

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of County Council held on the 14th September, 1928.

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Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. Patrick Phelan, Francis Thornton, John C. Bergin, James J. Bergin, Edward Cleary, Edward A. Coonan, Hugh Cogan, George W. Henderson, Thomas Harris, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, T.D., William Doyle, William Fitzgerald, James Cregan, William Ronaldson, Michael Behan, Cornelius Buckley, and Baron de Robeck.

(9336.)

### RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 24th August, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read relative to revised procedure for collection and lodgment of rates, and consideration thereof adjourned to next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

(9337.)

### DUBLIN-ATHY-CARLOW ROAD.

A letter dated 5th September, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) relative to the allocation of Grant of £3,000 for improvement of the Dublin-Athy-Carlow road was read and considered satisfactory.

(9338.)

### HOURS OF ROADMEN.

Pursuant to notice, was proposed by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Hugh Colohan—"That the hours of the road men be fixed at 52 per week, and all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. J. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Thornton—"That from the 1st October till 1st April, the hours be fixed at 52."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was defeated, and motion was also defeated by 9 votes to 7.

(9339.)

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

An application was received from Miss Kathleen Mulhall, Athy, for an extension of her scholarship to a fourth year.

The Council granted Miss Mulhall the extension sought.

(9340.)

### MULLAGHMAST COW PARK.

Mr Joseph A. O'Connor, Ballyore, wrote

requesting to know what remuneration the Council were prepared to allow him as Rent Collector. The Council agreed to allow Mr O'Connor 10 per cent on the amount collected. Mr. O'Connor reported that Mr Patrick Byrne, Mullaghmast Cross, had neglected to pay a sum of £1, rent due by him for stock allowed to graze on the Mullaghmast Cowpark. The Council directed that the County Solicitor, Mr Osborne, be instructed to take proceedings against Byrne for recovery of the amount. The Council appointed Messrs. H. Cogan, Jas. Byrne, G. W. Henderson and Edward Cleary a committee of Management in connection with the Mullaghmast Cowpark.

(9341.)

### PETROL PUMP.

An application dated 30th July, 1928, was received from Mr Charles E. Doran, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises in the Main Street, Leixlip.

The application was granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9342.)

### STONE CRUSHER.

An application dated 29th August, 1928, from Mr Owen Nolan, Ullard, Portlington, for hire of one of the Council's Stone Crushers. The application was granted subject to the approval of the Co. Surveyor.

(9343.)

### NAAS COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 31st August, 1928, was received from the County Surveyor, relative to the appointment of a Consulting Engineer in connection with the installation of Electric Lighting in Naas Courthouse.

A letter dated 3rd September, 1928, was also received from the Electricity Supply Board, Dublin, approving of the appointment of a Consulting Engineer. The Council directed that the County Surveyor employ a competent Consulting Engineer at a fee not exceeding £20.

(9344.)

### ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 5th September, 1928, was read from the County Solicitor, Mr. Osborne,

relative to the liability of the Contractors in connection with the building of Athy Courthouse.

The Council directed that the Department be requested to send down an Engineer to inspect the Courthouse and report thereon to the Council, and in the event of the Department refusing to do so that the County Surveyor be asked to inspect the Courthouse and report thereon.

(9345.)

## ERASMUS SMITH TRUST.

A letter dated 4th September, 1928, was read from the Town Clerk, Tipperary, requesting the Council to appoint Delegates to attend a Conference in Dublin on the 20th instant.

The Council appointed Messrs. G. W. Henderson, J. J. Bergin and The Chairman delegates to the Conference in question.

(9346.)

## CURRAGH SHEEP DIPPING.

A letter dated 11th September, 1928, was received from Mr. J. J. Cosgrove, V.S., Kildare, enclosing copy of an Order relative to dipping of Curragh Sheep. The Council approved of the Order as submitted by Mr. Cosgrove.

(9347.)

## LURG LANE.

A letter dated 8th September, 1928, was received from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, enclosing copy of Counsel's opinion relative to Lurg Lane and stating that Counsel suggests communicating with the Chief State Solicitor on the matter.

The Council directed that Mr Osborne write to the Chief State Solicitor as suggested.

(9348.)

## ERECTION OF HAY SHED.

A letter dated 11th September, 1928, was read from Mr. John Ashmore, Newtown, Mageney, requesting permission to erect a hay shed near the public road on his farm at Newtown.

The Council referred the application to the County Surveyor for a report.

(9348.)

## PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS.

An application from Mr. Hugh Colohan, T.D., for refund of his expenses amounting to 21s in connection with his attendance at the Public Health Congress in August, 1928, was read.

The Council directed that the amount be paid to Mr Colohan as they appointed him a delegate to attend the Congress in question.

(9340.)

## ILLNESS OF OFFICIAL.

Mr. Charles Bergin, Assistant County Surveyor, wrote enclosing a medical certificate certifying that he had recently undergone an operation for appendicitis and would be unable to resume duty for one month.

(9350.)

## INCOME TAX—KILCOCK COW PARK

Mr. E. A. Coonan, Trustee, in connection with Kilcock Cow Park, stated that he had received an application for payment of income tax on lands at Duncreevan, amounting to £5 11s 9d.

The Council were of opinion that as no profits are made out of the property that they are not liable for payment of income tax, and referred the matter to their Solicitor, Mr. Osborne.

(9351.)

## RATHANGAN RIVER.

Mr. Losty, Blackwood, made application to the Council for permission to draw material of the Banks of the Rathangan River.

The permission was granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9352.)

## POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

The Council renewed the licence under above Acts of Mr. Cornelius Buckley, Killock.

Adjourned.

*W. J. Maganey*  
26/11/28

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 28th September, 1928.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. Francis Thornton, Patrick J. Dunne and the Baron de Robeck.

(8978.)

### PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of County Surveyor amounting to £1,181 19s 2d were approved and ordered to be paid out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8979.)

### RATE COLLECTOR'S SURETY.

A letter dated 25th September, 1928, was read from Collector Cunningham submitting the name of Mr. Thomas Colgan, Bodestown, Sallins, as Surety in place of Mr. Patrick Murray, Kilcock, deceased.

The Committee accepted Mr. Colgan as Surety.

(8980.)

### NAAS AND CASTLEDERMOT COURT-HOUSES.

A letter dated 28th September, 1928, was read from the County Surveyor stating that the Consulting Engineer appointed in connection with the installation of electric light in Naas Courthouse will not have his recommendations and specification ready for meeting on the 12th instant.

The County Surveyor enclosed with his

letter advertisement for the building of Castledermot Courthouse.

The Committee recommended that tenders in connection with the painting, etc., of Naas Courthouse, be considered at meeting to be held on a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

(8981.)

### ARDSCULL ROAD WORKERS.

The County Surveyor wrote enclosing letter from Overseer Kavanagh in which it was stated that men employed in Gallowshill Pit refused to work the full day on Saturday, the 22nd instant.

The Committee made no order on the matter.

(8982.)

### GRAVEL PIT.

The Committee had under consideration a summons served on them in connection with gravel taken from gravel pit, the property of Miss Cope, Castledermot.

The Committee directed that Mr. Osborne, Solr., appear at the hearing on their behalf.

(8983.)

### RATE COLLECTION.

The Rate Collectors wrote applying for extension of one month to enable them close their collections.

The Committee granted the extension subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Adjourned.

*Michael Fitzsimons*  
*28/9/28*

## COMHAIRLE GONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 12th October, 1928.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chair-siding), Baron de Robeck, Mesesrs. Fran-cise Thornton, Edward A. Coonan, George W. Henderson, John C. Bergin, and Michael Smyth.

(8984.)

### PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £3,186s 12s 10d were approved and ordered to be paid out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8985.)

### OVERDRAFT.

A letter dated 3rd October, 1928, was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, stating that the limit period sanctioned by the Local Government Department for advance on overdraft expired on 30th ult. The Committee directed the Secretary to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to overdraft not exceeding £31,400 to the 1st proximo.

(8986.)

### RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

A letter dated 6th October, 1928, was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, stating that the Directors were not prepared to sanction overdraft of £1,300 on account of the Rathangan Drainage Committee, pending the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Secretary was directed to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the required sanction.

(8987.)

### ROAD GRANT SCHEME.

A letter dated 2nd October, 1928, from Mr. Hugh Colohan, T.D., relative to road-

men working under the Road Grant Scheme on the Ardsull-Athy road, requesting that the men be paid weekly instead of fortnightly, and also that they be allowed a half-day off on Saturdays, was read, and no order made thereon.

(9988.)

### INSURANCE—ROAD GRANT WORKMEN.

A letter dated 9th October, 1928, was read from the Hibernian Insurance Company, Ltd., stating that they had been successful in obtaining a rate of 36s per cent for insurance of men employed on Grant Work, and requesting to know if they may proceed with preparation of Policy at a premium of £27.

The Committee directed the Secretary to inform the Company that they may proceed with preparation of policy at premium quoted.

(8989.)

### IMPROVEMENT OF FOOTPATH.

The County Surveyor wrote enclosing two letters received by him from Mr. P. Connolly, Superintendent, Curragh Race Course, in which Mr. Connolly requested permission from the Committee to improve the footpath along the public road at the Race Course, Curragh, and stating that the expense of so improving the footpath would be borne by the Turf Club.

The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Connolly that the Committee had no objection to the necessary improvements being carried out.

(8990.)

### CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

The Committee directed that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of Quantity Surveyor's Fees in connection with the reconstruction of Castledermot Courthouse.

Adjourned.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
28/10/28

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 12th October, 1928.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Baron de Robeck, Messrs Edward A. Coonan, Francis Thornton, Michael Smyth, George W. Henderson, and John C. Bergin.

(8991.)

### CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

Four tenders were received for the re-construction of Castledermot Courthouse, as follows—Messrs. D. and J. Carbery, Athy,

£1,036 15s 7d; Messrs. John Butler, Moone, £1,375 14s 10d; Messrs. Thomas Thompson and Son, Carlow, £1,488; Messrs Dwyer and Fogarty, Thurles, £1,590 1s 4d.

Messrs. D. and J. Carbery's Tender being the lowest, the Committee provisionally accepted same.

The Committee directed the Secretary to instruct the County Solicitor, Mr. Osborne, to proceed with preparation of Bond.

Adjourned.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
*Secretary*

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## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

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Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 26th October, 1928.

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Present:—The Baron de Robeck (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. E. A. Coonan, Francis Thornton and Michael Smyth.

(8992.)

## CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Mr. Coonan, seconded by Mr. Thornton, the Baron de Robeck was elected Chairman of the meeting.

(8993.)

## SYMPATHY.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. E. A. Coonan, seconded by Mr. Francis Thornton, and resolved:—"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Kildare County Council hereby tender to our esteemed colleague and Chairman, our deepest sympathy on the death of his sister."

(8994.)

## PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of County Surveyor amounting to £1,742 0s. 2d., were approved and ordered to be paid out of the Subsidiary Account.

(8995.)

## RATE COLLECTION.

An application from the Rate Collectors for an extension to the 26th November, 1928, to enable them close their collection accounts was adjourned to meeting of Finance Committee to be held on the 2nd proximo. The Secretary was directed to request the Collectors to make every effort to close their accounts on or before the 31st instant.

(8996.)

## ROAD UPKEEP GRANTS.

A letter dated 22nd October, 1928, B.G.M./201/29, from the Local

Government (Roads) Department, requesting to be furnished with a Provisional Estimate of Road Expenditure for 1929, was received, and the Secretary was directed to have the letter printed, together with Memorandum received from the County Surveyor in connection with the matter, and that a copy of each be forwarded to each member of the County Council. The Committee recommended that a special meeting of the County Council be held on the 9th November, 1928, to consider the Road Estimates, etc.

(8997.)

## ROADS IN CONTRACT.

A letter dated 25th October, 1928, was read from the County Surveyor, stating that Roads P.L. Nos. 85, 95, 415, 417, 425, 91, 93, 94, 100, 364a, and 463 had been neglected by the Contractor in each case.

The Committee directed that the County Surveyor serve the usual Ten Days' Notice on each defaulting Contractor.

(8998.)

## NAAS COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 22nd instant, was read from the County Surveyor relative to dates to be set out in the advertisement for Painting Contract for Naas Courthouse.

In view of the electric wiring of the Courthouse, the Committee were of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to have two sets of contractors working in the building at the one time, and consequently directed that the advertisement for the Painting Contract be held over until the wiring of the Courthouse for the installation of the electric light is nearing completion.

Adjourned.

*W. Fitzgibbon*  
20/11/28

## COMHAIRLE GONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 2nd November, 1928.

Present—Mr Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. F. B. Barton, E. A. Coonan, Patrick J. Dunne and Baron de Robeck.

(8998.)

### APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payments 1 to 76 in the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved and it was ordered that the payments be made in respect of salaries and pensions falling due monthly up to 1st February, 1929, by special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other payments as per the Chairman's copy were approved.

(8999.)

### COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1928, were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date. The Bank Book for the Subsidiary Account was signed by the Chairman.

(9000.)

### RATHANGAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

A letter dated 1st November, 1928, No. G.74659/1928, Ighneitheach B.C.T., was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting to know under what circumstances sanction was requested to payment of interest on overdraft on account of the Rathangan Drainage Committee. The Secretary was directed to supply all particulars to the Department as requested.

(9001.)

### RATE COLLECTION.

An application was received from the Collectors for an extension to enable them close their accounts, and it was proposed by Mr. Coonan, seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved—“That the Rate Collectors be granted an extension to the 21st instant, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. In the meantime the Secretary was directed to inform the Collectors that no further extension would be considered by the Committee.”

(9002.)

### TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Dr. J. A. Harbison, County Medical Officer of Health, submitted claim for travelling expenses amounting to £66 19s 6d in respect of the period from April 2nd to September 28th, 1928.

The Committee authorised payment of the amount to Dr. Harbison, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(9003.)

### ROAD CONTRACTOR.

A letter dated 2nd instant, was received from the County Surveyor enclosing report from Assistant Surveyor Quinn relative to neglect of Roads P.I. Nos. 269, 274 and 276b by Contractor Chr. Lynch, and requesting permission to serve the usual Ten Days' Notice.

The Committee directed that the usual Ten Days' Notice be served on Contractor Lynch by the County Surveyor.

Adjourned.

*Michael Fitzsimons*  
26/11/28

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 2nd November, 1928.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; The Baron de Robeck, Messrs. Patrick Dunne, F. B. Barton and E. A. Coonan.

(9004.)

### NAAS COURTHOUSE LIGHTING.

Three Tenders were received for the installation of fittings for the electric light in Naas Courthouse, of which the following are the particulars:—

\* C. Baldwin and Sons, Carrickmacross—Conduit, £678 19s; Tough Rubber Compound Maconite, £592; Shannon System, £621.

Roche and McConnell, Dublin—Conduit, £592 4s 10d; Tough Rubber Compound Maconite, £397; Shannon System, no quotation.

O'Shaughnessy and Clancy, Limerick—Conduit, £477 10s 9d; Tough Rubber Compound Henley, £353 8s 8d; Shannon System, no quotation.

The amount of the Tender in each case was considered too high by the Committee, and it was proposed by Mr. Coonan, seconded by The Baron de Robeck, and resolved:—“That a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. F. B. Barton, R. More O'Ferrall, and G. W. Henderson be appointed to meet the Consulting Engineer and the County Surveyor on a date to be arranged at Naas Courthouse, for the purpose of inspecting the building and determining where proposed lights can be dispensed with, etc.”

