTES.

Minutes of Meetings held since date of last Quarterly Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

(9690.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £3,363 15s 0d were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

Payments from 1 to 76 in the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved and it was ordered that like payments be made in respect of salaries falling due monthly up to 1st July, 1931, by Special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other payments as per the Chairman's copy were approved.

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

(9691.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts including the Subsidiary Account for Quarter ended 31st March, 1931, were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date. The Bank Book for the Subsidiary Account was also submitted and signed by the Chairman.

(9692.)

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary reported that all the Collectors had now closed their Accounts, with the exception of Collectors Downes, Dunne and Stapleton.

Mr. Stapleton attended the meeting and stated that he had been ill and unable to attend to his duties and the Committee recommended an extension of time in his case.

The Committee directed the Secretary to write to the Sureties of Collectors Dunne and Downes.

Letters dated 4th, 6th and 7th May, 1931,

(Ref. 33580/31, Cill Dara; G. 34727/31, Cill Dara, Fa., and G. 35130/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., respectively), were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health declining to sanction payment of poundage at 8d in the £ to the Collectors who had failed to close their Accounts at the proper time.

The Secretary was directed to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to re-consider his decision and sanction poundage at the higher rate to Collectors who had now closed, viz.—Collectors S. Malone, J. Malone, Gannon, O'Connor, Headon, Sammon and Bell, also to Collectors Dowling, Kearns and Shinkins.

(9693.)

RELIEF OF AGRICULTURAL RATEPAYERS.

A letter dated 7th May, 1931, Circ. No. G. 45/1931, Miscellaneous, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that the Minister for Finance had in his Budget speech of the 6th instant intimated that the Government had decided to provide additional funds for the relief of Agricultural Ratepayers in connection with the Rate for the current year.

(9694.)

ILLNESS OF OFFICIAL.

A letter dated 7th May, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor enclosing certificate dated 6th May, 1931, from Dr. Kilbride stating that Mr. Hugh Hurley, Assistant Surveyor, was ill and would be unable for duty for at least fourteen days.

(9695.)

CARETAKER CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 5th May, 1931, from Mr. Thomas Conneff, Temporary Caretaker, Castledermot Courthouse, was read, stating that Mr. William Whelan, Caretaker, had died on the 24th April, 1931.

The Committee recommended that the terms of appointment in the case of the Caretaker to be appointed be the same as in previous cases and the salary £10 per annum.

(9696.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

A letter dated 27th April, 1931, from Sergeant Glynn, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Naas, enclosing estimate of cost (£1 10s 0d) from Messrs. Thomas Lendrum and Son, Naas, for fitting two drawers to table in his office.

The Committee directed that the work be done at a cost not exceeding £1 10s 0d.

(9697.)

RATES—MR. WHITE, DERRYLEA.

A letter dated 6th May, 1931, was read from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, Athy, stating that in his opinion it would be better not to have any written Agreement of Guarantee

between the Council and Mr. White, and that the Rate Collector had informed him that he expected to be able to arrange with the Graziers and Mr. White, and that they would be satisfied with an assurance from him that the stock would not be seized.

The Committee approved of Mr. Osborne's suggestion and left the matter to be arranged between the Collector and Mr. White.

(9698.)

GRAZING AT DOWNINGS.

An offer dated 25th April, 1931, from Mr. Michael Byrne, Downings, for grazing of Plot adjoining house at £2 10s 0d for eleven months, was accepted, and the Committee directed that the usual Agreement be prepared.

Adjourned.

H. G. Gorman
28/5/31

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 22nd May, 1931.
Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, Chairman, (Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan and John Conlan.

(9699)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £3238-I-II were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9700)
COLLECTOR STAPLETON.

Collector Stapleton attended before the Committee and stated that he regretted being absent from home when the Rate Inspector call to check his Accounts on the 13th instant, but he had gone to collect rates, as he was anxious to close. He handed in receipt for £315, leaving a sum of £421 approximately outstanding, and undertook to close his Collection by the 26th May, 1931.

M. Fitzsimons
14/5/31

Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Quarterly Finance Meeting of County Council, held on the 26th
May, 1931.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, presiding); Messrs. C. Buckley, W. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, M. Smyth, W. Doyle, J. Cregan, W. Fitzgerald, P. J. Dunne, P. Phelan, J. Harris, M. Behan, T. Harris, S. B. Minch, J. J. Bergin, J. Conlan and J. N. Wardell.

(10229.)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Conlan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That the minutes of Meetings of County Council held on the 23rd February, 13th and 27th March, and 24th April, 1931, copy of which had been sent to to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

Proposed by Mr. Conlan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held on the 27th February, 13th and 27th March, 10th and 24th April, 8th and 22nd May, 1931, copy of which had been sent to each Member be taken as read and confirmed."

