

COMHAIRLE GONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

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

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman), presiding; Messrs C. Buckley, E. A. Coonan, Thomas Harris, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, T.D., James Byrne, Robert Gannon, Wm. Doyle, James Coffey, Wm. Fitzgerald, Edward Cleary, James Bergin, Patrick J. Dunne, Patrick Phelan, James Harris, George W. Henderson, Hugh Cogan, Sidney B. Minch, John J. Bergin, John Conlan and Augustus Nevin.

(9716.)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Michael Smyth, and resolved:—"That the meetings of County Council held on the 26th August, 1929, copy of which had been sent to each Member be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

Proposed by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Bergin, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held on the 30th August, 13th and 27th September, 11th and 25th October, and 4th and 8th November, 1929, copy of which had been sent to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

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COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipts and Expenditure Book for Quarter ended 30th September, 1929, 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.

(9718.)

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr

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 £2,404 14s 0d. The manner in which this sum was dealt with is shown in the following table:—

| To Pay. | To Defer. | To strike off. | To be dealt with under Sec. 54. |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| £2,202 6s 7d | £159 19s 4d | £42 8s 1d | Nil |

During the Quarter ended 30th September, 1929, in addition to £2,404 14s 0d recommended for payment as above the sum of £12,230 4s 4d was certified to the Finance Committee as follows:—Trunk Roads, £1,510 15s 3d; Link Roads, £3,822 15s 5d; County Roads, £2,975 15s 3d; Grants, £3,920 18s 5d.

As indicated by the payments, contractors in charge of bye-roads have carried out the duties allotted to them fairly well. There is, however, a minority who have not done so, and 12 or 14 miles of roads are practically derelict and are being recommended to be dealt with under the Act relating to default; with some notable exceptions these are all in the one area in the southern end of the county.

James Harris, and resolved:—"That all payments recommended by the Finance Committee for County-at-Large Charges be and are hereby approved."

(9719.)

PAYMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

Proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. J. Harris, 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 abstracts of proposals for payment."

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

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

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COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Cogan and resolved:—"That Messrs. Smyth, Dwyer and Dunne be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents—Agreements with Athy and Naas Urban Councils, Requisition to tax Solicitors' Bill of Costs, in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council meeting."

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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

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

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Following the procedure commenced last year the Roads Department of Local Government have again requested the Council this year to intimate as soon as possible what the probable road expenditure in the County in next Financial Year will amount to on different classes of roads. It is explained that this information is required now from every County so that the Department will be in a position to allocate national funds as grants in aid of and in proportion to the cost of maintaining the more heavily trafficked roads, namely, the Trunk roads and the Link (or secondary Main roads) and to do so before the time comes for striking the rate, and for commencing the work programme for the year. Last year and in previous years this particular grant was 50 per cent. the cost of Trunk roads and 30 per cent. the cost of Link roads, but this year it is announced it will be 40 per cent. for each. Having for some years urged the case of the secondary roads and having now examined carefully into the new position I am glad to be able to report to the Council that the change will be to the distinct monetary advantage of the county.

For some considerable time our Trunk roads have been, if not perfect, at least in a stabilised condition throughout practically their entire length. I see no reason to fear their sudden break down, granted the present rate of upkeep, approximately, and I am in a position to state that this is surprisingly moderate when judged by present-day standards elsewhere; some lengths of National Road re-surfaced in 1926-27 are still under the contractor's guarantee of maintenance.

When we turn to the "Link," or roads in the second class in our schedules, we find where our principal task lies for the present. These have one and a half times the mileage of the Trunk roads and are carrying the same type of traffic, viz.: Bus, lorry and touring motors, in a somewhat lower degree, and are largely unprepared for it so far; as stated before we have made a good beginning in the stabilisation of these as well, but much remains to be done. Shortly, the fact is that the total cost of the upkeep of this class is at present very greatly in excess of the cost of the Trunk roads (as can be seen from last year's estimate) and hence it is obvious that in this County the increase in the percentage of grant for the second class more than compensates for decrease for the first. This will enable the Council to have, in some time, a better standard of upkeep generally on all important thoroughfares without greater outlay on their own part and, accordingly, in order to enable you to comply with the request of the Ministry I am submitting a summary of my estimate for next year which entails the same expenditure on the part of the Council as in the present current year.