The Secretary was directed to forward the Tender received in each case to the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. MacEntee and O'Kelly, for their observations thereon.

Adjourned.

*W. Fitzsimons*  
26/11/28

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 9th November, 1928.

Present:-Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan, The Baron De Robeck, Patk. J. Dunne, and Fras. Thornton.

(9005)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of County Surveyor amounting to £1530- 3- 2 were approved and ordered to be paid out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9006)

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Travelling Expenses to Members of the County Council amounting to £32- 8- 6 were approved and payment ordered.

*M. Fitzsimons  
26/11/28*

Adjourned.

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

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Minutes of Meeting of the County Council, held on 9th November, 1928.

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Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), Baron the Robeck, Messrs. P. Phelan, R. Gannon, F. B. Barton, E. A. Coonan, G. W. Henderson, J. Behan, J. J. Bergin, James Harris, Thomas Harris, C Buckley, H. Colohan, T.D.; P. J. Dunne, J. C. Bergin, J. Coffey, W. Doyle, S. B. Minch, R. More O'Ferrall, W. Fitzgerald, and Michael Smyth.

(9353.)

### PROVISIONAL ROAD ESTIMATE

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

R.G.M./201/29.

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

22nd October, 1928.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANTS,  
1929-30.

A Chara,—

1—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is anxious to be in a position to notify to County Councils, as early as possible, the grants which may be made from the Road Fund in respect of the year 1929-30.

2—Upkeep Grants have been in operation for two years and hitherto have been calculated annually by reference to the sums which the County Councils themselves allowed in the previous year for the maintenance of the roads.

3—The Minister considers that it would be more satisfactory to all concerned if he could indicate before the Council finally pass their Road Estimates for the year 1929-30 what measure of State Aid, if any, can be given towards the cost of the Main Roads. For this purpose he would be glad if County Councils with as little delay as possible, framed provisional estimates of the sums which they are likely to allow for the upkeep respectively of (a) Trunk Roads, (b) Link Roads and (c) County Roads for the financial year 1929-30. On particulars of these estimates being furnished to this Department the Minister will have them examined and he will then indicate, as soon as practicable, the extent of State Assistance.

In furnishing particulars of the Estimates the requirements in regard to the upkeep of Trunk and Link Roads in the Urban Areas of the County should be borne in mind.

4—The Minister desires to draw the special attention of Road Authorities to the fact that there is now no County in the State in which road works have not been extensively carried out at the cost of the Road Fund. Complaint is occasionally made that the reconstructed or resurfaced roads are not having sufficient attention paid to them by the Local Authorities. Where roads have been steam-rolled or otherwise improved and are in a condition to receive surface dressing the Minister considers that a part of the normal maintenance of such roads should consist in the application of surface dressings. He, therefore, expects that County Councils in framing their estimates for the maintenance of roads which have been improved and which will require tarring, etc., in the coming financial year will provide in their estimates for such tarring. The inclusion of a provision under this head will be taken into account in determining the amount of the grant towards upkeep.

5—When submitting the particulars required by paragraph 3 of this letter it should therefore be clearly stated whether, and, if so, to what extent provision has been made in the estimates in the year 1929-30.

6—As delay on the part of individual Authorities will delay the determination of the amount of Upkeep Grants as a whole, steps should be taken as soon as possible to submit provisional Estimates. It is suggested that the matter might be disposed of during the ensuing four weeks.

7—Normally, provided the Estimates show that a reasonable sum is proposed having regard to the cost of upkeep in 1914 and the rise in wages since that date, for the maintenance of roads the intention is to make grants of 50 per cent. of the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads which are Trunk Roads and 30 per cent. of the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads which are Link Roads.

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E. P. McCARRON,

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The Secretary,  
County Council, Kildare.

With regard to the foregoing letter, the following Memorandum was read from the County Surveyor:—

## ROAD UPKEEP GRANT.

### *Memorandum from County Surveyor*

To assist the County Council to consider the Ministry's letter of 22nd Oct., 1928.

**ROADS.**—Roads are divided into "Main" Roads and "County Roads" "Main" Roads are sub-divided into Trunk Roads and Link Roads.

**For Current Year 1928-1929**—The Council voted for upkeep of—

Trunk Roads	£3217	0	0	Repayment of Loans for Old Works
	£7069	13	0	50%—half cost to be borne by "Upkeep" Grant.
Link Roads	£7580	17	0	30%—One-third (nearly) borne by "Upkeep" Grant.
County Roads	£16228	10	0	whole cost borne by County Council.

Total                    £34096    0    0    which is approximately only 77½% of what the Council voted for the previous year.

**NOTE.**—Of the total £10286 13s. 0d. for Trunk Roads, £3217 0s. 0d. was for repayment of Loan for Old Works and could not be reduced.

By reducing the County Surveyor's Estimate for actual expenditure on Trunk Roads by £3029 17s. 0d., or 30 per cent., the Council effected a saving to the Ratepayers of £1,514 18s. 6d. for the year.

By similarly reducing the actual expenditure on Link Roads by £3,109 13s. 0d., the Council effected a saving to the Ratepayers of £2,177.

Total savings to rates affected by reduction on Trunk and Link Roads	..	..	..	..	£3691 18 6
Loss to these roads in actual expenditure	..	..	..	..	6139 10 0
Reduction in County Road Expenditure	..	..	..	..	6901 10 0
<b>TOTAL Reductions in Expenditure</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>£13041 0 0</b>

By borrowing £3,000 for improvement of Trunk Road in Athy in August, 1928, the Loan Charge of £3,217 will be increased by approximately £750 per annum for next year and following years until repayment is effected.

**For the Year 1929-1930.**—I would respectfully recommend the Council to adopt my last Estimate for Trunk Roads (of which half would be met by Grant) which would include removal of dangerous points and erection of Caution Notices as prescribed by Law. These Roads (marked red on Official Road Map) are mostly well tarred, and I recommend that not more than £1,000 out of above Estimate be used for tar.

For Link Roads (coloured blue on Map) as there are considerable mileages needing improvement by steam rolling, I have to recommend that an increase in my last Estimate be allowed. I suggest £8,000 increase, of which £1,000 shall be for Tarring. Grant would defray 30 per cent. of all expenditure on these roads.

The "County Roads" (coloured Black on Map).—The Council have to provide the whole cost. There are many miles of these roads which, I think, the public look upon as Main Roads—using the word in its ordinary sense. The Council might again consider representing to the Ministry to, if possible, classify a lot of these roads as Link Roads. In any case, I have to recommend that, for these, an increase in my last Estimate of £6,000 be allowed, of which £5,000 shall be for steam rolling and £1,000 for Tarring.

The above all has reference to the 50 and 30 per cent. "Upkeep" Grant.

If the Council adopt my recommendations (which, I think, follow those of the Ministry's) as to Estimate, a large portion of annual "Improvement" Grant could be devoted to sea rolling. This year it had all to be spent in tarring.

The Council might consider the means of meeting the Estimate for completing the Athy Gallow Road during the ensuing year. Less than half of this has been provided under the scheme now proceeding. I have been greatly obliged and facilitated in getting stone, raised in the Barrow Drainage, for this work. It will be a pity to remove machinery while good stone is there available before this road is completed. The same applies to many other roads in the vicinity, such as the Athy-Monasterevan Link Road, the Ballylinan Trunk Road, the Stradbally Link Road, the Ballintubbert County Road, etc., etc.

The present year's Maintenance Expenditure is at the rate of £30 per mile of road per annum.

JOHN RORKE, County Surveyor,

Kildare County Council.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Courthouse, Naas,

25th October, 1928.

(9354.)

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Thomas Harris, seconded by Mr. J. J. Bergin, and resolved:—"That having regard to the proximity of County Kildare to the City and Port of Dublin, and the inevitable abnormal amount of traffic resulting, we ask the Minister of Local Government to increase the grants in the case of County Kildare to 75 per cent for Trunk Roads and 50 per cent for Link Roads."

(9355.)

Mr. Colohan proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded—"That the County Surveyor's recommendations be adopted."

Mr. Henderson proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Mr. Coonan—"That the Council adopt provisionally the amount allowed last year."

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 12 votes to 4.

The following amounts were accordingly agreed to:—Trunk Roads, £7,067; Link Roads, £7,580 17s; County Roads, £16,228 10s; Total, £30,879. Repayment of loans—Trunk Roads, £3,500. Total, £3,500. Totals Trunk Roads, £10,569 13s; Link Roads, £7,580 17s; County Roads, £16,228 10s; Total, £34,379.

(9356.)

#### MAIN ROADS.

A letter dated 1st November, 1928, R.D. 13, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister proposed to make an Order declaring the following roads Main Roads:—"From Grangebeg three roads via Kennycout, Brannockstown, and Carnalway, to Stephenstown three roads.

"From County Boundary at Newtown via Knocknacree to Castledermot three roads.

The letter also stated that the Minister was prepared to consider any representations which the Council may desire to offer in the matter.

The Council approved of the two roads mentioned being classed as Main roads and considered that they should be classed as Trunk Roads.

The Council requested the Minister to declare the following roads Main Roads:—

1—Newbridge-Curragh Camp, Suncroft, Boleigh, Geraldine, Athy D.B.S. (Daily Bus Service) and Camp to Kildare via Maddens-town (Bus Service).

2—Continuation L126—Vicarstown to Kildare via Kildangan-Duneany-Fennor.

3—Athy-Kilkea, Castledermot, Graney, Baltinglass.

4—Carlow-Baltinglass via Palatine-Knocknaghee, Graney.

5—Naas-Maynooth, via Sallins, Daars, Straffan.

6—Newbridge to Milltown.

7—Nas-Rathangan via Blacktrench, Boston.

8—Ballymore-Eustace-Prannockstown (D. B.S.)

9—Blackwood - Robertstown, Donore (D.B.S.)

10a—Kilmeague-Robertstown (D.B.S.)

10—Dunboyne-Maynooth via Old Catrcn.

11—Naas-Forenaughts.

12—Rathangan-Clonbullogue, Bracknagh (D.B.S.)

(9357.)

#### TRANSFORMER STATIONS.

A letter dated 30th October, 1928, from the Electricity Supply Board, was read requesting permission to erect Transformer

Stations in Rathangan, Celbridge, Maynooth and Newbridge. The County Surveyor having been consulted, stated he had no objection, and the Council agreed to the request of the Board.

(9358.)

## ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 30adh Foghmuir, 1928, S.61250-1928, Cill Dara, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read, re condition of Athy Courthouse, and quoting extracts as follows from the report of their Inspector, Mr Strahan:—

It appears that the seating accommodation generally is unsatisfactory. In regard to the work generally the Inspector reports:—

“Public Galleries have been provided on either side of the Court. As the 18 steps to these galleries are installed inside the Court itself there is probability of frequent disturbance of the business of the Court by spectators going up and down. Galleries are undesirable and in no case should they be provided within the Court proper.

“The furnace for the heating installation has been placed in such a restricted space (though more space was available) as to block up two of the soot doors and to render its fuelling most inconvenient, while repairs to portions of the furnace will necessitate the wholesale removal of the furnace from its bed.

“The building work generally has been slipshod in execution. For instance, the joinery work is carelessly done, doors and door locks and bolts require overhaul, electric light bosses have been sunk in the plaster, etc.

“The date for completion, even allowing for a slight delay permissible under Clause 25 of the Conditions of Contract, has long passed and the Contractor appears to be taking no steps to finish. Of the contract sum £190 has been retained and action should be taken (if such has not already been done) under Clause 26 to determine the Contract.

“The works should then be measured up by the Quantity Surveyor and on the sum due to the Contractor by the Council, or the sum due to the Council by the Contractor, having been determined the Council should proceed to consider in what way, if any, they propose to re-  
alter the building to meet their wishes.”

It was suggested to the Inspector that the galleries may prove to be unsafe when fully occupied. The Council's Engineer should make a close examination of the “bearing” of the corbels, etc., and report fully on this matter to the Council. In the opinion of the Inspector the galleries are unnecessary

and should be either closed or removed. It further appears that the barrier between the Court and the public space was not sufficiently sunk and dowelled to floor, and metal angle stays have since been fixed, which in the opinion of the Inspector are obstructive and not thoroughly effective.

On considering the foregoing the Council directed that the Quantity Surveyor be instructed to measure the work and report to the Council; that a copy of the Minister's letter be sent to the Engineer with instructions to have the matters therein attended to without delay.

(9359.)

## HACKLOW CORNER.

Mr. Henderson proposed, and Mr. Dunne seconded—“That the necessary action be taken to acquire land at Hacklow Corner, the property of Mrs. Daly. The Council having read report on the subject from the County Surveyor, dated 6th August, 1924, from which it appeared that the total cost would be about £100, decided to proceed with the work, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

(9360.)

## COUNTY ANALYST.

A letter dated 21st October, 1928, L.A.6-1-'28, was read from the Local Appointments Commission, stating that only one application was received for the position of Analyst, viz., Miss Doyle, and that she was not prepared to accept the post on the terms offered.

A copy of the letter from Miss Doyle, dated 26th March, 1928, accompanied the letter of the Commissioners, in which she stated the terms on which she would accept the position.

The Council considered Miss Doyle's terms unacceptable and requested the Commissioners to re-advertise the post.

(9361.)

## CONDITION OF ROADS.

A letter dated 25th October, 1928, was read from Mr. Michael McKenna, Rowans-town, Maynooth, complaining of the dangerous state of the road from Leixlip to Enfield for horse traffic.

A similar complaint was made by Colonel de Burgh, Oldtown, on the dangerous state of the roads for hunters and cattle.

Both letters were referred to the County Surveyor for consideration of the matters complained of.

(9362.)

## INSPECTOR OF FOODS AND DRUGS

A letter dated 3rd October, 1928, was read from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siotchana, recommending that Garda Peter Cunniffe, of Naas, be appointed Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts in lieu of Garda Hallinan, who was being transferred elsewhere.

It was proposed by Mr. J. C. Bergin, and seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved:— "That Garda Peter Cunniffe be appointed Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts for County Kildare.

(9363.)

## MR. FOLEY'S DISQUALIFICATION

A resolution was read from the Board of Health as follows:—"That Mr James Foley, County Councillor of Athy, who was absent through illness from the meetings of the Board for the qualifying period of three months, be recommended to the County Council for re-appointment to the Board as soon as possible."

Mr. J. C. Bergin proposed, and Mr. Phelan seconded—"That Mr. Foley be re-appointed.

Mr. T. Harris proposed and Mr. J. J. Bergin seconded—"That the appointment be adjourned."

Mr. J. C. Bergin withdrew his motion, and Mr. Harris's motion was carried unanimously.

(9364.)

## MONASTEREVAN COURTHOUSE

A letter dated 25th September, 1928, from Mr. Walter C. Allison, Agent Moore Abbey Estate, requesting to know if the County Council would be prepared to take the Upper Hall in Monastervan Town Hall for a Court in place of the Lower Hall, which it is proposed to convert into a Market House.

Before deciding on the matter the Council directed the Secretary to obtain the views of the District Justice.

(9365.)

## RATHANGAN FAIR.

Mr. M. Dawson, Hon. Secretary, Rathangan Fair Committee, wrote asking the permission of the Council to hold a Fair in Rathangan on 3rd Monday of each month.