(10230.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipts and Expenditure Books for Quarter ended 31st March, 1931, were examined and signed by the Chairman, and the following books, etc. were produced by the Secretary, written up to date.—(1) General Ledger, (2) Register of Mortgages, (3) Register of Separate Charges, (4) Register of Applications and Proposals, (5) Reports from Inspector (Forms 57) re checking collectors' accounts.

(10231.)

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

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

(10232.)

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, 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."

(10233.)

PAYMENTS OF DRAINAGE

DISTRICT.

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

(10234.)

SYMPATHY.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Phelan, and resolved:—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, have learned with deep regret of the tragic death of Mr. Gavin Tyndall, and we hereby tender to his father, Mr. William Tyndall, and to the other members of the family, our sincere sympathy in their very sad bereavement."

(10235.)

RESTITUTION.

The Secretary reported that he had been sent £2 restitution money by some anonymous person. The amount was lodged to Council's credit with the Treasurer.

(10236.)

POOR RATE.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That the General Rate and the Rate for Separate Charges for the year ending 31st March, 1932, be as follows:—"

	Pence.
Roads	30.18
County Services	29.92
Poor Relief	22.36
Board of Health Charges	3.06
Total General Poor Rate	85.52

And Whereas the separate charges specified in Column II. of the table below are respectively chargeable on the areas or contributory places specified therefor in Column I. of the said table, the special rate in the Pound specified in Column III. of the said table has been made on the appropriate one or contributory place for the payment of every such separate charge, and the same forms part of and will be collected with the above general Poor Rate in such area or contributory place.

	Name of Special Area or Contributory Place. (Col. I.)	Purpose or Name of Charge. (Col. II.)	Rate in the Pound (Col. III)
			Pence
	County and Athy Urban District ..	County Library ..	1
	County at Large	Pensions	1
	Former Rural District of Athy No. 1 ..	Criminal Injury, Etc. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	Former Rural District of Celbridge No. 1 ..	do.	$\frac{1}{2}$
A. 1	Athy No. 1 Rural District ..	Special Sanitary Expenses ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
A. 2	Townlands of Monasterevan and Moore Abbey Demesne	Monasterevan Lighting	10
N. 1	Naas Rural Electoral Division and Naas Urban.	Naas Waterworks	1
N. 2	Newbridge Dispensary District ..	Newbridge Cemetery	12
N. 6	Newbridge Urban Electoral Division ..	Newbridge Waterworks	14
N. 8	Robertstown Dispensary District ..	Kilmeague Sewerage	1
N. 9	Clane and Naas Dispensary Districts ..	Sallins Water & Sewerage ..	2
N. 10	Kilcullen Dispensary District	Kilcullen Sewerage	4
N. 12	Ballymore-Eustace and Newtown ..	Ballymore Pumps	1
N. 14	Kildare Dispensary District	Kildare Waterworks	14
N. 16	Rathmore Dispensary District	Rathmore District Pumps ..	1
	Former Rural District Athy No. 1 ..	Expenses Labourers' Acts ..	6
	Former Rural District Celbridge No. 1 ..	do.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Former Rural District Edenderry No. 2 ..	do.	4

The total sum payable by the occupier of any agricultural land in respect of the above poor rates will be reduced owing to the division of the agricultural grant by a sum equal to forty-eight pence in the pound on the valuation of such agricultural land.

(10237.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Minch, and resolved—“That the Chairman, Messrs. Doyle, and Dunne be appointed to sign the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.”

(10238.)

DRAINAGE RATE.

Proposed by Mr. Coonan, seconded by

Mr. Dunne, and resolved:—“That the Maintenance Rate and the amount of Charging Order on the several Drainage Districts for the year ending 31st March, 1932, be as follows:—Ballycowan maintenance, £40; instalment to Commissioners of Public Works, £41 14s 8d; Blackwater Maintenance, £128 2s 9d; Instalment to Commissioners of Public Works, £128 14s; Lerr Maintenance, £121 10s 6d; Instalment to Commissioners of Public Works, £300 19s; Baltracey, £100; Gorteen, £100; Kildare, £120; Boyne, £102 17s 0d; Rathangan, £600.”

(10239.)

DRAINAGE TENDERS.

There were no Tenders received for Connell Drainage Works and they were placed in the hands of the County Surveyor.

For the Kildare Drainage District, the tenders of Michael Carroll at £38, (No. 1)

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

(1)—I have the honour to report that at the Quarterly Finance Meeting, recently held, contractors' applications for payment amounted to £2,305 11s 1d. 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.
£2,246 11s. 1d.	Nil	£17 15s. 0d.	£11 5s. 0d.

During the Quarter ended 31st March, 1931, in addition to £2,246 11s 1d recommended for payment as above, the sum of £9,300 16s 10d was certified to the Finance Committee as follows:—Trunk Roads, £492 3s 3d; Link Roads, £1,708 11s 6d; County Roads, £1,528 5s 9d; Grants, £5,571 16s 4d.