The position of the County would, of course, be still more improved if some of the important "County" roads which are not grant-aided could be added to the class of main roads and so increase the total grant-in-aid. We have some very important highways which are not so classified, but we are hardly in a position to judge of the matter without knowing the circumstances in other counties. I am officially informed that no change in this respect will be made at present.

During the past year we have been able to carry out a considerable amount of re-surfacing and improvement on Link roads very largely out of grant: which work, I hope, will be continued until all the worn portions are dealt with.

All the Arterial Drainage Districts in charge of the Council have received the usual annual attention except the Rathangan which I cannot certify to be in a satisfactory condition as I consider necessary although very little flooding has been reported. It would appear to be a matter of great importance to the Drainage Authority to enquire how far it is responsible for the state of tillage areas which have been reclaimed from cut-a-way bog subsequent to turf cutting after the original drainage works being performed. Such areas must amount to hundreds of acres in the district and have been irresponsibly fixed at low levels determined only by the quantity of turf it was possible to remove from the original surface after it was first drained. This aspect of turf cutting in relation to drainage has been a matter for comment for perhaps a century. Again, some small agricultural holdings must have actually originated, in whole or part, as a consequence of the drainage subsequent to Griffith's Valuation, which, as far as I know, has never been revised, in the case of land. Hence the occupier must have good value for a drainage charge as it would appear that although the lands are now productive their Poor Law Valuation (upon which other charges are based) is only the same as for "high Bog," or marsh.

November 18th, 1929.

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN RORKE, County Surveyor.

(9723.)

DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Phelan, seconded by Mr. Edward A. Coonan and resolved:—That the County Surveyor having reported that Roads P.I Nos 51, 58 362, 393, 298, 543, 573, 475, 497b, 498, 502, 415, 432, 436 and 334 were not in proper repair and the Council being satisfied that the roads in question were not being attended to and that Contractors had been guilty of neglect, the County Surveyor is hereby directed to serve the Contractors with Ten Days' Notice and do all necessary acts consequent thereon."

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BEEET TRAFFIC.

The following letter dated 22nd November, 1929, was read from the County Surveyor:—

"Owing to beet traffic the maintenance of some of the Main roads in the Athy Area—namely the portions of Stradbally road unrolled—have become more costly than anticipated at the time of making the Road Works Scheme. I am hoping in next scheme and with the Government's next improvement grant to provide for steam-rolling the lengths of the road mentioned,

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about two miles out of five. Meantime, I would ask the Council under Article 51 of the Public Bodies' Order, to set aside part of the "Contingencies" Fund unexhausted and in addition, £200 to maintain the roads until 31st March next. The Council will have credits from the present Road Works Scheme to meet a large proportion of this sum.

"I write now as a result of an inspection I made (after my quarterly report was in print) on getting a report from Mr. Hurley, Assistant County Surveyor."

The Council granted £200 for the maintenance of the road mentioned in addition to the unexpended amount of the Contingencies Fund.

(9725.)

FIRMOUNT HOUSE.

A letter dated 22nd November, 1929, was read from Major H. A. Henry, Keadeen, Newbridge, complaining of the delay in completing the purchase of Firmount House.

The Secretary stated that he had been in communication with the Secretary of the Board of Health, who informed him that the matter was in the hands of the Board's Solicitors who were preparing the necessary conveyance.

The Secretary was directed to inform Major Henry that the purchase would be completed without any avoidable delay.

(9726.)

NAAS COURTHOUSE LIGHTING.

The Council having considered the tenders for the installation of electric light in Naas Courthouse, and a report dated 22nd November, 1929, from the County Surveyor thereon decided to accept the tender of the Electricity Supply Board at £309 16s 5d for Tough Rubber Compound.

The tender for Metal Conduits of £542 16s 5d and £477 10s 9d, submitted by the Board and Messrs. O'Shaughnessy and Clancy respectively being considered too expensive.

(9727.)

MAIN ROAD GRANTS.

A letter dated 7th November, 1929, R.G.M./201/30, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that the Department was prepared to contribute 40 per cent of the upkeep of main roads for the year ending 31st March, 1931, and requesting a preliminary estimate of road expenditure for the coming year. The County Surveyor was directed to submit an improvement scheme to the Roads Department.

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ROAD ESTIMATE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Preliminary Estimate of Road Expenditure for year ending March, 1931:—

Repair (I.)—1930-1931—Trunk Roads, £7723, Link Roads, £14465; County Roads, £17977.