The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Dawson that the County Council had no objection to the holding of the fair.

(9366.)

## NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

Rev. P. P. Gogarty, O.P., Newbridge, wrote requesting two-thirds reduction of rates on his new building at Newbridge. The Valuation Office having made adjustment of the valuation, the Council decided to place the Valuation on the New Buildings List.

(9367.)

## CARBURY SIGN POST.

Mr. Patrick Brady complained of the Sign Post outside his premises at Carbury, and stated that he would not have it there much longer.

Messrs. Patrick Phelan and James Harris were appointed to inspect the place with the County Surveyor.

(9368.)

## FIELD AT CELBRIDGE.

Mr. J. N. Wardell, Celbridge, wrote, by letter dated 2nd November, 1928, that he had been offered £10 10s for the grazing of "Simpson's" Field at Celbridge, and suggested that the offer be accepted.

The Council decided to accept the offer, subject to the approval of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

(9369.)

## MORTGAGE TO HIBERNIAN BANK.

Mr. Henderson proposed, and Mr Coonan seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:—"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to Deed of Mortgage to Hibernian Bank, Ltd., for loan of £3,000 for improvement of Athy-Ardscull Road.

(9370.)

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN LEIXLIP.

A letter was read from Mr. T. J. Rutledge, Leixlip, enclosing a copy of a letter which had been sent to the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, complaining of the amount of unemployment in Leixlip and suggesting means by which it could be alleviated.

The Council referred the letter to the County Surveyor to give what employment possible on roads, gravel pits, etc.

(9371.)

## PETROL PUMP.

Mr. M. Carroll, Ballytore, was granted permission to erect a Petrol Pump at his premises at Ballytore, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9372.)

## OVERSEER'S WAGES.

On the application of Mr. Michael Higgins, Overseer, the Council increased his wages from 36s to 40s per week, to date from the 12th November, 1928.

(9373.)

## COLLECTION OF RATES.

Collectors Confrey and Cunningham wrote requesting the Council to extend the time for closing first moiety of rate to the 26th November, instead of the 20th, as the latter day is the Fair Day at Naas, and they expect to be paid a considerable amount that evening, and afterwards make arrangements with the Bank for Overdraft.

The Council granted to the 23rd, subject to the approval of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

Adjourned.

*W. Higgins  
28/11/28*

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# COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Finance Meeting of County Council held on the 26th November, 1928.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. F. B. Barton, C. Buckley, W. R. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, T. Harris, M. Smyth, James Byrne, W. Doyle, R. More O'Ferrall, W. Fitzgerald, E. Cleary, J. Bergin, P. J. Dunne, P. Phelan, P. Loughlin, James Harris, J. Foley, G. W. Henderson, H. Cogan, S. B. Minch, John J. Bergin and The Baron de Robeck.

(9374.)

## MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved:—"That Minutes of meetings of County Council held on 27th August, 14th September and 9th November, copy of which had been sent to each member, be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

Proposed by The Baron de Robeck, seconded by Mr. Cleary, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Finance Committee held on the 31st August, 14th and 28th September, 12th and 26th October, 2nd and 9th November, 1928, copy of which had been sent to each member, be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

(9375.)

## COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipts and Expenditure Book for quarter ended 30th September, 1928, 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.

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 £2,091 19s. 7d. The manner in which this sum was dealt with is shown in the following table:—

To Pay.	To defer.	To strike off.	To be dealt with under Sec. 54.
£1,728 1s. 5d.	£167 8s. 4d.	£69 9s. 9d.	£127 0s. 1d.

During the Quarter ended 30th September in addition to £1,728 1s. 5d. recommended for payment as above the sum of £11,529 8s. 2d. was certified to the Finance Committee as follows: Trunk Roads, £1,853 16s. 8d.; Link Roads, £1,979 4s. 5d.; County Roads, £4,689 3s. 6d.; Grants, £2,921 15s. 1d., and Loans, £85 8s. 6d.

(9376.)

## QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. M. Smyth, seconded by Mr. J. Foley, and resolved—"That all payments recommended by the Finance Committee for County-at-large Charges be and are hereby approved."

(9377.)

## PAYMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

Proposed by Mr. W. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. S. Minch, 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."

(9378.)

## COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. S. Minch, and resolved:—"That Messrs. Loughlin, Foley and Smyth be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents:—Contract and Bond with Mr. Daniel Carbery re reconstruction of Castledermot Courthouse, in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council meeting."

(9379.)

## COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Co. Surveyor's Report as follows was read:—

Three of the Council's Steam Rollers are at present engaged at the New Scheme of Improvement between Ardsclull and Athy and Athy and Carlow. One has been converted for haulage purposes for the same work, and another is just finishing some work at Rathangan and is going to Celbridge. The sixth Roller has discontinued work about a month ago, as there was not provision for keeping it going, and I have had accordingly to dispense with the services of the Driver and Assistant.

The steam rolling above referred to is proceeding very satisfactorily and rapidly considering the date at which it was approved. I referred in a recent report to the Council that only portion of the estimated cost of the Athy-Carlow road had been provided. Further, no provision has yet been made for Tar Painting any of the roads now being steam-rolled, which will be probably six miles in length, and I am unaware whether I should provide for this in the next Road Works Scheme or whether a Grant will be given to include this and the normal tar-painting throughout the whole county next summer.

I have issued a number of special requests to have hedges obscuring the view at road corners cut down and removed; so far, however, I have not received from Assistant Surveyors any reports of non-compliance which would enable me to take proceedings. A number of Caution Notices have been erected. These are practically all we have sufficient funds for this financial year.

The Arterial Drainage Districts in charge of the Council have been satisfactorily maintained.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN RORKE, County Surveyor.

19th November, 1928.

(9380.)

#### DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR.

The County Surveyor reported that Contractor M. Byrne, Knocknagee, had neglected contracts on Road P.I. Nos. 485a and 488. The Council directed that the usual Ten Days' Notice be served on the Contractor.

(9381.)

#### OVERSEER'S WAGES

A letter dated 22nd November, 1928, was read from the County Surveyor, enclosing letter from Overseer Hipwell, requesting an increase in wages.

The Council fixed his wages at 45s per week.

The County Surveyor recommended Overseer Kelly, who was in charge of Loan Work for consideration, but the Council made no change in his wages.

(9382.)

#### ILLNESS OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

A letter dated 24th November, 1928, was read from the County Surveyor reporting illness of Assistant Surveyor Domican, and enclosing certificate from Dr. Morrissey, dated 22nd November, 1928, that he would be unable to work for a fortnight at least.

(9383.)

#### COAL FOR COURTHOUSE.

Tenders for the supply of 10 Tons of coal

for Naas Courthouse were received from Mr. J. Hederman, Naas, at 35s per ton, and Messrs. Corcoran and Hyland at 37s per ton. Mr. Hederman's tender was accepted.

(9384.)

#### DEATH OF OVERSEER PATK. KELLY.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. G. W. Henderson, and resolved:— "That we tender to the wife and family of the late Mr. Patrick Kelly, of Prosperous, our sincere sympathy in their great loss."

(9395.)

#### DEATH OF OVERSEER KIRWAN.

Proposed by Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved:— "That we tender to Mrs. Kirwan and family our sincere sympathy on the death of her husband under such tragic circumstances."

(9386.)

#### LIGHTING NAAS COURTHOUSE.

The Council proceeded to consider reports dated 13th and 16th November, 1928, from Mr. Sean MacEntee, Electrical Engineer, on the Tenders received for the installation of electric light in Naas Courthouse. In his report Mr. MacEntee recommended the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. O'Shaughnessy and Clancy which had been provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee, the amount of which Tender was £477, subject to certain reductions which it was estimated would leave the Tender at approximately £400.

Mr. Smith proposed and Mr. Bergin seconded—"That the Tender of Messrs. O'Shaughnessy and Clancy be accepted."

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Byrne seconded—"That the matter be postponed for six months."

Mr. Phelan's proposal was carried unanimously.

(9387.)

## BOARD OF HEALTH LOANS.

A letter dated 22nd and 23rd November, 1928, was received from Secretary, Board of Health, requesting consent of the County Council to the borrowing of loans for carrying out improvements to County Hospital and providing New Burial Ground at Rathangan.

Mr. Phelan undertook to give Notice of Motion for next Quarterly Meeting.

(9388.)

## CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

Mr. Alexander Caulfield applied for a Cinematograph Licence for Leinster Hall, Maynooth. The Council directed that Mr. Bergin, C.E., inspect the Hall and report if it complies with the prescribed regulations. The Secretary to issue the Licence if the report of Mr. Bergin be satisfactory.

(9389.)

## PRESSES FOR COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, wrote requesting the Council to supply presses for the books and records of his Office in the Committee Room. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for an estimate of the cost.

(9390.)

## BLESSINGTON AND POULAPHOUCA TRAMWAY.

A letter dated 10th November, 1928, from Department of Industry and Commerce was read enclosing certificate authorising the Council to remove the Tramway within their County as the powers of the Tramway Company had ceased. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor to take what action he considered advisable.

(9391.)

## MONASTEREVAN-ATHY ROAD.

Mr. O'Ferrall proposed and Mr. Henderson seconded and it was resolved—"That application be made for a Grant in relief of unemployment, to include the work of lowering and widening portions of the Main Road, Monasterevan to Athy."

It was further resolved that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. Cclohan, More O'Ferrall, Phelan, Minch, Ronaldson, Doyle and County Surveyor wait on the Roads Department for the purpose of impressing on the Department the necessity of giving Grants for the relief of unemployment in the County.

(9392.)

## COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

A letter dated 10th November, 1928, G. 77504/1928, Cille Dara Fa., was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that in the event of the Collectors closing the first moiety of their Collection by 21st instant, he would be prepared to consider proposals from the Council as to the extent to which poundage may be allowed.

It was decided to request the Minister to allow poundage at 8d in the £ to all Collectors who close their accounts by 1st December, 1928.

(9393.)

## RATE COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

A letter dated 24th August, 1928, No. G. 59042/28, Ilgh. (S), was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health re Checking of Collectors' Accounts, etc.

The Council referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

(9394.)

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER.

The following resolution was received from the County Board of Health:—"That Mr. James Foley, County Councillor, Athy, who was absent through illness from the meetings of the Board for the qualifying period of three months be recommended to the County Council for re-appointment to the Board as soon as possible."

On the motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Loughlin, Mr. Foley was unanimously re-appointed.

(9395.)

## INSURANCE OF WORKMEN.

The Hibernian Insurance Company by letter dated 12th November, 1928, stated that as they had lost considerably on the insurance of workmen during the last three years they would require to increase their charge from 12s 6d per cent. to 16s 3d per cent. The Council decided to advertise for Tenders to be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

(9396.)

## ACCIDENT AT MONASTEREVAN.

The Scottish Insurance Corporation by letter dated 8th October, 1928, stated that they would hold the Council liable for damages to Mr. F. Dillon's motor car which was damaged by colliding with an iron pillar outside Cassidy's Distillery, Monasterevan.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Insurance Company denying liability.

The Council approved of the action of the Secretary.

(9397.)

## CANAL BANK AT KILCOCK.

Mr. Coonan called attention to the great danger arising from the unprotected state of the Canal at Kilcock.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Canal Company requesting them to erect a wall or other suitable fence at the Canal Bank at Kilcock.

(9398.)

## COUNTY SURVEYOR'S SALARY.

An application was read from the County Surveyor for remuneration in respect of Main Roads in Urban Districts, also in respect of reports made on proposed new Drainage Districts.

It was proposed by Mr. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved—"That the matter be referred to a Committee to be appointed to consider the economic condition of the Council, and that the Committee consist of the following members—The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Baron de Robeck, Messrs. Doyle, Smyth, Phelan, Henderson, Minch, Barton, Buckley, Coonan and More O'Ferrall."

(9399.)

## SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Coonan—"That a Scholarship Advisory Committee to be set up to frame a new Scholarship Scheme for recommendation to the Council for adoption in all future years, and that such Scholarship Advisory Committee consist of 7 persons nominated by the County Council, 1 each from the 4 secondary schools in the County, and 1 by the I.N.T.O. in the County."

After discussion the resolution was amended by substituting four County Councillors, one Secondary Teacher and one National Teacher.

The resolution as amended was carried.

The following Councillors to act on the Committee—The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. J. J. Bergin and Patrick Phelan.

(9400.)

## LAND ANNUITIES.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Buckley, and carried by 11 votes to 10, Mr. Phelan not voting:—"That we, the Kildare County Council, believe that the conditions now prevailing in the economic state of the country render it imperative to at once press for a revision of the Financial settlement between this country and England secretly entered into by Mr. Blythe, Free State Financial Minister, with Minister of the English Government in March, 1926. That we hereby urge our Deputies in the Dail, irrespective of party, to at once take the necessary steps to have the revision brought about. That we declare that the continued payment of Land Annuities to the British Exchequer is a drain on the material resources which the country is unable to bear, and, therefore, every effort ought to be made to bring the payment of these Annuities to England to an end, more especially as it has been amply demonstrated by experts that such payments are neither morally nor legally binding."

The following members voted for the resolution—Messrs. Cogan, T. Harris, J. Harris, J. J. Bergin, J. Foley, Buckley, Fitzgerald, Loughlin, Doyle, Dunne and Smyth—11.

Against—Messrs. Minch, More O'Ferrall, Barton, Coonan, Byrne, Henderson, Ronaldson, Cleary, J. C. Bergin and Baron de Robeck—10.

The Chairman and Mr. Phelan did not vote.

(9401.)

## SURVEYORS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Henderson:—"That the Council refuses to pay the Car Tax for the County Surveyor and for the Deputy Surveyors, and that the Council refuses to pay more than 3d per mile to the County Surveyor and the Deputy Surveyors."

It was decided to refer this proposal to the Committee appointed to enquire into the economic condition of the Council.

(9402.)

## RATHRONE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

A letter dated 16th November, 1928, was received from Office of Public Works stating that investigation of the Scheme cannot proceed until the County Surveyor's report is received, and the Statutory requirements complied with.

The matter was adjourned.

(9403.)

## RYE RIVER.

A letter dated 24th September, 1928, was received from Secretary, Board of Health, re-

requesting the Council to include in their proposed Drainage Scheme the cleaning of the Eye River, Maynooth.

As the Council had already requested the Public Works Department to form a Scheme for the purpose no order was made.

(9404.)

## INCOME TAX.

Claims for Income Tax of £28 17s 6d and £60 0s 0d alleged to be due by the late District Councils of Edenderry and Naas No. 1, respectively, were submitted.

The Council referred them to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, for his advice as to the liability of the Council.

(9405.)

## CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

An application for £3 13s 6d costs for having landlord's consent endorsed on agreement was received from Mr. Francis McDonald, Castledermot.

Mr. Osborne advised that the Council was not liable for the amount and the Council refused payment.

(9406.)

## OVERSEER'S WAGES.

Overseer Whittaker applied for an increase of wages but the Council made no order.

(9407.)

## PETROL PUMPS.

Applications to erect Petrol Pumps at their premises were received from Messrs. Cornelius Buckley, Kilcock, and Joseph Buckley, Maynooth.

The applications were granted subject to the County Surveyor being satisfied as to the place of erection.

(9408.)

## RENT COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

A letter dated 21st September, 1928, was read from Secretary, Board of Health, requesting the Council to assign the duty of Checking Rent Collectors' Accounts to the Rate Inspector.