All the works of Road Improvement authorised under the Road Fund and Unemployment Grant have been proceeding successfully, in fact some of them are nearing completion. In addition the preparation for tarring and annual maintenance works have engaged the constant attention of your staff.

I very much regret that the illness of the Assistant Surveyor for the Southern Division of the County will necessitate some temporary arrangement for the carrying out of his duties.

The encroachment of the Liffey bank, previously reported, which threatens to undermine the road near Ballymore-Eustace is serious, and it will be necessary to consider the borrowing of a Loan to carry out the work of stabilisation or diversion of the river. I would be glad to point out the place to a Committee of the Council if you consider it desirable.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN RORKE.

The County Surveyor was requested to submit an estimate of the cost of stabilising or diverting the river at the place referred to near Ballymore-Eustace.

(10241.)

FLOODING AT THE FRIARY ROAD.

A Deputation from the Urban Council of Naas, consisting of Messrs. John Doyle, Jas. Dowling, Thomas Lacey, and A. K. Sargent, C.E., Town Surveyor, attended the Meeting and complained of the flooding of the Friary Road and Poplar Square, and the houses adjoining, and contended that the matter should be remedied by the County Council. It appeared from the discussion that the

and Andrew Dempsey (No. 2) at £46 were accepted.

(10340.)

CO. SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

flooding was caused by the overflow from a stream over which it was stated that neither the County nor Urban Councils had control.

The County Surveyor stated that there was no liability on the County Council to remedy the flooding but considered that it should be done by some Authority.

It was stated that if the streams under Poplar Square and Chapel Lane were cleaned up, that the flooding would be abated. The County Surveyor considered this the duty of the Urban Council, the cost of doing so he estimated at about £90.

Mr. Phelan proposed, and Mr. Doyle seconded "That the County Council contribute half the cost of cleaning the stream, not exceeding £50, without prejudice, and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Cregan, and Mr. John Bergin seconded—"That an inquiry be called for to settle the responsibility on the proper authority."

The amendment was lost by 8 votes to 6, and Mr. Phelan's resolution was carried by the same voting.

(10242.)

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

A letter dated 4th May, 1931, G33580-1931, Cill Dara, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health with reference to the payment of Poundage Fees to Collectors, and pointing out that certain Collectors had not complied with the conditions prescribed for payment at full rate.

Letters dated 7th May, 1931, G.35130-1931, 13th May, 1931, G36667-1931, and 15th May, 1931, G.37554-1931, Cill Dara, Fa., on the same subject, were also read.

After consideration of the letters the Council decided to request the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to consent to the payment of poundage at the rate of 8d in the £, and on the motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Bergin, resolved to send a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. Coonan, Minch to the Minister and submit the views of the Council on the matter.

(10243.)

COLLECTORS' SURETIES.

A letter dated 6th May, 1931, G.34727-1931, Cill Dara, F.A., from Department of Local Government and Public Health, enquiring what steps are now proposed to enforce the closing of accounts in the cases of Collectors Dowling, Stapleton, Downes, Kearns, Shinkins, and Dunne. As all the foregoing Collectors had closed except Stapleton, no action was necessary in their cases. In the case of Mr. Stapleton, his sureties had been requested to have the amount outstanding lodged forthwith.

(10244.)

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR.

On the motion of Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Peter Keenan was unanimously co-opted Councillor for Newbridge Area in place of the late Mr. Hugh Colahan, T.D.

(10245.)

DISQUALIFICATION OF COUNCILLOR FOLEY.

The Council declared the Office of Coun-

cillor Foley in Athy Area, vacant owing to the disqualification of Councillor Foley through non-attendance.

A notice to that effect, signed by the Members and countersigned by the Secretary, was posted outside the Courthouse.

(10246.)

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR.

On the motion of Mr. J. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Cregan, Mr. Joseph Brennan, Bolton Castle, Meone, was unanimously co-opted Councillor for Athy area in room of Mr. Foley.

(10247.)

RELIEF OF RATES.

A letter dated 15th May, 1931, G.48-31, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health with reference to Grant of £750,000 for relief of rates on Agricultural Land, and showing the amount allotted for County Kildare as £18,860, this amount being equivalent to a rate of 1s 6d in the £ on land.

The Secretary stated that the Rate Books had been altered in accordance with the terms of the letter, and that otherwise the instructions were being complied with.

(10248.)

LOAN—FIRMOUNT SANATORIUM.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That the Kildare County Council hereby consent to the borrowing by the Board of Health of a further sum of £4,353, for the purpose of providing and equipping Firmount House Sanatorium."

Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, has been duly complied with in reference to this case.

(10249.)