Improvement (II.) 1930-1931, Trunk Roads, £100; Link Roads, £230; County Roads, £440.

Contingencies (III.) 1930-1931, Trunk Roads, £100; Link Roads, £100; County Roads, £150.

Total Works Expenditure, 1930-1931, Trunk Roads, £7,923; Link Roads, £14,795; County Roads, £18,567.

Loan Repayment, 1930-1931, Trunk Roads, £3,160; Link Roads, nil; County Roads, Nil.

Total—Trunk Roads, £11,083; Link Roads, £14,795; County Roads, £18,567.

The net amount after crediting grant of 40 per cent on (1) Trunk and Link equal to £8,875 is £35,570. Current Year's amount is £35,505, and grant £6,984.

Mr. Minch proposed and Mr. Phelan seconded and it was resolved "That the Preliminary Road Estimate be approved, subject to revision if found necessary at Road Works Meeting in January next."

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The Council fixed the 24th January, 1930, as the date of the Roads' Works Meeting.

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ATHY COURTHOUSE.

The following report from the County Surveyor dated 22nd November, 1929, was read:—

"In reply to your letter of the 6th August, 1929, I have to report that the Contract has been completed generally in accordance with the plans and specification taking into account the alterations demanded from time to time.

"As regards the second question in your letter, some of the complaints of defects are fairly well founded, the seats in the Jury Box were moved and tracks of original position on walls not painted over, etc., and the floor boards should have been better seasoned before fixing to prevent shrinkage. It might, however, be unnecessarily harsh to the Contractor to require reflooring in view of the character of the building and the extras mentioned below. As the fixing of the balconies is now invisible, I could only recommend that they be tested by actual loading. The use of the old window opens necessitated sashes

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greater in the width than in the height and such are nearly always unsatisfactory to move.

The Contractor carried out alterations to the new seating in the body of the Court which improved the front seats, but the back rows of seats will, in my opinion require still further alteration.

The extras referred to include about 400 lin. feet of ornamental cornice in ceiling, timber sheeting and some new rafters to the lean-to roof of porches and concrete flooring under same, etc.

As I understand a sum of £190 is still withheld from Contractor, I recommend he be now paid £170 and the contract concluded; that any requisitions of the Court Authorities be subsequently considered; that a competent certificate of test of the boiler of heating system be obtained; that instructions be given for the better cleaning and keeping of the building.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. James C. Deakin seconded:—"That the recommendation of Mr. Rorke, County Surveyor, regarding the Athy Courthouse be approved."

The motion was carried, Mr. J. J. Bergin dissenting.

Payment was ordered to the Contractor of £140, which amount had been certified by the Architect, the balance of £50 to be paid when certified by the Architect.

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CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

The following report from the County Surveyor was read:—

I beg to report that I am about to certify final payment to Contractor, subject to his signing an undertaking to be responsible for the plastering which has been slow in setting owing (as he states) to the old walls being saturated with moisture for some years. I believe the plaster will eventually harden properly, and that it would be unduly harsh to Contractor to defer payment any longer."

The Council approved of the payment to the Contractor on the terms mentioned by the County Surveyor.

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PUBLIC BODIES ORDER, 1929.

A letter dated 7th September, 1929, No. 38111-1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health was read enclosing copy of Public Bodies' Order, 1929, and giving instructions with respect to same.

The Council directed that the terms of the Order be carried out.

(9733.)

COLLECTOR, CUNNINGHAM.

The Council having considered the Minutes of the Finance Committee from which it appeared that there were serious defalcations in his Collector's Accounts, and having considered letter dated 15th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health from which it appeared that the Minister of Local Government and Public Health was about to remove the Collector from Office, proceeded to consider the arrangements for the appointment of a new Collector.

The Council approved of the recommendations of the Finance Committee of 22nd November, 1929, and confirmed the appointment of Mr. John Downes to complete the current year's Collection. The draft form of advertisement was approved with the following addition with regard to Sureties:—"The County Council may require in addition the Bond of an Approved Guarantee Society in such amount as may be fixed by the Council."

The form of application for the position was also approved.

(9734.)

COUNTY ANALYST.

A letter dated 11th Samhain, 1929, was read from the Local Appointments Commission recommending Miss Philomena Ryan, 1, Dawson Street, Dublin, for the office of Public Analyst.

On the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Bergin, Miss Ryan was unanimously appointed.