The Council decided to make no change in the present arrangements.

(9409.)

## MR. ASHMORE'S HAY SHED.

The Council having read report of County Surveyor dated 20th September, 1928, on the matter granted Mr. Ashmore permission to erect hay shed near public road at Newtown, Maganey.

(9410.)

## MISS KATHLEEN MULHALL.

The Secretary, University College, reported that Miss Kathleen Mulhall who held a Scholarship from the Council passed B. Commerce Degree Examination.

The Council considered Miss Mulhall a satisfactory student.

(9411.)

## O'SHEA SCHOLARSHIPS.

A letter dated 20th September, 1928, was read from the Department of Education, agreeing to the renewal of Scholarships to Bernard and Patrick O'Shea.

(9412.)

## CURRAGH SHEEP.

A report was read from Veterinary Inspector Cosgrove, stating that Thomas Hegarty, Luglass, removed 22 sheep from the Curragh without the required licence, recommending the prosecution of Hegarty.

The Council directed the County Solicitor to take legal proceedings for the breach of the Curragh Sheep Order.

(9413.)

## JOHN CORRIGAN.

A letter dated 22nd November, 1928, was read from Veterinary Inspector Cosgrove, stating that John Corrigan had only presented sixty-nine sheep for dipping out of a total of 153, and advising a prosecution of Corrigan.

The Council directed Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, take the necessary legal proceedings.

(9414.)

## CHARGES FOR SHEEP DIPPING.

A letter dated 18th October, 1928, from the Department of Agriculture approving of the Council charging a head rate for sheep dipped at the Curragh, and stating that such rate should cover the cost of providing assistance.

(9415.)

## SHEEP DIPPING.

Reports were read from Mr. McElveen re dipping of sheep during month of September at the Curragh, stating that there were no casualties.

(9416.)

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN LEIXLIP.

A letter dated 17th November, 1928, was read from Mr. D. Buckley, T.D., with regard to unemployment in Leixlip, and requesting that portion of the Grant recently

receive for Athy-Carlow road be spent in Leixlip.

As the County Surveyor stated that the grant referred to was not sufficient to complete the road for which it was given, no order was made.

(9417.)

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter dated 17th October, 1928, from the Secretary, Board of Health, enclosing half-yearly statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Board, was read.

(9418.)

## ATHY WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE.

A letter dated 16th November, 1928, was read from Superintendent O'Neill, enclosing correspondence with the Under Sheriff re use of Jury Room in Athy Courthouse for Weights and Measures Office.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Sheriff for the use of the office for the purpose.

(9419.)

## MR. J. H. ALLEN.

A letter dated 20th September, 1928, was read from Mr. J. H. Allen offering his services to the Council under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1925. The Council directed that the letter be held over for future reference in the event of Mr. Allen's services being required later on.

(9420.)

## BALLINAKILL COTTAGE.

A letter dated 21st September, 1928, was read from Messrs. T. O'K. White and Son, enclosing letter from the Department of Finance, stating that of the £175 decree for damage to Ballinakill cottage the Inspector of his Department could only certify that £120 had been spent on rebuilding the cottage, and that no further payment on foot of the award would be made.

(9421.)

## MAYNOOTH ROAD.

A letter dated 14th November, 1928, was read from Captain Tuthill, Moyglare, relative to the dangerous slippery condition of the road Maynooth to Kilcock for horse and cattle traffic.

The letter was referred to the County Surveyor.

(9422.)

## MALICIOUS INJURIES DECREES.

A list of applications (3) for Malicious Injuries received since last Quarterly Meeting, was submitted. The total claims amounting to £331.

The Secretary stated that the claims were sent to the Council's Solicitor to defend, and the Council approved of this course.

(9423.)

## RATE COLLECTION.

A return showing the state of the Collection of Rates was submitted, showing £4,106 of the first Moiety still outstanding.

The Secretary was directed to urge the Collectors who had not closed their accounts to do so immediately.

(9424.)

## ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Analyst's Report for Quarter ended 30th September, 1928, was read, as follows:

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Kildare upon the articles analysed by him during the quarter ending the 30th September, 1928:—

Drugs, 4th July, 1928, 3, received from Kilmeague and Robertstown—Genuine.

Drugs, 12th July, 1928, 3, received from Naas—Genuine.

Drugs, 12th July, 1928, 3, received from Athy—Genuine.

New Milks, 4th July, 1928, 2, received from County Home, Athy—Genuine.

Water (Roseberry), 6th July, 1928, 1, received from County Board of Health—Passed.

Water (Kinneagh), 10th September, 1928, 1, received from the County Board of Health—Passed.

Water (Clongorey), 28th September, 1928, 1, received from the County Board of Health—Condemned.

Total number of Samples Analysed during the Quarter—New Milks, 2; Drugs, 9; Waters, 3.

Number Adulterated—2 Waters, 1 Condemned.

8th. October, 1928.

Signed,

JOHN KEANE,

Public Analyst.

(9425.)

## ERASMUS SMITH ENDOWMENT

A letter was received from the Secretaries, Erasmus Smith Endowment Association, requesting the Council to appoint a delegate to act on the Executive Committee.

The Council appointed Mr. J. J. Bergin to represent the Council on the Committee.

(9426.)

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

A letter dated 19th November, 1928, was received from the Department of Industry and Commerce re provisions of new type of Measuring Standards for petrol pumps

and other instruments, and stating that the Minister had invited tenders for the supply of a number of sets, and that it was proposed to include a set for Kildare County Council.

The Council decided to purchase a set in accordance with the Minister's specification and tender.

(9427.)

## SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

## OFFICIAL.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
1	13369	A letter dated 29th August, 1928, from Department of Education approving of renewal of scholarships under Secondary Scholarships Scheme for school year 1928-29, was read.
2	13408	A letter dated 3rd September, 1928, from Department of Education approving of transfer of Scholars P. Walsh, M. Murphy and Chas. Egan to Portarlinton and Roscrea Schools, was read.
3	13445	A letter dated 8th September, 1928 (F. 61942/28 Cill Dara (c)) relative to claim for expenses, etc., connected with the preparation of the sixth Register of Electors, was read.
4	13477	A letter dated 12th September, 1928, from Secretary, Office of National Education approving of awards Scholarships under the Secondary Schools Scholarships Scheme, 1928, was read.
5	13516	A circular dated 19th September, 1928 (P. 64140/28 P O Ighneitheach), enclosing form for completion relative to Loans in respect of disused Work-houses, was read.
6	13627	A letter dated 1st October, 1928, from Department of Agriculture enclosing list of names approved in connection with the sale of Margarine was read.
7	13630	A letter dated 1st October, 1928 (G. 64836/1928 Cill Dara Pg) approving of the proposal to employ a Consulting Engineer at £20 to test system of electric lighting in Naas Courthouse, was read.
8	13638	Sealed Order dated 3rd September, 1928, from Department of Agriculture entitled "The Foreign Animals (Irish Free State) Order of 1928," was read.
9	13739	A letter dated 15th October, 1928 (G. 70148/28 Cill Dara (Fp)), sanctioning Overdraft of £31,400 to 1st November, 1928, was read.
10	13799	A circular dated 22nd October, 1928, from Local Government (Roads) Department (MT/139), enclosing copy of "The Autocar" containing models of cars for 1929, was read.
11	13806	A letter dated 23rd October, 1928, from Department of Education relative to amount of poor rate raised for Technical Instruction purposes in the County for the year 1928-29, was read.
12	13823	A circular dated 24th October, 1928 (G. 72551/28 Ighneitheach) from the Local Government Department explaining arrangements made with the Irish Banks' Standing Committee relative to the prompt lodgments by Rate Collectors, was read.
13	13831	A letter dated 25th October, 1928 (G. 73835/1928 Cill Dara) from Local Government Department stating that no objection will be raised to payment of poundage to Rate Collectors who close their collections on 31st October, 1928, was read.
14	13844	A letter dated 27th October, 1928, (H. 52488/1928 (Pg) Cill Dara) asking to be furnished with tenders and priced Bill of Quantities relative to reconstruction of Castledermot Courthouse, was read.
15	13886	A letter dated 1st November, 1928 (G. 74659/1928 Ighneitheach B.C.T.) asking for particulars connected with Overdraft of £1,300 on the Rathangan Drainage District Account, was read.
16	13934	A letter dated 7th November, 1928, from Department of Agriculture relative to recoupment of expenditure under the Diseases of Animals' Acts and the payment of salary to Mr. J. J. Cosgrove, V.S., was read.
17	13926	A letter dated 5th November, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schmes) Regulatione, 1928, was read.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	SUBJECT.
18	14013	A letter dated 14th November, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings Act, 1928, was read.
19	14005	A letter dated 14th November, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning payment of Poundage Fees to Collector Stapleton, was read.
20	14020	A letter dated 15th November, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting to be furnished with the accepted Tender and priced Bill of Quantities in connection with the reconstruction of Castledermot Courthouse, was read.

#### GENERAL.

21	13425	A letter dated 27th August, 1928, from the Secretary, Galway County Council, transmitting copy of Resolution passed by Galway County Council relative to Republican Prisoners in Irish jails, was read.
22	13393	A letter dated 28th August, 1928, from the Irish Clean Milk Society re Grading of Milk under Government Licence, etc., was read.
23	13383	A letter dated 30th August, 1928, from the Meath County Council relative to the Ryewater proposed Drainage District, was read.
24	13463	A letter dated 7th September, 1928, from the Offaly County Council relative to Land Act, was read.
25	13484	A letter dated 14th September, 1928, from Mr. A. C. Gray, Naas, acknowledging Resolution of Sympathy passed by the County Council on the death of his brother, the late Mr. E. I. Gray, was read.
26	13501	A letter dated 18th September, 1928, from Wexford County Council relative to Constitution of County Boards of Health was read.
27	13596	A letter dated 28th September, 1928, from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, relative to restoration of Capitation Grant to the scale of one half the cost of maintenance, was read.
28	13659	A letter dated 3rd October, 1928, from Wicklow County Board of Health relative to the payment of Land Purchase Annuities, was read.
29	13740	A letter dated 12th October, 1928, from Mr. Michael Smyth, V.S., Mullingar, stating that he visited the October Fair in Johnstown Bridge and found no case of contagious or infectious disease among the animals exposed for sale, was read.
30	14009	A letter dated 18th October, 1928, from Offaly County Council re Rates on Agricultural Land, was read.

Adjourned.

*Wicks*

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

—:(o):—

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 23rd November, 1928.

—:(o):—

Present:—The Baron de Robeck (presiding), Messrs. Patrick J. Dunne and F. B. Barton.

(9007.)

## PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1,664 7s 9d were approved and payment ordered out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9008.)

## RATE COLLECTORS.

The Committee directed that the Rate Collectors who had closed their accounts in respect of period ending 30th September, 1928,

be paid poundage fees at the rate of 8d in the £ subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

(9009.)

## CRIMINAL INJURY CLAIMS.

Mr. R. A. Osborne, County Solicitor, wrote by letter dated 21st November, 1928, enclosing particulars of a sum of £24 11s 0d due to Mr. Peter P. Doyle, Athy, in respect of valuations made by him in a number of Criminal Injury Claims.

The Committee recommended payment of the amount to Mr. Doyle.

Adjourned.

*H. J. O'Sullivan*  
1/2/29

COUNTY COUNCIL OF KILDARE.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 23rd November, 1928.

Present:- The Baron De Robeck, (Chairman, Presiding), Messrs F.B. Barton, and Patrick J. Dunne.

(2010)

NAAS COURTHOUSE LIGHTING.

The Committee proceeded to consider Report from Mr. S. MacEntee, Consulting Engineer, relative to the Tenders received in connection with the installation of Electric Lighting in Naas Courthouse. After consideration, the Committee provisionally accepted the Tender of Messrs O'Shaughnessy & Clancy, Limerick at £477- 10- 0, subject to certain deductions.

*W. J. O'Shaughnessy*  
*1/2/29*

Adjourned.

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 7th December, 1928.

Present Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. E. A. Coonan, P. J. Dunne and The Baron de Robeck.

(9011.)

### PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £3,025 0s 1d were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9012.)

### RATE COLLECTION POUNDAGE FEES.

A letter dated 6th December, 1928, (G.82787/28, Cill Dara (Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of Poundage Fees at 8d in the £ to Collectors on the Collection of the first moiety of the current year's rate.

(9013.)

### RATE COLLECTION.

A circular letter dated 24th August, 1928, No. G-59048/1928, Ilgh (S.), was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to system of Rate Collection.

The Committee approved generally of the terms of the Circular, except the suggestion that the Secretary be empowered to make information against a collector without the authority of the County Council or Finance

Committee and directed that if necessity arises, a special meeting of the Finance Committee be called.

(9014.)

### INSURANCE OF EMPLOYEES.

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for the Insurance of the Council's Employees.

The tender of the Hibernian Insurance Company, Ltd., Dublin, being the lowest at 32/6 per cent was accepted.

(9015.)

### ROAD GRANTS.

A letter dated 30th November, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that no useful purpose would be served at present by a Deputation from the County Council waiting on the Minister relative to the allocation of Grants for road improvement in this county, was read.

(9016.)

### KILDARE COURTHOUSE.

An application by Mr. Edward McCormack on behalf of the Ladies' Committee, for the use of Kildare Courthouse, on the 9th January, 1929, for the purpose of holding an entertainment for children, was approved.

Adjourned.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
1/2/29

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 21st December, 1928.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. J. Dunne, F. B. Barton, J. C. Bergin, and The Baron de Robeck.

(9017.)

### PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1,735 17s 0d were approved and payment ordered out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9018.)

### OFFICE CLOSED.

An application from the Staff for permission to close the Offices on Christmas Eve was granted.

(9019.)

### BILL OF COSTS.

A Bill of Costs from the Hibernian Bank,

Ltd., amounting to £8 2s 6d in respect of preparation and completion of Deed of Charge to secure an advance of £3,000 for improvement of road Athy to Ardscull, was considered, and the Secretary was directed to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of the amount, without taxation.

(9020.)

### ATHY-CARLOW ROAD.

The County Surveyor reported that the amount of Grant allowed for improvement of Athy-Carlow Road was not sufficient to complete the work.

The Committee directed that the County Surveyor communicate with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to having the amount allowed increased.

Adjourned.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
*1/2/29*

## COUNTY COUNCIL OF KILDARE.

Minutes of Meeting of Committee appointed to enquire into economic condition of the Council.

The Committee met on 21st December, 1928, there being present:— Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), J. C. Bergin, S. B. Minch, F. B. Barton, G. W. Henderson, Wm. Doyle, and Baron de Robeck.

A letter was received from Mr Cornelius Buckley regretting inability to attend.

Besides the matter of the economic condition of the Council the following were referred to the Committees for consideration and report:—

(1) The motion of Mr. Henderson (a) refusing to pay the Motor Duty of County and Assisant Surveyors, and (b) reducing their travelling expenses to 3d. per mile.

(2) Remuneration of the County Surveyor for reports on proposed new Drainage Districts and adjustment of his salary in respect of duties in connection with Main Roads in Urban Districts.

Mr. Henderson proposed his resolution referred to, but as it was not seconded it fell through, and the Committee do not recommend any alteration in the present arrangements.