LAUNDRY FOR ATHY CO. HOME.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Smyth, and resolved:—"That the Kildare County Council hereby consent to the raising of a loan of £1,700 by the Board of Health for the purpose of providing a Modern Fully Equipped Steam Laundry with Disinfector at the Kildare County Home, Athy, as recommended by the Medical and General Inspectors."

On the suggestion of Mr. J. J. Bergin the matter was referred back to the Board of Health for further consideration.

(10250.)

HOUSING IN MAYNOOTH.

Mr. Ronaldson proposed and Mr. Coonan seconded, and it was resolved:—"That the Kildare County Council hereby consent to the raising of a loan of £3,000 by the Board of Health for the purpose of carrying out a housing scheme to provide 12 Labourers' Cottages in the town of Maynooth."

Mr. Bergin proposed, and Mr. Phelan seconded—"That the matter be adjourned until the new Housing Scheme be introduced."

On a poll being taken Mr. Bergin's proposal was rejected by seven votes to 6. Mr. Ronaldson's resolution was carried without opposition.

(10251.)

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Mr. Smyth, Co.C., was unanimously appointed a Member of the Vocational Education Committee in place of the late Mr. Colohan.

(10252.)

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HURLEY.

Assistant Surveyor Hurley wrote resigning his position by letter dated 15th May, 1931, and by letter dated 28th May, 1931, he withdrew his resignation, and requested one month's leave of absence from duty. He submitted a Certificate from Dr. Kilbride, dated 21st May stating that he was suffering from bronchitis and would be unfit for duty for one month. The Council authorised one month's leave of absence.

(10253.)

MR. GARDINER, C.E.

Mr. Gardiner, C.E., was appointed to carry out Mr. Hurley's duties during his absence, or, till further order, at £5 5s per week, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(10254.)

SHEEP DIPPING.

A letter dated 14th May, 1931, was read from the Department of Agriculture stating that the Minister notes with regret that the Council do not propose to put into operation any effective Sheep Dipping arrangements elsewhere than at the Curragh.

The Council was of the opinion that the

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Dipping was being carried out generally in the County and that no inspection scheme was necessary.

(10255.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTKEEPER.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee fixing the salary of the Courthouse-keeper at Castledermot at £10 per annum was approved. It was decided to make the appointment at next meeting of the Council.

(10256.)

ATHY ROADS.

A letter dated 30th April, 1931, was read from Town Clerk Athy, requesting to have the road from Railway Bridge to Barrow Bridge steamrolled. No order was made.

(10257.)

DOWNINGS SAND PIT.

The Council accepted the offer of Mr. M. J. Byrne of £2 10s for grazing of Plot at Downings Gravel Pit.

(10258.)

RAILWAY BRIDGES.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Conlan, and resolved:—"That we hereby approve of Agreement with Great Southern Railways Company relative to Maintenance of Approaches to Over bridges, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto."

(10259.)

YARD—NEWBRIDGE BARRACKS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Conlan, and resolved:—"That we hereby approve of the Engrossments of Agreement with Office of Public Works relative to Forage Yard in Droichead Nua Military Barracks, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto."

(10260.)

TELEPHONE.

On application from the County Surveyor the Council approved of the installation of a direct line of telephone.

(10261.)

TELEGRAPH LINE.

On the application of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, the Council approved of the erection of a Telegraph Line on road between Peel Hall Cross Roads and Mullagh-mast House.

(10262.)

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter dated 14th May, 1931, was received from Mr. H. K. Toomey, Solicitor, Athy, on behalf of Mr. Michael O'Brien, expressing regret if there was an excess of water in the sample of butter sold by him. He also submitted an explanation from the Callan Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society, Ltd., as to how the excess occurred.

The Council was satisfied that Mr. O'Brien was in no way to blame in the matter.

(10263.)

GOGARTY ESTATE.

A letter dated 19th May, 1931, was received from Messrs. Brown and McCann on behalf of Executors of the late Bernard Gogarty, stating that the Estate would only pay a composition of 9½d in the £., and that the amount of the Council's claim £4 2s at that rate would be 3s 2d. The Council agreed to accept the amount.

(10264.)

HENRY HOSIE ESTATE.

A letter dated 20th February, 1931, was received from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that the Council's claim against the Estate of Mr. Hosie was declared by the Chief Justice as chargeable to the Estate, and when the Estate is realised that there will probably be sufficient funds to pay all creditors in full.

(10265.)

LERR DRAINAGE.

Mr. Fullam, Secretary, Lerr Drainage Committee, applied for an advance of £50 for maintenance work on Lerr District. The Council approved of the application.

(10266.)

TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. J. Byrne was appointed on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association.

(10267.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

A list of decrees amounting to £90 11s 0d for Drainage Costs for flooding on Rathangan Drainage, was submitted by Mr. Laphier, Naas. A list was also submitted by

Mr. Wilkinson, Solicitor, Naas, amounting to £88 10s 3d, with a request for payment. The Council decided to pay when funds would be available on Rathangan Drainage Account.