(9735.)

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

A letter dated 6th November, 1929, was read from the Office of National Education, approving of the draft Scheme of Scholarship subject to certain amendments being adopted by the Council. The Council agreed to the alteration of the Title of the Scheme but disagreed with the other amendments suggested by the Education Office.

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BLESSINGTON AND POULAPHUCA TRAMWAY.

A letter dated 30th September, 1929, from

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Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, was read, recommending the Council to accept the offer of the Hammond Lane Foundry, Ltd., of £170 for the rails and sleepers of the above Tramway.

It was proposed by Mr. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Coonan and resolved:—"That the Council accept the offer of £170 from the Hammond Lane Foundry Company, Ltd., for the rails and sleepers of the Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway, situated in County Kildare."

(9737.)

TYPEWRITER.

The Secretary applied for new Typewriter for his office, as the one in use was almost worn out.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Conlan, the Council unanimously agreed to the purchase of a Royal Typewriter at a cost of £21 13s 4d.

(9738)

AGREEMENTS WITH URBAN COUNCILS.

The Council approved of the Agreements with the Athy and Naas Urban Councils for the cleaning of Main Roads in their respective areas, and affixed the Seal of the Council thereon.

(9739.)

RATHANGAN DRAINAGE.

A letter dated 5th September, 1929, P.49998-29, Ilgh, (B.C.T.) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, declining to sanction Overdraft on Rathangan Drainage Account, and stating that the Minister does not consider the provision proposed to be made to reduce the Overdraft adequate.

"That the present financial position of the district was mainly due to the failure of the Council to collect the rate, and that the Minister will reconsider the matter when the Council have had an opportunity of collecting the arrears."

The Council directed that Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, be instructed to take legal proceedings against all persons liable who have not paid their Drainage Rate by 1st January next, and that a notice to this effect be published in the local papers.

(9740.)

MISS MITCHELL'S SALARY.

Miss Mitchell, Clerk in the County Sur-

vveyor's Office, applied for an increase in her salary of £156 per annum.

Mr. Cocran proposed and Mr. Colohan seconded:—"That Miss Mitchell's salary be increased to £180 per annum."

On a poll being taken the motion was carried by 10 votes to 9.

There voted for the motion—Messrs. Phelan, J. C. Bergin, Minch, Cronan, Fitzgerald, Dunne, Doyle, Smyth, Colohan, and Nevin—10.

Against—Messrs. Cogau, Gannon, Henderson, Conlan, Barton, Buckley, T. Harris, J. Harris, and J. J. Bergin.

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HOUSING GRANTS.

Mr. Patrick Byrne, Brockagh, Robertstown, applied for a grant under the Housing Act, 1925.

The Council decided, subject to the approval of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to substitute Mr. Byrne's name for that of Mr. Richard Butler, Timahoe, who was allotted a Grant under the Act, but whose Certificate of approval was cancelled.

(9742.)

CELBRIDGE WORKHOUSE.

A letter dated 2nd November, 1929, was read from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that the decree in favour of the Council against Celbridge No. 2 District Council was reversed on Appeal, and enclosing a copy of letter from Mr. Roe, B.L., stating that the Judges held that the premises were vested in the Executive Council and that the Decree should not have been made without the Executive Council or Minister joined as Plaintiffs.

It was ordered that a copy of the letter be sent to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

(9743.)

NEWBRIDGE BRIDGE.

A letter dated 8th October, 1929, was read from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that the Landlord of the Forge at Newbridge Bridge, required £60 for his interest in the Forge. The Council considered the amount excessive and requested Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to make arrangements for the compulsory acquisition of the Forge under the Local Government Act, 1925, or otherwise.

A resolution from Droichead Nua Town Commissioners calling attention to the dangerous state of the bridge was read.

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It was decided to call the attention of the Roads Department to the matter and to request them to make a special grant of £2,500 or its reconstruction.

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MR. J. J. COSGROVE, V.S.

Mr. Cosgrove, V.S., applied for seven days' leave of absence in the month of December, Mr. Holland, V.S., to do duty for him in his absence. The application was granted.

(9745.)

DUTIES OF MR. COSGROVE, V.S.

A letter dated 28th August, 1929, was read from Mr. Cosgrove, V.S., with reference to remarks made concerning his salary and duties in connection with Ballymann Dipping Station.

He set out a detailed account of his work with the results achieved and protested against what he considered unfair criticism at recent meetings of the County Council.