The Committee recommended that the County Surveyor's remuneration in respect of reports on Drainage Districts be fixed at £2 2s 0d each, aggregating £10 10s 0d for the five reports already made, and that this rate be fixed for future reports (Mr. Henderson dissenting).

At this stage Mr. Henderson left the meeting.

With regard to the salary of the County Surveyor the Committee find that his present salary and bonus amounts to £789 0s 0d, and in view of the fact that in the year 1923 the Council approved of a salary of £1,000 (which was not sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) the Committee recommend that the salary be fixed at £900 without bonus.

### FINANCE.

The Secretary submitted Return showing Estimated Receipts and Liabilities of the Council for the period ending 31st March next, from which it would appear that the Council would require about £40,000 to leave them independent of Bank Overdrafts. Though in comparison with last year, the position appears to be about £7,000 better, it is still very unsatisfactory, and can only be remedied by increasing the rate or reducing the expenditure. This state of affairs arose by former Council reducing the Rate which was shown in the Estimates to be necessary without a corresponding reduction in the Expenditure. We hesitate to recommend any increase in the Rates, if it can possibly be avoided, and the reduction in expenditure is complicated by the fact that almost £60,000 is payable to the County Board of Health for Poor Relief and other Charges over which this Council has no direct control.

The Committee adjourn to a date to be fixed by the Chairman when the Estimate for the coming year will be available.

Adjourned.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
28/12/29

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE GHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 4th January, 1929.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, Presiding) The Baron, De Robeck,  
Messrs Patrick J. Dunne, and Fras. Thornton.

(9021)  
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in Charge of County Surveyor amounting  
to £1397- 12- 5 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the  
Subsidiary Account.

*Mr. Fitzsimons  
2/1/29*

Adjourned.

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## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 18th January, 1929.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding; Messrs. F. B. Barton, Jas. J. Byrne, E. A. Coonan, Jas. Cregan, P. J. Dunne, and Francis Thornton.

(9022.)

### PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1,233 11s 9d were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9023.)

### RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 9th January, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 636/1929, Cill Dara (Fa.), was

read, relative to the backward state of the Rate Collection in this county.

The Department directed special attention to the case of Collector Bell who, though granted an extension of time, had not yet closed the first moiety of his warrant.

The Committee directed the Secretary to bring under the notice of each of the Rate Collectors the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and at the same time to impress upon each Collector the necessity for expediting the Collection of the Rate.

The Secretary was also directed to demand from Collector Bell an explanation of the unsatisfactory state of his collection.

Adjourned.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
25/2/29

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

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Minutes of Road Works Meeting of County Council held on the 18th  
January, 1929.

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Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding. Messrs. F. B. Barton, C. Buckley, W. R. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, Thomas Harris, Michael Smyth, H. Colohan, T.D.; J. Byrne, R. Gannon, W. Doyle, R. More O'Ferrall, J. Cregan, J. Coffey, W. Fitzgerald, Edward Cleary, P.J. Dunne, P. Phelan, F. Thornton, M. Behan, G. W. Henderson, and S. B. Minch:

(9428.)

### DEATH OF MR. FENNELLS.

Mr. Barton proposed and Mr. Henderson seconded, and it was resolved—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, record our deep regret at the death of Mr. William J. Fennell, a former member of this Council, and we tender to Mrs. Fennell, and the members of his family our sympathy in their bereavement."

(9429.)

### DEATH OF MR. GEORGE MANSFIELD

Mr. Coonan proposed, and Mr. Ronaldson seconded, and it was resolved—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, record our deep regret at the death of Mr. George Mansfield, a former member of this Council, and we tender to Mrs. Mansfield and the members of his family our sympathy in their bereavement."

(9430.)

### PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The Council considered the Provisional Road Works Scheme and passed all roads and works thereon at the amount of expenditure estimated by the County Surveyor, except his proposal to remove four dangerous corners on road P. 110, Toolestown to Celbridge, £150, which was rejected.

Subject to the foregoing the Council passed the Road Works Scheme as recommended by the County Surveyor. Mr. Henderson dissenting.

(9431.)

### LURG LANE.

Captain Gordon and residents in the neighbourhood of Lurg Lane attended the meet-

ing and urged on the Council the necessity of repairing Lurg Lane, which was formerly done by the British Military Authorities under agreement with the Grand Jury and County Council, an Agreement which is repudiated by the Free State Government as ultra vires. The Council protest against the inconsistent action of the Free State Government in the matter, as they close the roads and inconvenience the public under bye-laws which are also ultra vires.

As the lane was included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme, the Council agreed to spend £120 on its repair.

(9432.)

### LERR DRAINAGE.

A deputation from residents in the Lerr Drainage area who have been assessed with the repayment of expenses of restoring the Lerr Drainage, was received and heard by the Council.

The deputation urged upon the Council the advisability of making a grant towards the expenses referred to, as they had hopes that the Government would make a similar grant.

The Council postponed consideration of the matter to a future meeting.

(9433.)

### RAILWAY VALUATION.

The Commissioner of Valuation submitted his decisions in the appeals from the valuations which were in force from 1st March, 1928. His decision showed that the valuation of the Great Southern Railways was reduced by £4,875 16s.

In connection with the matter a letter dated 8th Eanáir, 1929, G.2003/29 Hgh (Fa) was read from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health declining to give his sanction to any appeal by the Council against the revised valuation. In the circumstances the Council took no action.

(9434.)

### HACKLOW CORNER.

Mr. Henderson proposed and Mr. Dunne seconded and it was carried unanimously—"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to an Agreement with Mrs. Julia Daly for the purchase of land at Hacklow Corner for a sum of £25 and costs."

(9435.)

## TELEGRAPH POLES.

A letter dated 5th January, 1929, was read from District Engineers Department of Posts and Telegraphs requesting permission to erect Two Poles and shift two others in Naas.

The Council granted permission subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9436.)

## OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES' ACT.

A letter dated 7th December, 1928, was read from Clerk, to the Select Committee, Dail Eireann, inviting the Council to make representations by way of memorandum whether any amendment of the Officers and Employees' Act is desirable.

On the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Coonan, the following memorandum was made, Mr. Minch dissenting—"That this Council is of opinion that all local appointments should be made by the Local Authority concerned;" alternately—"That the names of all qualified candidates should be submitted to the appointing authority."

"That when an applicant paid a fee in connection with a particular position, he or she, should not be called on to pay any further fee in connection with any further examination for a similar position."

(9437.)

## TENDERS COMMITTEE.

It was decided to hold Tenders Committee Meetings in Athy and Naas for the purpose of taking Road Tenders. The members of the Council for Athy and Naas Electoral areas to form the Tenders Committee for their respective areas, the dates of the meetings to be fixed by the Chairman.

(9438.)

## MAIN ROADS.

A letter dated 1st January, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) R./RD./13, enclosing a copy of the Kildare Main Roads Order, 1928, was read.

(9439.)

## COUNCIL v. CORRIGAN.

Mr. John Corrigan against whom legal proceedings had been taken for breaches of the Curragh Sheep Dipping Order attended the Council meeting and requested the Council to discontinue the proceedings. He undertook to comply with all the Dipping Regulations

in future and to pay the sum of £2 2s 0d costs of the prosecution.

In the circumstances the Council decided to discontinue the proceedings.

(9440.)

## ATHY COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Foley, of the firm of Foley and O'Sullivan, came before the Council and discussed the present position with regard to Athy Courthouse. After considerable debate in which a number of Councillors expressed great dissatisfaction at the present state of affairs, the matter was adjourned to next meeting.

(9441.)

## FLOODING AT SKIRTEEN.

A letter dated 15th January, 1929, was read from Mr. John Kavanagh, Skirteem, complaining of his yard being flooded by water from the road. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

(9442.)

## ALLENWOOD ROAD.

A letter dated 11th December, 1928, from Mr. Michael Moore, Allenwood, complaining of the state of Allenwood road, was read, and referred to the County Surveyor.

(9443.)

## CLONCURRY TO DRENNANSTOWN ROAD.

A petition was received from ratepayers requesting that the road Cloncurry to Drennanstown, be repaired by the Council.

The petition was referred to the County Surveyor for his observations.

(9444.)

## RATHANGAN FOOTPATHS.

A petition was received from the residents in Rathangan, requesting the Council to construct Concrete Footpaths in place of gravel ones in Rathangan.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

(9445.)

## ADJOURNED MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

Adjourned.

*H. P. ...*  
 25/2/29

# COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 1st February, 1929.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding, Messrs. James J. Byrne, E. A. Coonan, James Cregan, P. J. Dunne, and Thomas Harris.

(9024.)

## MINUTES.

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

(9025.)

## APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Payments from 1 to 75 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, 1929, by Special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other payments as per the Chairman's Copy, were approved.

Applications for payment for works in charge of County Surveyor amounting to £1,476 4s 5d were approved and payment ordered out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9026.)

## COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts for the Quarter ended 31st December last, were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date.

The Bank Book for the Subsidiary Account was signed by the Chairman.

(9027.)

## OVERDRAFT.

It was decided to request the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to sanction an overdraft of £40,000 in order to meet the payments at Quarterly Finance Meeting on 25th instant.

(9028.)

## PRINTING.

The Secretary was directed to invite Tenders for Printing in "Irish Times" and three local papers on same terms as last year. The members of the Finance Committee to form a Tenders Committee, for the purpose of dealing with Tenders.

(9029.)

## ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure required for the coming year. It included an amount of £40,000, estimated debit balance on County Services to 31st March, 1929. The Committee decided that it would come unduly severe on the Ratepayers to raise the amount in one year, and considered the better way to spread the amount over four years. The Committee accordingly reduced that item in the estimate by £30,000.

All other portions were approved, and the Estimate as amended, was adopted and passed by the Committee.

(9030.)

## DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

The County Surveyor reported that Contractors on roads P.L. Nos. 114, Robertstown Section, 406-411, Fontstown, and 413 (b), and 424, Moone Section, have neglected their contracts, and he requested permission to serve Ten Days' Notice in each case. The Committee granted the required permission.

(9031.)

## COLLECTOR BELL.

A letter dated 29th January, 1929, was read from Collector Bell, explaining that the backward state of his collection was due to the amount of bankruptcy and court cases in his area, which could not be recovered.

The Committee accepted the explanation, but urged on the Collector the necessity of being more diligent in collecting the current moiety.

(9032.)

## RATE COLLECTION.

A return showing the state of collection of rate was submitted.

(9033.)

## GESTETNER DUPLICATOR.

A quotation was received from Gestetner, Ltd., for the supply of a Gestetner Rotary Duplicator at £30 11s 0d. The Committee recommend the purchase of the machine at the price stated.

Adjourned.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
25/2/29

## COMHAIBLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

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Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 15th February, 1929.

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Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding. Messrs. Patrick J. Dunne and Michael Smyth.

A letter from Mr. F. B. Barton, regretting inability to attend, was read.

(9034.)

## PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1,246 16s 0d were approved, and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9035.)

## TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Dr. J. A. Harbison, County Medical Officer of Health, submitted claim for Travelling Expenses amounting to £45 5s 6d in respect of the quarter ended 31st December, 1928, and the Committee ordered payment of the amount, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(9036.)

## NAAS COURTHOUSE.

An account was received from Messrs. MacEntee and O'Kelly, Consulting Engin-

eers, for payment of a sum of £26 13s 10d being fees due to them in connection with preparing Plans, Specifications, etc., in connection with the proposed Electric Lighting in Naas Courthouse and County Buildings.

The Committee directed that the amount be paid, subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

(9037.)

A Medical Certificate signed by Dr. J. P. Williams, Naas, certifying that Mr. M. Quinn was ill, and would be unable to resume duty until the 11th inst, was read.

(9038.)

## RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 8th February, 1928, G.9148/1929, Cill Dara, Fa., was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the continued failure of Collectors Bell and Joseph O'Connor to collect the second moiety of the rates.

The Committee directed that a copy of the Minister's letter be forwarded to the Collectors concerned.

Adjourned.

*Michael Fitzsimons*  
25/2/29

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 15th February, 1929.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs Patk. J. Dunne and Michael Smyth.

( 9039 )  
PRINTING CONTRACT.

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for Printing which were received from the following:- Messrs Leinster Leader, Ltd, Naas, A.C. Gray, Kildare Observer, Naas, John Falconer, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, N.C. Carey, Maryborough and Caribonum, Ltd. London. The Tender of the Leinster Leader, Ltd being the lowest, was provisionally accepted by the Committee.

*Michael Fitzsimons*  
*25/2/29*

Adjourned.

## COUNTY COUNCIL OF KILDARE.

### Report of Committee appointed to enquire into economic condition of the Council.

The Committee met on 21st December, 1928, and 15th February, 1929, there being present on former date Messrs. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), J. C. Bergin, S. B. Minch, F. B. Barton, G. W. Henderson, Wm Doyle, and Baron de Robeck.

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MICHAEL FITZSIMONS, Chairman.

WILLIAM E. COFFEY, Secretary.

15th February, 1929.

*Michael Fitzsimons*  
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## COMHAIRLE GONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Finance Meeting of County Council held on the 25th  
February, 1929.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. C. Buckley, F. B. Barton, W. R. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, T. Harris, M. Smyth, H. Colohan, T.D.; J. Byrne, R. Gannon, Wm. Doyle, J. Cregan, J. Coffey, W. Fitzgerald, E. Cleary, P. J. Dunne, P. Phelan, F. Thornton, P. Loughlin, James Harris, M. Behan, J. Foley, G. W. Henderson, H. Cogan, S. B. Minch, and John J. Bergin.

(9446.)

### MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Byrne, and resolved—"That Minutes of Meetings of County Council held on the 26th November, 1928, also Minutes of Road Works Meeting held on the 18th January, 1929, copy of which had been sent to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved—"That Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held on the 23rd November, 7th and 21st December, 1928, 4th and 18th January, 1st and 15th February, 1929, copy of which had been sent to each Member, be taken as read and confirmed."

(9447.)

### COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipts and Expenditure Books for Quarter ended 31st December, 1928, 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 (Form 57) re Checking Collectors' Accounts.

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 £1,840 8s 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
£1,653 4s 6d	£115 17s 11d	£25 12s 6d	£45 13s 2d

During the Quarter ended 31st December in addition to £1,840 8s 1d recommended for payment as above the sum of £11,953 1s 9d was certified to the Finance Committee as follows: Trunk Roads, £1,356 4s 4d; Link Roads, £1,690 8s 1d; County Roads, £4,021 14s 0d; Grants, £3,124 2s 11d, and Loans, £1,760 10s 11d.

The Council has referred to me three letters regarding the slippery road surfaces containing certain suggestions. We have in Co. Kildare about 150 miles of tarred roads or about 12 per cent of our total mileage. One correspondent refers to the newly laid roads. These probably mean the

(9448.)

### 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.

(9449.)

### QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

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

(9450.)

### PAYMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

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

(9451.)

### COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved—"That Messrs. Loughlin, Dunne and Colohan be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents:—(1) Bond of "Leinster Leader," Ltd., and (2) Requisition to Tax Solicitors' Costs, in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council Meeting."

(9452.)

### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

Tar Macadam which was laid in different sections for about 10 miles of the Naas-Kildare road (under the National Road Scheme) which are more slippery than other tarred roads. This work had to be done to a Specification agreed by the Roads Department to earn the 100 per cent. free grant which enabled it to be carried out. I do not think permission could now be obtained to roll the sides "with gravel and sand" even if the cost were forthcoming. As regards this proposal or that of leaving the sides untarred which all the letters suggest it was tried in 1916 on the Blackchurch Road in the interests of economy and horse traffic although I was warned against it by the Road Board Authority of the day. At least the whole road was rolled in gravel and sand and the central strip only tarred. Very soon the sides began to wear away, leaving a sharply defined recess at the edge of the tar. This road has a very high average width of about 25 feet. As the minimum cost of re-rolling the sides in gravel would be 1s 6d per square yard as against 4d for tarring we then tarred the sides, and they have held good although weakened. Although I have the greatest possible sympathy with horse-owners and am most anxious to help to solve this problem, I see no alternative to tarring the whole carriageway at anything like the same expenditure.

This nuisance is so great in England that the Ministry of Transport there issued instructions to re-tar slippery surfaces using fairly coarse grit of a hard nature; this was, and is, apparently, the only course open, short of re-making such roads in different construction such as concrete. In late years an increasing feature of traffic, including bus traffic, is the meeting and passing of fast vehicles and this necessitates greater width of impervious surface. As a result of this and also owing to improved road materials being adopted the specification of roads as regards camber has been changed from 1 in 24 crossfall to the flatter gradient of 1 in 32. Now, the road, Maynooth to Kildare—one of those complained of—was steam rolled in 1919 to the former specification (it has very heavy traffic including about 40 buses per day, and that it has lasted so well must be altogether attributed to the use of Tar. Nothing else will account for the upsetting of all the old-time calculations as to the life of a road water-bound with soft limestone. One must hesitate to think of what would be the condition of this County if we had NOT used Tar for about 150 miles of our principal roads). Any wearing away has been on the sides and this coupled with the camber before referred to, in my opinion, gives the reason why the road is peculiarly difficult for horses since they walk on a sloping rather than a flat surface. The cheapest way to raise these sides to a flatter cross section would be steam rolling in water-bound macadam and as indicated I think this would then have to be tar painted. The footpath would also have to be raised 6 or 8 inches. The cost of all this would be about £500 per mile at least.

As an alternative for this and other roads of bad camber, such as Naas-Kilcullen, or for roads that may have to be widened, I would like to refer to a method not much used as yet, but being considered. This is the insertion of Concrete strips along the margins, leaving a tarred centre. For our own roads the existing centres might be made to conform. Although this would cost at least double the above figure I think it is worth considering against the time that funds may be available. The advantages I see would be (1) non-slipperiness with durability; (2) the work could be done with the least possible interference to traffic as compared to full-width concrete; (3) the "super-elevation," or banking of outside bends, so essential to the safety of fast traffic, could be carried out more scientifically than by rolling; (4) cement may yet be manufactured in this country and its success would be guaranteed to some extent by provision for its use in road-making. Cement has been so improved in recent years that leaner mixtures than formerly are possible. Many different sorts of cheap concrete in roads are under experiment such as a mere grouting of ordinary macadam with cement mortar, and I would hope that some of these forms would be found sufficient for the sides of roads. I submit to the Council some photographs of roads treated in this way elsewhere. Possibly objection might be taken by some to the great contrast in colour of the surfaces. Our difficulty would be to obtain hard stone, desirable in the wearing surface, but this need only be a small proportion of the whole.

As for the suggestion of sanding I fear we have not the means of other authorities to add this to the cost of maintenance, and it is only a very temporary palliative. I think, however, that consideration might be given to the better regulation and maintenance of the grass margins of many of our roads. This, of course, would only affect the led or ridden horse, but I make the suggestion in view of the undoubtedly competent statements as to the commercial value of the hunter to this County. This would not be a costly operation, no materials being necessary though for really comprehensive improvement there would be room for machinery of the type used in levelling earth roads in America. However, it has been suggested to me that our own contractors would be able to undertake this work, and with their own ploughs, harrows, etc., level down roadside banks and fill unnecessary hollows and watercuts and remove excess growths of brushwood. There is much waste ground between road fences inaccessible to traffic on many roads.

About 2½ years ago I had portion of the road Naas to Dunlavin Tar Grouted at Stephenstown. This has considerable traffic and has since been added to the list of Main Roads. It is usual in this process to finish with a sealing coat of tar which produces the ordinary type of tarred surface. In this case, however, I ordered a considerable length of the grouted road to be left unsealed for the purpose of trial as regards slipperiness. Up to the date of my last inspection this has remained intact without any maintenance, and I consider may be termed non-slippery. I shall be glad to

point it out to the Council or anyone interested. The cost of this work over water-bound surfacing is practically the cost of the heated tar. One gallon to the square yard was used in this case; present cost of heated tar on roadside approximately 8d per gallon. I should like to have a trial of this method on a Trunk Road with the heaviest traffic.

In view of the reduction in the price of Tars brought about by combined purchasing, and as a consequence the decreasing cost of Tar-grouted roads as compared with ordinary water-bound roads tar-painted afterwards, there appears to me to be a question as to whether Tar-grouting should not always be adopted as a minimum once any steam-rolling has to be undertaken; its cost can be roughly calculated to be 6d per square yard, or 25 per cent. extra on the water-bound, tar-painted road. Hitherto the considerations preventing this were the higher extra cost and the desire to keep as much money as possible within the county for local employment. Present day traffic, however, makes it very difficult to keep freshly rolled water-bound surfaces intact between the times of rolling and subsequent tar-painting.

The rolling of Dublin-Athy road, Ardscoil to Athy Urban Boundary, 2½ miles, commenced late in September has been finished several weeks but, of course, this will have to be tar-painted as soon as weather conditions are proper. Work is still proceeding between Athy and Carlow. This is more costly than the former as new foundations, widening and re-shaping are necessary, requiring rolling in two layers or more. It is my duty again to point out that sufficient funds have not been provided to complete this road, and that the unimproved portion cannot be economically maintained; in fact the word "maintenance" applied in such circumstances would be a misnomer.

Reference has been made by me before to the absence of a satisfactory arrangement for the proper restoration of road surface when trenches have to be opened by other bodies such as Urban Council, County Board of Health and Gas Companies. This is particularly difficult where expensive surfacings such as Tar Macadam or Flagged footpaths have been broken open. A considerable amount of damage now awaits restoration. Even if, having the better technical appliances, etc., I were to restore these surfaces, and you recover the cost from the parties mentioned, the matter would not be fully satisfactory as it is not your custom to lodge such refunds to the credit of the particular vote out of which the cost of restoration would be defrayed in the first instance.

In the Rathangan River Drainage District the banks have continued slipping in the locality (Coolree) reported twelve months ago. When giving Annual Estimate for the upkeep of this district this year I shall include an item for the Special Works necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN RORKE,

County Surveyor.

February 18th, 1929.

(9453.)

#### FLOODING AT HALVERSTOWN.

The County Surveyor reported by letter dated 29th January, 1929, that Mr. Cleary, Co.C., and himself had inspected the road at Halverstown where Mr. Bernard Casey complained of flooding and recommended that a 6-inch pipe be laid across the road.

The Council approved of the suggestion.

(9454.)

#### PRESS FOR COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The County Surveyor submitted a Tender from Mr. A. Fitzpatrick, Naas, for £20 for supplying Press for Office of Committee of Agriculture.

The Council considered the amount excessive and did not accept it. The County Surveyor was requested to procure other Tenders.

(9455.)

#### FLOODING AT SALLINS.

A letter dated 11th February, 1929, was read from the County Surveyor enclosing letter from Secretary, Irish Soldiers' and Sailors'

Land Trust complaining of flooding of gardens and houses in neighbourhood of Sallins.

The Council considered that there was no obligation on their part to drain the place complained of.

(9456.)

#### DAMAGE TO ROAD AT MOONE.

The County Surveyor reported that the road at Moone was damaged by extraordinary traffic by a Motor Tractor and Mill belonging to Mr. Yates, Grangemellon, the cost of repair was £4 4s 6d.

The Secretary was directed to claim the amount from Mr. Yates.

(9457.)

#### CONGRATULATION: HIS HOLINESS THE POPE.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Thomas Harris, seconded by Mr. Bergin:—"That we, the Kildare County Council, tender to our Holy Father the Pope our humble felicitations on the recent epoch-making concordat and Treaty of Reconciliation whereby diplomatic relations have been restored between the Italian Government and the Vatican, and the temporal sovereignty of His Holiness has been recognised after so long a period of estrangement."

(9458.)

**DEATH OF MR. JOHN HEALY.**

Proposed by Mr. E. A. Coonan, seconded by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, and passed unanimously—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, desire to express our profound regret at the death of Mr. John Healy, Firmount, who was for many years an honoured and trusted member of this Council, and a respected County Kildare representative man and we hereby tender to his widow and family our deep sympathy in their bereavement."

(9459.)

**DEATH OF FATHER DOOLEY.**

It was proposed by Mr. J. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Ronaldson, and resolved—"That we hereby express our deep regret at the death of Rev. Father Dooley, P.P., Castledermot, and convey our sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement."

(9460.)

**SYMPATHY ACKNOWLEDGED.**

Letters acknowledging resolutions of sympathy were received from Mrs. Fennell and Captain Mansfield.

(9461.)

**DE-RATING OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.**

A letter dated 2nd February, 1929, was read from Irish County Councils General Council on the question of de-rating of agricultural land.

Mr. J. J. Bergin proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded and it was resolved—"That we instruct our three Representatives on the General Council of County Councils to support the efforts of the General Council of County Councils to bring about a scheme of de-rating of agricultural land property."

(9462.)

**OVERDRAFT.**

A letter dated 15th February, 1929, G. 1131/1929, Cill Dara, Fa., from Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting to be furnished with statement of the financial position of the Council and stating that full provision should be made in the Estimates for liquidation of the liabilities of the Council and that before further consideration of the application for Overdraft accommodation the Minister would wish an assurance that the forthcoming rate will be adequate, also that pressure should be brought to bear on the Collectors to effect a substantial improvement.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded the required Statement to the Minister and had warned the Collectors according to the

terms of the letter, and had forwarded a copy of Minute 9029 of the Finance Committee which was approved of by the Council, in which it was proposed to raise £10,000 per annum for the next four years to strengthen the Council's financial position and be independent of Overdrafts.

(9463.)

**MAKING OF RATE.**

A letter dated 16th February, 1929, G. 1246/1929, Ilgh. Fa., from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read deprecating any delay in the making of the rate and stating that the maximum amount of Agricultural Grant had been already notified and recommending the appointment of a Committee to examine the figures as to the extent of the public services of the County.

As the Council had already appointed such a Committee, no action was taken with regard to the latter suggestion.

The Provisional Certificate of the Valuation of the County not having been received, it was impossible to adopt the Rate Estimates and the Council decided to request the Minister to extend the time to 15th March next.

(9464.)

**PRICE OF BEET.**

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. G. W. Henderson:—"That we, the Council of Kildare sympathise with the Beet Growers in the efforts to get a decent price for beet grown in 1929, and promise them our moral support. We deplore the action of the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Company, Ltd., in seeking such drastic reduction in the price particularly in view of the liberal profits accruing to the Company as the result of their first three campaigns.

"That copies of this resolution be sent to each County Council in the ten beet counties."

(9465.)

**DRAINAGE ESTIMATES.**

The County Surveyor submitted his estimate of the amounts required to maintain the several Drainage Districts for the coming year as follows:—Baltracey, £100; Connell, £50; Foranwell, £100; Kildare, £100; Ballycowan, £75; and Rathangan, £400.

The Council approved of the estimate in cases except Ballycowan and Rathangan, the consideration of which was postponed to a future meeting.

(9466.)

**DRAINAGE RATE.**

It was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That £100 be raised on each of Baltracey, Gorteen, Kil-

dare Drainage Districts for the year ending 31st March, 1930."

As there is a credit balance on Connell and Foranwell districts it was unnecessary to strike any rate.

The question of striking the rate on Ballycowan and Rathangan Districts was adjourned

(9467.)

#### BOYNE DRAINAGE.

A letter dated 12th January, 1929, was read from Mr. B. J. Carroll, Secretary, Boyne Drainage District, demanding a sum of £196 1s 5d for maintenance of that district for the ensuing year.

The Council approved of the Demand, and adjourned the striking of the rate to a future meeting.

(9468.)

#### INCREASE OF PENSION.

Mrs. Kelly, Millbrook, Naas, applied for an increase in her pension under the Pension Increase Act, 1920. The application was granted.

(9469.)

#### TENDERS FOR COAL.

The tender of Mr. Hederman, Naas, was accepted for the supply of 10 Tons of coal to Naas Courthouse at 37s per ton.

(9470.)

#### PURCHASE OF DUPLICATOR.

The Council approved of Minute No. 9033 of the Finance Committee recommending the purchase of Gestetner Duplicator for £30 11s, less £3 for old Duplicator.

(9471.)

#### ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

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MICHAEL FITZSIMONS, Chairman.

WILLIAM E. COFFEY, Secretary.

15th February, 1929.

Mr. Minch proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded—"That the report of the Committee be and is hereby approved and adopted."

Mr. Bergin proposed and Mr. Henderson seconded "That the report be not adopted."

On a division the following voted for Mr. Bergin's amendment—Messrs. Bergin, Henderson, Ronaldson, Thornton, Cleary, T. Harris, J. Harris, Foley, Buckley and Coffey 10.

Against—Messrs. Gannon, Coonan, Minch, Byrne, Dunne, Loughlin, Colohan, Barton, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Smyth and Cregan—13.

Messrs. Behan and Phelan did not vote.

The amendment was accordingly lost.

Mr. Minch's resolution was put to the meeting and carried by the same voting.

(9472.)

#### RATHANGAN BURIAL GROUND.

It was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That the Council of Kildare hereby consents to the borrowing of £800 by the Kildare County Board of Health and Public Assistance, for the purpose of providing, laying out, etc., a new burial ground at Rathangan."

(9473.)

#### COUNTY HOSPITAL.

It was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle and resolved:—"That the Council of Kildare hereby consents to the borrowing by the Kildare Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2,020 for the purpose of providing an operation theatre, Sterilising Room, Sanitary Annexes and other improvements at the County Hospital."

(9474.)

#### LERR DRAINAGE.

Mr. Henderson's motion in connection with the Lerr Drainage was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

(9475.)

#### WORKMEN'S WAGES.

Mr. Henderson proposed, and Mr. Cleary seconded—"That the wages of the workmen be reduced to 24s per week, and the other men reduced accordingly."

Mr. Colohan proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded—"That no change be made in the rate of wages of the Council's workmen."

Mr. Phelan proposed "That the wages be 28s per week."

The latter proposal was not seconded.

On Mr. Colohan's proposal being put to the meeting, it was carried by 17 votes to 7.

There voted for Mr. Colohan's motion:—Messrs. Coonan, Thornton, T. Harris, Bergin, J. Harris, Foley, Buckley, Dunne,

Loughlin, Colohan, Cregan, Smyth, Fitzgerald, Doyle, Barton, Minch and Byrne—17.

Against—Messrs. Gannon, Henderson, Ronaldson, Cleary, Behan, Coffey and Cogan—7.

(9476.)

#### ATHY WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE.

A letter dated 3rd December, 1928, was read from Mr. Charles Daly, granting the temporary use of the Jury Room in Athy Courthouse for use of Weights and Measures Office, but refusing to give permanent use of it, also letter dated 15th December, 1928, from Supt. O'Neill, Garda Siotchana, Naas, requiring permanent use of the Room, also Press, bench and other appliances. The Council were prepared to supply the equipment, if the Sheriff grants permission for permanent occupation.