(10268.)

DE-RATING.

A letter dated 9th May, 1931, was read from the County Council's General Council, requesting the Council to consider the report of the De-Rating Commission, and the proposals of the Government for the relief of Agriculture. No order was made.

(10269.)

SECTION 5 OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ACT, 1925.

The County Councils' General Council submitted copy of opinion of Mr. Cecil Lavery, K.C., on the respective powers of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health and on Local Authorities under Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.)

(10270.)

WALL AT KILDARE.

Mr. Cregan proposed that the Nuns at Presentation Convent, Kildare, be granted permission to erect a high wall at road corner in town of Kildare.

The County Surveyor objected on the grounds that such a wall would obstruct the view at the corner and render the place dangerous, especially on account of a school in the immediate vicinity.

The County Council granted permission subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(10271.)

WALL AT CASTLEDERMOT.

Mr. J. J. Bergin drew attention to a wall at Castledermot, obstructing the view of the road, near the church. The County Council requested the County Surveyor to report on the matter.

(10272.)

MR. COLOE.

Mr. Phelan, on behalf of Mr. Coloe requested permission to erect an out-office within less than the statutory distance from the road. The Council made no order.

(10273.)

CONTROL OF DOGS.

A letter dated 1st April, 1931, G.823-31, was read from the Department of Agriculture with reference to the enforcing of the Regulations for the Control of Dogs. The Council decided to have copy of the Regulations displayed at Garada Barracks and Post Offices.

(10274.)

CANAL BRIDGE.

A letter dated 29th April, 1931, was read from Sir John Young complaining of the dangerous condition of the Canal Bridge on Athy-Stradbally road.

A letter dated 8th April, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor in reply to his letter, and stating that the dangerous condition of the Bridge was well known to the Councillors, and that suggestions had been made to improve it, but that the Grand Canal Company had control, and if they would consent to some alteration in the Lock Gates and the Bridge extended towards the Northern end. The Council considered no further action could be taken at present.

(10275.)

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Auditor's Report on the Drainage Districts of Baltracey, Ballycowan, Connell, Foranwell, Gorteen, Rathangan and Lerr Drainage was read.

(10276.)

BALLYMANNY SHEEP DIPPING.

Report from Mr. McElween on Sheep Dipping at the Curragh, was read.

(10277.)

REPORT OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

Mr. Smith, V.S., reported that he had visited the Fair at Johnstownbridge and found no disease among the animals exposed for sale.

(10278.)

HALF-YEARLY STATEMENTS.

Half-yearly Statements of Board of Health and Public Assistance were submitted.

(10279.)

MALICIOUS INJURIES.

Notice of Claim for Malicious Injury from John Cross for £94 10s 0d for burning of hay, was ordered to be sent to Solicitor to defend. Maria Halligan wrote claiming £25 for loss of 5 tons hay. No order was made.

(10280.)

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

Mr. John Kelly, Ballytore, applied for renewal of his Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act. The renewal was granted.

(10281.)

HOLIDAYS.

The Councils' Officers applied for their usual Annual Holidays. It was proposed by Mr. Conlan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That the Secretary and County Surveyor be allowed one month's holidays, and that Mr. P. J. Field and Mr. L. J. Fullam be authorised to act for them in their absence, and that the other officers be allowed two weeks' holidays, said leave to be taken at the most convenient periods."

(10282.)

RATE INSPECTOR.

It was proposed by Mr. Conlan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That Mr. Vincent Noone be appointed Deputy Rate Inspector during the absence of Mr. O'Carroll on holidays."

(10283.)

ANALYST'S REPORT.

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

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Kildare upon the articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31st March, 1931.

New Milk, 15th January, 1931, 4; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Butter, 15th January, 1931, 4; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 19th January, 1931, 4; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—3 genuine, 1 not genuine.

New Milk, 29th January 1931, 8; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—Genuine.

New Milk, 24th February, 1931, 4; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 25th February, 1931, 4; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 28th February, 1931, 4; received from Guard McCarthy Celbridge—3 genuine, 1 not genuine.

Butter, 19th March, 1931, 4; received from D.A.T.I., Kildare—Genuine.

Butter, 20th March, 1931, 4; received from D.A.T.I., Athy—3 genuine, 1 not genuine.

New Milk, 21st March, 1931, 3; received from Guard Lennon, Newbridge—2 genuine, 1 not genuine.

Margarine, 21st March, 1931, 1; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Whiskey, 21st March, 1931, 1; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

New Milk, 21st March, 1931, 2; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Butter, 21st March, 1931, 2; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Cheese, 21st March, 1931, 2; received from Guard Ryan, Kilcock—Genuine.

Butter, 21st March, 1931, 4; received from D.A.T.I., Naas—Genuine.