(9477.)

#### ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 22nd February, 1929, was read from Messrs. Foley and O'Sullivan, stating that they were prepared to have the necessary rectification in Athy Courthouse carried out without any further cost to the Council. In the Contract it is provided to have Extras and Omissions measured by the Quantity Surveyor.

The Council appointed the following Committee to consider the rectifications—Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. Minch, Henderson, Bergin, Cogan, Foley, also the Sheriff.

(9478.)

#### QUANTITY SURVEYOR.

A letter dated 11th February, 1929, from Mr. A. E. Smith, Quantity Surveyor, enclosing scale of professional charges, in connection with the measuring up of contract for Athy Courthouse.

The Council left the matter of his appointment to the Committee appointed to consider alterations in Athy Courthouse.

(9479.)

#### FIRMOUNT HOUSE.

A letter dated 9th January, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read enclosing copy of letter which had been addressed to the County Board of Health re purchase of Firmount House as a Tuberculosis Hospital. Letters dated 30th and 31st January, 8th and 22nd February, 1929, from the Board of Health on the same subject were considered when it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Gannon—(1) That the proposal of the Board of the 19th Novem-

ber last in connection with the purchase of Firmount House from Major Henry for the sum of £2,500 be amended in accordance with the decision of the Land Commission by the substitution of 26 acres 0 roods and 10 perches as the area of the land to be purchased, and £23 5s as the apportioned share of the annuity chargeable thereto, of which £10 5s is to be redeemed—the present approximate price being £165."

(2) "That application be and is hereby made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his consent to the purchase of the property at Firmount on the terms mentioned, and for the issue of the Kildare County share of the Sanatorium grant for the purpose of defraying portion of the cost involved in acquiring property for use as a Tuberculosis Hospital for the County."

(9480.)

**RATHANGAN DRAINAGE**

A letter dated 28th January, 1929, G.83645-1929, Cill Dara Fa, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the proposal of the Council to levy a rate of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ over the County to pay off the overdraft on the Rathangan Drainage Account, and stating that there was no authority to raise a rate for the purpose.

(9481.)

**LIFFEY (BRIDGE), NEWBRIDGE.**

A letter dated 2nd January, 1929, R.G. 13, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Newbridge Town Commissioners and requesting the observations of the Council on that part of the letter dealing with reconstruction of the Liffey Bridge.

The Council unanimously approved of the resolution of the Town Commissioners and considered that to have this work carried out a special grant should be provided from the Road Fund.

With this object in view the following deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister of Local Government and Public Health—The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. Minch, Byrne, Colohan and T. Harris.

(9482.)

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

A letter dated December, 1928, was read from the Irish National Teachers Organisation, declining to appoint a representative on the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

A letter dated 10th December, 1928, was received from the Association of Secondary Teachers appointing Mr. M. J. Lyons, B.A., as their representative on the Committee.

(9483.)

**MR. JAMES KEEGAN'S SUPER-ANNUATION.**

A letter dated 6th February, 1929, from

the Secretary, County Board of Health, was read enclosing copy of letter dated 5th February, 1929, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health re Superannuation of Mr. James Keegan, Sanitary Sub-Officer, Kilcullen, also copy of Minute of Board of Health of 19th November, 1928, and particulars of Mr. Keegan's remuneration. Mr. Byrne undertook to give Notice of Motion to have the matter considered at the next Quarterly Meeting.

(9484.)

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

A letter dated 11th December, 1928, G.85638, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health suggesting that the power of making payments be vested in the Library Committee and stating that the Accounts of the Library should be kept in accordance with the Public Bodies' Orders, etc.

Mr. Smyth proposed, and Mr. Doyle seconded, and it was resolved—"That the Library Committee be empowered to make payments direct, that the Accounts be kept in accordance with the requirements of the Public Bodies' Order.

(9485.)

**ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.**

A letter dated 25th February, 1929, was received from Library Committee requesting the Council to appoint Mr. Thomas Wilmot permanently as Assistant Librarian, as he had given satisfaction since his appointment.

The Council appointed Mr. Wilmot permanently.

(9486.)

**BLACKWATER DRAINAGE DISTRICT.**

A letter dated 17th January, 1929, from the Office of Public Works, enclosing Charging Order for £64 7s. payable half-yearly, being re-payment of expenses of restoring the Blackwater Drainage District.

It was decided to request the Blackwater Drainage Committee to collect the amount and pay the amount of the Charging Order to the Council.

(9487.)

**FLOODING OF LAND.**

Mr. Thomas McGowan, Bal, wrote by letter dated 16th December, 1928, complaining of flooding of his land and claiming compensation. The letter was referred to the County Surveyor.

(9488.)

**APPOINTMENT OF ANALYST.**

A letter dated 4th February, 1929, was read from the Local Appointments Commissioners re apportionment of the salary of Analyst.

The matter was adjourned pending a reply from the Department of Lands and Agriculture on the subject.

(9489.)

## PETROL PUMP.

Mr. Chas. Doran, Leixlip, wrote requesting permission to erect Petrol Pump at his premises. The Council granted permission subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9490.)

## COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

Correspondence was received from Irish County Council General Council re purchase of Tolls of Towns, and provision of Street Traders Acts, 1921, to towns under control of Town Commissioners. No order was made.

(9491.)

## DEMAND NOTES.

A Tender was received from the Underwood Typewriter Company for type-filling of Demand Notes. As the process would require a special form of Demand Note the Tender was not accepted.

(9492.)

## HORTLAND "NEW ROAD."

Mr. John Colgan, Hortland, forwarded a long list of signatures protesting against the bad condition of "New Road," Hortland. As the road referred to is not maintained by the Council no order was made.

(9493.)

## ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 20th December, 1928, was read from Town Clerk, Athy, enclosing copy of resolution from Athy Urban Council calling attention to the inconvenience caused litigants, etc., by the Courthouse not being handed over to the Council.

(9494.)

## MEALS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

A letter was read from Town Clerk, Newbridge, requesting the Council to have funds made available for the provision of Meals for School Children. The Secretary was directed to inform the Town Commissioners that the County Council had no statutory authority to provide funds for the purpose.

(9495.)

## ADMISSION OF SHEEP TO THE CURRAGH.

The following dates were fixed for the admission of sheep to the Curragh:—1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th April, 1929.

(9496.)

## SHEEP DIPPING.

A Report was received from Mr. McElveen, Superintendent of Dipping Station stating that 5,057 sheep were dipped from 21st to 24th November, 1928, and that there were no casualties.

(9497.)

## TELEGRAPH LINES.

Applications were received from Department of Posts and Telegraphs for consent of the Council to the erection of over-ground telegraphic lines on Kilcullen Road and on Green Road from Railway Bridge to Transformer Stations. The Council's consent was granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9498.)

## ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

A letter dated 12th December, 1928, from Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to a conference at Sheffield from 13th to 20th July, 1929.

The Council appointed Mr. John J. Bergin and Mr. Coonan to represent them at the conference.

(9499.)

## ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

An invitation to appoint delegates to a conference at Zurich was received from Royal Institute of Public Health but no action was taken by the Council.

(9500.)

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

An invitation was received from National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality to appoint delegates to attend Fifth English-speaking Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare. No action was taken by the Council.

(9501.)

## MALICIOUS INJURIES.

List of Claims for Malicious Injuries received since last Quarterly Meeting was submitted showing Claims to the amount of £240. The Claims had been sent to the Council's Solicitor to defend.

(9502.)

## RETURN OF RATE.

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

(9503.)

## MR. O'LOUGHLIN.

An application dated 25th February, 1929, was received from Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin, Cappanargid, for permission to draw turf along the bank of a tributary of the Rathangan River at Cappanargid. The Council granted the required permission.

(9504.)

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

A letter dated 22nd February, 1929, from Secretary, Electricity Supply Board stating that they proposed to lay Cables in Towns of Newbridge, Naas and Maynooth, and that the Engineer in charge of the works had been directed to get into communication with the

Council's Engineer and meet, as far as possible, his requirements.

(9505.)

## CENSORSHIP BILL.

A Resolution approving of the Censorship Bill received from Limerick County Council was read.

(9506.)

## ARREST OF MR. DE VALERA.

A Resolution from Naas Cumann Fianna Fail protesting against the arrest of Mr. De Valera was read.

(9507.)

## IRRECOVERABLE RATES.

List of Irrecoverable Rates was submitted for Collectors Dowling, Shinkins and Dunne, and the ruling of the Council marked thereon.

(9508.)

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## OFFICIAL.

Cons. No.	Reg. No.	
1	14096	A letter dated 24th November, 1928, (G. 77505/1928, Ilg. B. C. T.) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the Overdraft for the Rathangan Drainage District Committee, was read.
2	14105	A letter dated 26th November, 1928, from Local Government (Roads) Department (R.G.M./201/29) relative to main road upkeep grants 1929-1930. was read.
3	14125	A letter dated 26th November, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing Schedule giving particulars of the payment of outstanding Loans under the Labourers' Act, was read.
4	14133	A letter dated 28th November, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G. 81180/1928, Cill Dara, Fa.) sanctioning overdraft not exceeding £40,000 to the 15th February, 1929, was read.
5	14145	A letter dated 29th November, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Stat. 82528/1928, Ilgh. S. and R.), requesting to be furnished with certain Statistical Information, was read.
6	14169	A letter dated 1st December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health acknowledging receipt of communication dated 30th November, 1928, relative to Irrecoverable Rates, was read.
7	14174	A letter dated 3rd December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to travelling expenses of County Medical Officer of Health, was read.
8	14204	A letter dated 4th December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Stat. 79841/1928, Ilgneitheach), relative to amount of receipts from Poor Rate included in Council's Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1928, was read.
9	14222	A letter dated 6th December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (P.H. 78847/28, Cill Dara, Ae.), enclosing Returns of Travelling Expenses of County Medical Officer of Health with observation thereon, was read.
10	14223	A letter dated 6th December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G. 83425/28, Cill Dara, Fa.), enclosing Irrecoverable Arrears Sheets of Collectors Malone, Stapleton, Field, Cunningham and Joseph O'Connor, was read.
11	14224	A letter dated 6th December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G. 82787/28, Cill Dara, Fa.); sanctioning payment of poundage fees at the rate of 8d in the £ to Rate Collectors on the collection of first moiety of current year's rates, was read.
12	14228	A letter dated 6th December, 1928, from Local Government (Roads) Department, M.T. 209/13, relative to recoupment of Expenses under Roads Act, 1920, was read.
13	14245	A letter dated 6th December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G. 83645, Cill Dara, Fa.) acknowledging letter of 1st December, 1928, relative to Overdraft for Rathangan Drainage District Committee, was read.
14	14255	A letter dated 9th December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (73185/1928, Ilgh. M.) relative to Fisheries Act, 1925, Section 13 (7), was read.

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| 15              | 14276    | A letter dated 11th December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (P. 80533/1928, Pb. Cill Dara), relative to letting of a field at Celbridge Workhouse, was read.   |
| 16              | 14248    | A letter dated 8th December, 1928, from Office of Public Works relative to Griese proposed Drainage District, was read.  |
| 17              | 14234    | A letter dated 7th December, 1928, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (H. 84585/1928, Pc. Ilgh.), relative to Housing Act, 1928, was read.  |
| 18              | 14363    | A letter dated 22nd December, 1928, from Local Government (Roads) Department (R/106 A.) relative to travelling Expenses of Survey Staffs, was read.  |
| 19              | 14397    | An Order dated 28th December, 1928, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Water Supply at Timahoe, was read.   |
| 20              | 14433    | An Order dated 2nd January, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Water Supply at Clogherincoe, was read.  |
| 21              | 14458    | A letter dated 4th January, 1929 (F.997/1929, Ilgh. c.), from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to date of Annual Meeting of County Council, etc., was read.   |
| 22              | 14573    | A letter dated 14th January, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (H. 79777/1928, Pg., Cill Dara), requesting to be furnished with Bill of Quantities in connection with reconstruction of Castledermot Courthouse, was read.   |
| 23              | 14622    | A letter dated 16th January, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (A. S. 2986/29, Cill Dara, Fl.), enclosing copy of Auditor's Report of his Audit of the Accounts of Kildare County Committee of Agriculture for the five half-years ended 31st March, 1928, was read. |
| 24              | 14641    | A letter dated 17th January, 1929 (H. 87298/28, Cill Dara), relative to purchase of Labourers' Plots on the Verschoyle Estate, was read.   |
| 25              | 14673    | A letter dated 18th January, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (P. H. 85709/28, Cill Dara, Pg.), enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the County Kildare Board of Health relative to Kildare Electric Light undertaking, was read.                                |
| 26              | 14680    | A letter dated 18th January, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Agricultural Grant, was read.   |
| 27              | 14752    | A letter dated 29th January, 1929, from the National University of Ireland transmitting resolutions adopted by the Senate at last meeting relative to Regulations for University Scholarships, was read.   |
| 28              | 14795    | A letter dated 5th February, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Stat. 8409/1928, Ilghneitheach, S. and R.), relative to Statistical Information, was read.   |
| <b>GENERAL.</b> |          |  |
| 29              | 14111    | A letter dated 24th November, 1928, from Town Clerk, Urban District Council of Blackrock, transmitting copy of Resolution in connection with Report of the Town Tenants' Commission, 1927, was read.   |
| 30              | 14126    | A letter dated 27th November, 1928, from Secretary, Carlow County Committee of Agriculture, relative to Grain Prices in Saorstát, was read.  |
| 31              | 14152    | A letter dated November, 1928, from Section Secretary, Typographical Association protesting against the proposed Centralisation of Printing Contracts, was read.   |
| 32              | 14166    | A letter dated 29th November, 1928, from Secretary, Waterford County Council, relative to Local Appointments Commission, was read.   |
| 33              | 14403    | A letter dated 31st December, 1928, from Secretary, Kilkenny County Council relative to Taxation of Motor Vehicles, was read.  |
| 34              | 14637    | A letter dated 17th January, 1929, from Town Clerk, Droichead Nua, relative to unemployment in Droichead Nua, was read.  |
| 35              | 14812    | A letter dated 30th January, 1929, from Secretary, Wicklow County Council, relative to repair and maintenance of main roads, was read.   |
| 36              | 14851    | A letter dated 12th February, 1929, from Secretary, Kerry County Council, transmitting copy of Resolution relative to De-Rating of Agricultural Land was read.   |
| 37              | 14359    | A letter dated 21st December, 1928, from Mr. Michael Smyth, V.S., Mullingar, stating that he visited the December Fair in Johnstownbridge and found no case of contagious or infectious disease among the animals exposed for sale, was read.  |

(9509.)

MEETING ADJOURNED.

The Council adjourned to the 15th March, 1929.

*H. J. Johnson*  
27/5/29

COMHAIRLE CONDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 1st March 1929.

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

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(9040)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1609-14-2 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Accounts.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
27/3/29

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 15th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs E.A. Coonan, Patrick J. Dunne, Thomas Harris, Michael Smyth and Fras. Thornton.

( 9041 )  
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payments for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1213- 7- 11 were approved and payment ordered out of the Subsidiary Account.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
*27/3/29*

Adjourned.

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of County Council held on the 15th March, 1929.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding, Messrs. C. Buckley, W. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, T. Harris, M. Smyth, H. Colohan, T.D.; R. Gannon, W. Doyle, W. Fitzgerald, P. J. Dunne, Francis Thornton, P. Phelan, P. Loughlin, J. Harris, G. W. Henderson, and J. J. Bergin.

(9510.)

### DEATH OF MR. CHAS. DALY.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Colohan and resolved "That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, desire to express our regret at the death of Mr. Charles Daly, Under Sheriff for County Kildare, and offer to his widow and family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement."

(9511.)

### POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. Harris, and resolved—"That the Council protest against the proposed curtailment of postal facilities in the Rural Areas; that a deputation consisting of the following members be appointed to wait on the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs on the matter—Messrs. Ronaldson, Harris, Phelan, Coonan, Henderson and Doyle."

(9512.)

### INJURY ATHY-CARLOW ROAD.

The County Surveyor submitted a letter dated 14th March, 1929, R.G. 13, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that there would be no objection to the continuation of the work for another month on the Athy Carlow road the said work to be covered by a proposal under the Improvement Grant to be notified in due course.

The Council authorised the County Surveyor to continue the work.

(9513.)

### CYBERDRAFT

A letter dated 25th February, 1929, G-12880-1929, was read from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, stating that while deprecating the proposal of the Finance Committee in so far as it may defer the complete rehabilitation of the Council's financial position for the unduly long period of four years, he will raise no

objection to the arrangement proposed with a view to reducing the extent of the temporary borrowing during the forthcoming financial year.

The Minister also stated in a letter above referred to "that the re-establishment of the financial position on a satisfactory basis is to a considerable extent dependent on a more prompt collection and lodgment of the Council's revenues, more stringent measures than those hitherto adopted should be considered in regard to collectors who fail to make progressive lodgments on foot of their warrants."

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded a copy of the latter paragraph of the Minister's letter to each Rate Collector, and warned them to the necessity of greater diligence in making their collections.

(9514.)

### ESTIMATE OF RATES.

A letter dated 25th February, 1929, R.G.M.-291, '29, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read, stating that £6,984 would be available towards upkeep of Main Roads for ensuing year. This amount having been taken into account in the Estimates the Council proceeded to consider the estimates of Rates for the coming year, which had been recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr. Henderson proposed, (and Mr. Coonan seconded "that the amount of £523 for teaching of Irish language be struck out."

After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. John J. Bergin proposed and Mr. Thomas Harris seconded "That the rates on land be reduced by £4,000."

The resolution was withdrawn.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Fitzgeald seconded, and it was unanimously agreed—"That the proposed Rate of 4s in the £ on Kildangan Electoral Division be reduced to 2s; the balance to be raised next year."

Mr. Smyth proposed and Mr. Loughlin seconded, and it was agreed to without a division—

"That the General Rate including 1d in £ off the County at large (Urban Districts inclusive under the Technical Instruction Act, 1889-91), 1d in the £ off the County-at-large (Urban Districts excluded under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Act, 1899, and a sum of £523 under the Local Government Act, 1924 Form 42) and the

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Rate for Separate Charges (Form 43) for the year ending 31st March, 1930, chargeable to the undermentioned areas be as follows:

	Pence.
Roads .. .. .	27.13
County Services .. .. .	31.35
Poor Relief .. .. .	27.79
Board of Health Charges .. .. .	5.41
<b>Total General Poor Rate .. .. .</b>	<b>91.68</b>
	7s 7d

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
	County at Large .. .. .	Pensions .. .. .	Pence 2
	Lackagh Electoral Division .. .. .	Criminal Injury .. .. .	2
	Grangemellon Electoral Division .. .. .	do. .. .. .	15
	Kildangan Electoral Division .. .. .	do. .. .. .	24
	Kilrahey Electoral Division .. .. .	Criminal Injuries .. .. .	10
	KILL .. .. .	do. .. .. .	4
A. 1	Athy No. 1 Rural District .. .. .	Special Sanitary Expenses .. .. .	½
A. 2	Townlands of Monasterevan and Moore Abbey Demesne .. .. .	Monasterevan Lighting .. .. .	10
C. 1	Former Rural District Celbridge No. 1 .. .. .	Sanitary Expences .. .. .	1
E. 1	Former Rural District of Edenderry No. 2 .. .. .	do. .. .. .	2
N. 1	Naas Rural Electoral Division .. .. .	Naas Waterworks .. .. .	2
N. 2	Newbridge Dispensary District .. .. .	Newbridge Cemetery .. .. .	14
N. 6	Newbridge Urban Electoral Division .. .. .	Newbridge Waterworks .. .. .	16
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 .. .. .	5
N. 11	Kildare Electoral Division .. .. .	Kildare Sanitary Convenience .. .. .	1
N. 12	Ballymore-Eustace and Newtown .. .. .	Ballymore Pumps .. .. .	5
N. 14	Kildare Dispensary District .. .. .	Kildare Waterworks .. .. .	21
	Former Rural District Athy No. 1 .. .. .	Expenses Labourers' Acts .. .. .	2½
	Former Rural District Celbridge No. 1 .. .. .	do. .. .. .	3
	Former Rural District Edenderry No. 2 .. .. .	do. .. .. .	2

(9515.)

## RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

Mr. Phelan proposed, and Mr. Thornton seconded—"That the Council contribute £300 towards the Maintenance of Rathangan Drainage District, and that the improvement and repair of bridges, culverts, etc., subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

(9516.)

## MAINTENANCE RATE—RATHANGAN RIVER.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Henderson

seconded and it was resolved—"That a rate of £400 be struck for the maintenance of Rathangan River for the ensuing year.

(9517.)

## BALLYCOWAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

It was decided to postpone the consideration of the Rate on Ballycowan Drainage District to next meeting.

(9518.)

## LERR DRAINAGE.

It was proposed by Mr. Henderson, and

seconded by Mr. J. J. Bergin and resolved—  
“That the Council contribute £500 towards  
the expenses of restoring the Lerr drainage  
if the Government contribute 50 per cent  
of the total cost of the works.

(9519.)

## DRAINAGE TENDERS.

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr. Thornton  
seconded and it was resolved—“That Messrs  
Phelan, James Harris, Buckley, Loughlin,  
Coonan and Barton be appointed a Commit-  
tee to take Tenders for the Drainage Dis-  
tricts of Baltracey, Ballycowan, Foranwell  
and Gorteen.”

(9520.)

## PETROL PUMP.

Mr. M. P. O'Brien applied for permission  
to erect a Petrol Pump at his premises at  
Moyvalley. The application was approved  
subject to the approval of the County Sur-  
veyor.

(9521.)

## NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

Messrs. Burke Bros., Kildare, applied  
to have their premises at Claregate Street,  
Kildare, placed on the New Buildings List.  
The Council being satisfied that the premises  
were “New Buildings,” to which the Rating

of New Buildings Order, 1925, applied,  
granted the application.

(9522.)

## FENCE AT BALLYBRACK.

Mrs. Byrne, Ballybrack, wrote by letter  
dated 14th March, 1929, complaining of the  
condition of the fence which had been cut by  
the Road Workers and wanting the damage  
repaired. The letter was referred to the  
County Surveyor.

(9523.)

## COUNTY SURVEYOR'S SALARY.

A letter dated 4th March, 1929, R.S.-13,  
was read from the Department of Local  
Government and Public Health (Roads) sanc-  
tioning the salary of the County Surveyor  
at £900 per annum, without bonus; also  
payment at the rate of £2 2s for each re-  
port on Petitions under the Drainage Acts.

(9524.)

## TELEGRAPH LINES.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs  
requested the consent of the Council to the  
erection of telegraphic line from Railway  
Bridge to Yeomanstown House. The con-  
sent was granted subject to the approval of  
the County Surveyor.

Adjourned.

*M. J. Fitzgibbon*  
*27/3/29*

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Adjourned Road Works Meeting of the County Council held on the 15th March, 1929.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. C. Buckley, W. Donaldson, E. A. Coonan, T. Harris, M. Smyth, H. Colohan, T.D.; R. Gannon, W. Doyle, W. Fitzgerald, P. Dunne, Fras. Thornton, P. Phelan, P. Loughlin, J. Harris, G. W. Henderson and J. J. Bergin.

(9525.)

### DOCUMENTS TO BE SEALED.

Tenders and Contracts provisionally accepted by the Tenders' Committee were submitted and approved. Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Colohan seconded: "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the following documents:—(1) Bonds of Road Contractors accepted by the Tenders' Committee, and (2) Bond for Printing Contract between County Committee of Agriculture and Leinster Leader, Ltd.

(9526.)

### ROADS NOT TENDERED FOR.

It was decided to re-advertise the roads for which no Tenders were received. The Tenders to be taken at Naas, the members of the Finance Committee to form the Tenders' Committee.

(9527.)

### NEWBRIDGE BRIDGE

A letter dated 1st March, 1929, R.G.-13, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read relative to the Liffey Bridge at Newbridge requiring a statement of the special points which the Deputation wish to put before the Minister.

The letter was referred to the County Surveyor to put the Council's case to the Department.

(9528.)

### PASS BRIDGE, MONASTEREVAN.

A letter dated 14th March, 1929, was read from the Office of Public Works as follows:—

We beg to state for the information of the County Council that we had originally proposed to take down the Pass bridge and build a new one, but on examination we find that it will be feasible to underpin and reconstruct the existing bridge and make it serve all purposes of the drainage scheme. Accordingly we propose to do this unless the County Council desire for their own purposes to have a new bridge with improved road approaches. If the Council do so desire, we are prepared to construct the bridge and approaches provided the Council will pay the cost, which we believe would not be less than £6,000 and might probably be more. In that case, we would contribute say £1,500 out of the Barrow Drainage funds representing the cost of the underpinning of the existing bridge.

As work upon this bridge will soon have to begin, we should be obliged if you would be good enough to lay this before the Council and let us have an intimation of their wishes at an early date.

The Council is of opinion that a new bridge is badly wanting, but as it is situated close to the borders of Leix and Offaly it would not be equitable to expect this County to pay the enormous cost proposed.

The Council consider that the fairest way for all parties interested in the bridge would be for the Public Works Department to build it out of the Barrow Drainage Funds, the repayment of which has to be made good by the several Counties in equitable portions.

Adjourned.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
27/5/29

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 29th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs Edward A. Coonan and Patrick J. Dunne.

(9042)  
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1161-1-11 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9043)  
RATE COLLECTION.

An application was received from the Rate Collectors for an extension of time to the 30th April 1929 to enable them close their Collection Accounts. The Committee granted the extension sought, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(9044)  
MOTOR CYCLE SPEED TRIAL.

An application dated 20th March 1929 was read from the Hon. Secretary, Athy Motor Cycle and Car Club for permission to hold the annual Speed Trial on the main Dublin-Athy road at Forest on the 6th April, 1929 at 3.30 p.m. The Committee granted the required permission on condition that every precaution be taken to ensure the safety of the public.

*M. Fitzsimons*  
*27/3/29*

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 12th April, 1929.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs Edward A. Coonan and James J. Byrne.

(9045)  
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1391- 12- 7 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

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RATE COLLECTION.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 8th April, 1929, G. 22776/1929, Cill Dara Fa, stating that owing to the backward state of the Rate Collection in the County it was with reluctance that the Minister sanctions payment of poundage fees at the full rate to Collectors who close their Accounts for the year by Saturday, the 27th instant, and the Committee directed the Secretary to forward a copy of the Departments letter to each Rate Collector.

*M Fitzsimons*  
*27/5/29*

Adjourned.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF KILDARE.

Minutes of Meeting held on 19th April, 1929 of Committee appointed to meet the Architects and consider proposed rectifications in Athy Courthouse.

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Present:- Messrs George W. Henderson, J. J. Bergin, and Hugh Cogan. A message was received from Mr. Minch regretting inability to attend, and a letter was received from the County Registrar regretting inability to attend.  
Mr. Foley, Architect was also present.

CHAIRMAN.

On the Motion of Mr. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Cogan, Mr. Henderson was elected Chairman of the meeting.

ATHY COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Foley submitted a Plan showing alterations in the Courthouse and enumerated Items which his Firm were prepared to have carried out in the terms of their letter of 22nd February last.  
The chief items were as follows:-

- (1) Seats to be six inches further apart than at present.
- (2) The backs of seats to be lowered six inches, and Desks to be fitted on top. Seats to be fixed in Concrete.
- (3) The Dock to be brought forward 11 feet.
- (4) Witness Box to be moved further into Body of Court.
- (5) New Table and re-construction of lay-out opposite the Registrars Desk.
- (6) Another entrance to Clerk of Courts Bench on a left hand side.
- (7) Heating apparatus chamber to be re-constructed and enlarged to full size of room.
- (8) Two gates to be put on Galleries to close same.
- (9) Electric Light to be fitted with iron Boxes.
- (10) Paint and Varnishing to be re-done (~~wherever~~) wherever it is defective.
- (11) Making good all Minor defects. Approximate Number 33.
- (12) Jury Box seats to be re-modelled.
- (13) Barrier behind Dock to be re-arranged.

SLATING.

Mr. Henderson drew attention to the slating of the Courthouse & stated that the slates had not been rendered. Mr. Foley, Architect stated that the slates had been rendered according to the terms of the Contract.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR.

Mr. Foley, Architect stated that the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor would be unnecessary if the Contractor signed a Surrender of the Contract. The Committee recommend that the County Solicitor be requested to obtain a Surrender of the Contract from the Contractor.

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## ATHY COURTHOUSE (Continued)

The Committee did not totally approve of the proposals submitted by Mr. Foley and made the following recommendations:-

- (1). That the space allotted to the Judge is too large, rendering the space difficult to warm and recommended that the depth be reduced by 2 feet approx; that the screen on his right be raised to level of his bench; that a new screen with door be erected on his left.
- (2) That the Court Clerks seat and bench are too low and that they be raised about 6 inches as well as put back 2 feet approx.
- (3) That the Press be accommodated with benches running at right angles to the Court Clerks bench.
- (4) That the Jury Box consist of 2 seats to accommodate 6 persons each; the 3rd seat to be removed, the splayed partition to be cut and a new partition erected along front of Jury seats & in line with door to Jury Room. Entrance to Jury Box be at door end.
- (5) The floor of Witness Box to be raised about 6 inches.
- (6) The seating for Solicitors and Clients to be spaced 6 inches further apart, backs to be lowered 6 inches, the tops to form a bench for papers & a further shelf to be fixed underneath. The Circular plan to be adhered to. The space in the back row to be fitted with a door if lock be not moved to that position. The seats for public to be lowered and given more space.
- (7) The Dock to be dispensed with provided the County Registrar approves after consultation with his Authorities. If not to be dispensed with its position to be moved right up to the back of the Solicitors bench, its length to be reduced to half, and the floor to be only 2 steps over floor level.
- (8) The 2 galleries to be removed, corbal stones to remain.
- (9) The floor and return pipes to furnace to be so altered as to permit the flues being properly cleaned. The Chamber to be enlarged. Inside door to furnace to be sealed.
- (10) That lavatory accommodation for the public be provided under stairs on west side of building.
- (11) That storage for coal be provided under same stairway.
- (12) That bracketed desks be fitted at end of Court new entrance at both sides for use of the legal profession & a short desk in Hall on West side.
- (13) That the several defects throughout entire building already pointed out be made good.