Butter, 23rd March, 1931, 4; received from D.A.T.I., Newbridge—Genuine.

Jam, 27th March, 1931, 1; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

Butter, 27th March, 1931, 3; received from Guard McNamara, Athy—Genuine.

New Milk, 27th March, 1931, 3; received from Guard Cunniffe, Naas—2 genuine, 1 not genuine.

Drugs, 9th January, 1931, 3; received from Kilcullen—Genuine.

Drugs, 9th January, 1931, 4; received from County Hospital—Genuine.

Drugs, 17th January, 1931, 3; received from Athy County Home—Genuine.

Drugs, 10th February, 1931, 3; received from Naas—Genuine.

Drugs, 26th February, 1931, 3; received from Carbury—Genuine.

Drugs, 28th February, 1931, 3; received from Kilmeague—Genuine.

Drugs, 7th March, 1931, 3; received from Johnstown—Genuine.

Drugs, 18th March, 1931, 3; received from Newbridge—Genuine.

Drugs, 25th March, 1931, 3; received from Athy—Genuine.

Water (Churchtown, Athy), 2nd March, 1931, 1; received from County Board of Health—Condemned.

(10288.)

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICIAL.

Reg. No.	Cons. No.	SUBJECT.
21175	1	A letter dated 25th February, 1931, from Valuation Department enclosing Final Abstract of Valuation of the County, was read.
21288	2	A letter dated 12th March, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department RU/201 relative to Relief Grant, 1930-31, was read.
21417	3	A letter dated 28th March, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department IR/107/1 relative to temporary closing of public roads, was read.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 66; Drugs, 28; Waters, 1. Total, 95.

Number Adulterated—New Milks, 4; Butters, 1; 1 Water condemned.

Dated 15th April, 1931.

Signed,

PHILOMENA RYAN,

Public Analyst.

(10284.)

RAILWAY VALUATION.

A letter was received from the Great Southern Railway Company giving notice of intention to apply for a revision of Valuation of the Railway.

(10285.)

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Council directed that the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on 26th June, 1931.

(10286.)

PETROL PUMPS.

Messrs. D. Brennan, Kilcullen, applied for permission to erect Petrol Pump at their premises in Kilcullen. The County Surveyor by letter, dated 21st May 1931, had no objection to its erection. The Council granted the required permission.

Mr. James Barber, Kilcullen, made a similar application. The application was granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(10287.)

HOARDING AT LEIXLIP.

Mr. Joseph Dowling wrote requesting permission to erect a hoarding around the old Barrack at Leixlip. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

(10288.)

Reg. No.	Cons. No.	SUBJECT.
21289	4	A letter dated 13th March, 1931, from Department of Agriculture L. 982-31 sanctioning remuneration of Mr. Cosgrove, V.S., in respect of his duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926, at the rate of £150 per annum for the current year, was read.
21196	5	A letter dated 3rd March, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, F. 12126/31, Ilgh. (c), relative to recoupment of proportion of the registration expenses of the eight register of electors, was read.
21201	6	A letter dated 4th March, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department, R/MT/208, relative to register for issue of driving licences and renewals, was read.
21199	7	A letter dated 4th March, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department, MT/201, relative to licences for vehicles used for haulage solely in connection with agriculture, was read.
21206	8	A letter dated 4th March, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to rates due on Donohoe Estate, was read.
21214	9	An Order dated 23rd January, 1931, from Department of Agriculture entitled "The Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) Order of 1931, was read.
21217	10	A letter dated 6th March, 1931, Circ. 21/31 Ilgh. (S. and R.) from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to return of members, officers, etc., on the 1st April, 1931, was read.
21231	11	A letter dated 5th March, 1931, from Department of Agriculture 2528/F, relative to Revised Scheme for Grants to owners of land for the purpose of planting or re-planting, was read.
21274	12	A letter dated 12th March, 1931, from Local Government (Roads) Department, M.T. 13/Rfd., relative to refund of motor licence duty—pre 1926 engines, was read.
21287	13	A letter dated 12th March, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, G. 15366/1931, Cill Dara, Sg., relative to the proposal of Council to reduce the travelling allowances of Local Government Officials, was read.
21310	14	A letter dated 14th March, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, F. 17846/31, Cill Dara (c), relative to expenses in connection with eight Register of Electors, was read.
21306	15	An Order dated 30th January, 1931, from Department of Agriculture entitled "The Foreign Animals' Order, of 1931," was read.
21411	16	A letter dated 27th March, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, A. 20183/31, enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on Audit of the Accounts of the County Committee of Agriculture for the two half-years ended the 30th September, 1930, was read.
21445	17	A letter dated 31st March, 1931, from Department of Agriculture, E. 2740/31, relative to Section 36 of the Agricultural Act, 1931, was read.
21451	18	A letter dated 31st March, 1931, from Department of Finance, F. 88/51/30, relative to Grant for expenditure on Forestry work, was read.
21452	19	An Order dated 28th March, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Contractors under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1931, was read.
21461	20	A letter dated 25th March, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Local Taxation Grants, was read.
21463	21	A letter dated 31st March, 1931, from Department of Finance, S/26/I/30, enclosing Paying Order for £415 19s 11d, amount recoupable to County Council in connectio with preparation of the eighth Register of Electors. was read.
21532	22	A letter dated 10th April, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, G. 24210/1931, Cill Dara, Fa., relative to state of Rate Collection in the County, was read.
21557	23	An Order dated 25th March, 1931, from Department of Agriculture entitled "County Roscommon (Control of Dogs) Order of 1931," was read.
21559	24	A letter dated 15th April, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, A. 2290/31, enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on Audit of Accounts of the Blackwater Joint Drainage Committee for the three half-years ended the 30th September, 1930, was read.
21620	25	A letter dated 21st April, 1931, from Department of Agriculture relative to samples taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, was read.
21634	26	A letter dated 23rd April, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to particulars in connection with former liabilities, was read.

Reg. No.	Cons. No.	SUBJECT.
21674	27	A letter dated 28th April, 1931, L. 1698/31, from Department of Agriculture relative to sample of butter obtained from Mr. Michael O'Brien, Athy, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, was read.
21690	28	A letter dated 30th April, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, P.H. 15627/31, Cill Dara (Pg.), enclosing copy of Order determining portion of the Celbridge Dispensary District to be the area of charge for expenses incurred during year ended 31st March, 1931, in respect of the public lighting of the town of Celbridge, was read.
21695	29	A letter dated 29th April, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, Circ. S/41/31, enclosing copy of Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931, was read.
21696	30	A letter dated 30th April, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, Circ. G. 40/31, relative to General Cattle Diseases Fund, was read.
21717	31	A letter dated 1st May, 1931, RS/214, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) relative to certifying of candidates to be qualified to act as County Surveyors, was read.
21722	32	A letter dated 2nd May, 1931, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, C. Circ. 42/31, Ilghneitheach, requesting to be furnished with particulars relative to travelling expenses to members of the County Council, etc., was read.
21734	33	A letter dated 4th May, 1931, from Department of Agriculture, L. 4649/30, relative to Sheep Dipping arrangement in the County, was read.

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21108	34	A letter from Co.-operative Bacon Factories relative to proposed Tariff on Imported Bacon, was read.
21202	35	A letter dated 4th March, 1931, from Donegal County Council transmitting resolution relative to Section 45 of the Veterinary Surgeons' Bill, was read.
21220	36	A letter dated 5th March, 1931, from Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation transmitting resolution relative to employment of workmen on works of public utility, was read.
21235	37	A letter from Emmett Moore Film Company, New York, relative to Grant in aid of Film work, was read.
21375	38	A letter dated 24th March, 1931, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, Athy, relative to committal of Mary Mannix and Sarah, Margaret and Patrick Carroll to Industrial Schools, was read.
21469	39	A letter dated 1st April, 1931, addressed by the County Surveyor to A. L. Ellis, Solicitor, Dawson Stret, Dublin, relative to Sutton Sand Company's Pit at Pollardsown, was read.
21495	40	A letter dated 7th April, 1931, from County Surveyor stating that he has no objection to erection of Petrol Pump by Mr. W. A. Tynan outside his premises at Main St., Monasterevan, was read.
21539	41	A letter dated April, 1931, from National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis inviting delegates to attend the Seventeenth Annual Conference at Margate in June, 1931, was read.
21582	42	A letter dated 16th April, 1931, from Royal Sanitary Institute inviting delegates to attend Congress at Glasgow in July, 1931, was read.
21628	43	A letter dated 20th April, 1931, from Kevin J. Kenny, Esq., Dublin, enclosing List of Contents of Irish Free State Official Handbook, was read.
21656	44	A letter dated 25th April, 1931, from Office of Public Works stating that Mr. Edward Campbell is now the owner of Lot 1, Ballycowan Drainage District instead of the Irish Land Commission as set out in Charging Order dated 31st January, 1927, was read.
21672	45	A letter dated 20th April, 1931, from County Borough Council of Limerick transmitting resolution relative to Cinema Pictures in Free State, was read.
21730	46	A letter dated 4th May, 1931, from Quit Rent Office, Dublin, relative to Rates, paid on State Lands, King's Bog, Curragh, was read.

Adjourned.

W. H. Simpson
21/5/31

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 5th June, 1931.

Present: -Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs J. N. Wardell, and E. A. Coonan.

(9701)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £4415-16- 6 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9702)
COLLECTOR STAPLETONS SURETY.

A letter dated 2nd June, 1931 was read from Mr. O'Haire, Kilbrock, Enfield, withdrawing his name as Surety for Collector Stapleton. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Stapleton to submit the name of a suitable person to act as his Surety in place of Mr. O'Haire.

(9703)
RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 3rd June, 1931, G. 42351/1931, Cill Dara, Fa. was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to payment of Poundage Fees in respect of 1930-31 Collection to Rate Collectors, and stating that the Minister did not consider that any useful purpose would be served by the attendance of a Deputation or that the expenditure and time involved would be necessary. The Committee hope that the refusal to receive the Deputation does not necessarily mean that the Minister is not prepared to give further consideration to the Councils request to pay full poundage to the Collectors for the last half year. The Committee are satisfied that in the main the Collectors made every effort to make good their Collections, and in some cases had to borrow substantial amounts from the Bank to enable them to close. They found the agricultural community so badly affected by the bad harvest that it was impossible to force the rates from them by the usual methods, and in the circumstances a certain amount of delay was inevitable. The Secretary was directed to again communicate with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter.

Adjourned.

Michael Fitzsimons
31/8/31

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 19th June, 1931.
Present: -Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan and J.J. Byrne.

(9704)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £4462- 2- 9, were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9705)
RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 11th June, 1931, G. 45508/1931, Cill Dara, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to payment of poundage fees to Collectors in respect of the 1930/31 Warrant. The Committee referred the matter to the County Council.

M. Fitzsimons
14/8/31

Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara

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

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

A telegram was received from Mr. More O'Ferrall regretting inability to attend.

(10289.)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Henderson seconded:—"That the outgoing Chairman (Mr. Fitzsimons) be re-elected. The resolution was carried unanimously.

(10290.)

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded:—"That the outgoing Vice-Chairman (Mr. J. C. Bergin) be re-elected. The resolution was carried unanimously.

(10291.)

LATE MR. OSBORNE.

Proposed by Mr. G. W. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Patrick Phelan, and resolved:—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, tender to Mr. Osborne, County Solicitor, and the members of his family our deepest sympathy on the death of his respected father, the late Mr. William Osborne."

(10292.)

Proposed by Mr. J. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Henderson, and resolved:—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, tender to Dr. O'Neill and the members of his family our deepest sympathy on the death of Mrs. O'Neill. We also regret his illness and hope he will soon be restored to health."

(10293.)

COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

It was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded

by Mr. J. J. Bergin, and carried unanimously—"That 20 members be appointed on the Agricultural Committee."

It was unanimously agreed that the following be appointed members of the Committee:—

Members of County Council:—Michael Fitzsimons, Naas; E. A. Coonan, Rathcoffey, Clongoweswood; G. W. Henderson, Ardmore, Athy; J. N. Wardell, Stacumny, Celbridge; J. C. Bergin, Froachbawn, Kildare; William Doyle, Market Square, Kildare; Patrick Phelan, Derrymahon, Coolcarrigan; Joseph Brennan, Bolton Castle, Moone; J. J. Bergin, Maybrook, Athy; Thomas Harris, Caragh, Naas; W. R. Ronaldson, Barnhall, Leixlip.

Non-members of County Council:—Rev. Chancellor Clover, St. David's, Naas; Edward Holton, Clonagh, Johnstown Bridge; A. L. Spiers, Burtown, Athy; A. L. Dempsey, Griffinrath, Celbridge; Senator O'Connor, Mylerstown, Naas; Rev. L. J. Stafford, Crookstown, Ballytore; W. G. Clayton, Rathbane, Killeel, Naas; Jas. Grainger, Newtown, Naas; J. J. Robinson, Newberry Hall, Carbury.

(10294.)

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Mr. Coonan, seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved:—"That all the members of the Council constitute the County Library Committee."

(10295.)

OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That all the members of the Council constitute the Old Age Pension Committee."

(10296.)

DATES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS 1931-32.

The following dates were fixed for the holding of the Quarterly Meetings:—

Council.	1931		1932		Day of the week
Finance Committee ...	14th August...	6th November	12th February	6th May ...	Friday ...
County Council ...	31st August ...	23rd November	29th February	23rd May ...	Monday ...

Friday, 26th August, 1932, was fixed for holding Annual Meeting.

(10297.)

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A letter dated 10th June, 1931, was read from Mrs. Curry, Acting Secretary, Vocational Education Committee, stating that

Mr. F. R. Jackson had resigned his membership of the Committee, and that Messrs. J. C. Bergin, John Conlan and Thomas Murphy had become disqualified from non-attendance at meetings.

Mr. J. C. Bergin was re-appointed, and Rev. Fr. Rice, P.P., Carbury; Rev. Mr. Dunlop, Athy, and Mr. William Doyle, Kildare, were appointed to fill the vacancies.

Adjourned.

J. H. Jackson
3/19/31

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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 those 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