The Council were satisfied that Mr. Cosgrove always carried out his duties in a proper manner.

(9746.)

COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture stating that Rev. Fr. Norris, P.P., Naas, and Mr. J. J. Robinson, Carbury, had become disqualified from membership of the Committee owing to non-attendance, and recommending their re-appointment.

A letter was read from Fr. Norris declining to accept office.

Mr. Robinson was re-appointed and Mr. More O'Ferrall, Balyna, was appointed in place of Father Norris.

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CARLOW MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Rev. Father Hill, P.P., Castledermot, was appointed a Member of the Carlow Mental Hospital Committee in place of the late Fr. Dooley.

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HACKLOW CORNER.

The County Surveyor reported that the Council had not yet got possession of the land at Hacklow Corner. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to know how the matter stands.

(9749.)

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES

On the suggestion of the Edenderry No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee Rev. T. Burbage, C.C., Broadford; Capt C. C. Palmer, Rahan, Edenderry, and Mr. J. J. Fitzsimons, Loughnacush, Carbury, were appointed members of the Sub-Committee in place of Messrs. Liam de Burca, L. P. Dempsey, and Michael Kelly who were disqualified for non-attendance.

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PETROL PUMP.

An application dated 3rd September, 1929, from Mr. P. J. Dowling, for permission to erect a second petrol pump outside his premises, Cross Roads, Kilcullen, was granted subject to the approval of the Co. Surveyor.

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MRS. O'CONNELL.

An application dated 29th October, 1929, from Mrs. O'Connell, for permission to cement the ground in front of her premises at Kilcullen, was granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9752.)

PETROL PUMP AND TANK.

An application dated 23rd September, 1929, from Mr. Michael F. Gogarty for permission to erect a Petrol Pump and 1,000 Gallon Tank at his premises, 21 South Main Street, Naas, was granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

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ERECTION OF SIGN.

An application dated 24th October, 1929, from Mr. Joseph McDonald, for permission to erect a Sign outside his premises in Main Street, Naas, was granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9754.)

COWPARK AT CASTLESIZE.

Mr. Coonan suggested that the Council appoint Trustees for a Cowpark at Castlesize, comprising 28 Statute acres of which he stated the Land Commission had offered for the purpose. Messrs. E. A. Coonan, George Manzor, and Chr. McEvoy, Castlesize, were appointed to act as Trustees.

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OVERSEER WHITTAKER.

An application date 11th November, 1929, from Overseer William Whittaker for an increase in his wages, was considered and the Council directed that his wages be increased to 8s per day.

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NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

An application from the Hon. Secretary, C.Y.M.S., Monasterevan, enclosing Form C. completed, and requesting to have the New Hall, Catholic Young Men's Society, Monasterevan, included in the New Buildings List was received and the Council directed that the premises be included in the New Buildings List as requested, and made the allowance in rates accordingly.

(9756.)

CELBRIDGE WORKHOUSE.

An application dated 29th October, 1929, was received from Mr. Patrick Cummins, Jr., 18 Long Lane, Celbridge, requesting permission to use a room in Celbridge Workhouse premises on two nights in the week for the purpose of holding a dance class.

The application was refused.

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TICKNEVIN BRIDGE.

A letter dated 13th September, 1929, from the Secretary, Grand Canal Company, regarding portion of Canal bank between Ticknevin Bridge and Ticknevin Lock, was received in which it was stated that the Company could not see their way to allow the Council to repair the portion of the Canal bank referred to, was read and noted.

(9758.)

IRRECOVERABLE ARREAR LISTS.

The Secretary submitted Irrecoverable Arrear Lists of Collector Joseph A. O'Connor, and the Council adjourned consideration to a future meeting, the Secretary to get list from the Home Help Officer for the district showing people on home help.

(9759.)

FIDELITY BONDS.

A letter dated 4th November, 1929, from the Local Government (Roads) Department, MT., 209-13, relative to expenses under the Roads Act, 1920, and stating that in view of the increased collection of Motor duties that the bonds of Miss Langan and Mr. Quinn should be increased to £1,000 each, and £500 in the case of Mr. Coffey. The Secretary submitted quotations from the Hibernian Insurance Company, Ltd.,

for these insurances and they were accepted, subject to the sanction of the Roads Department.

(9760.)

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

A List of Claims for Malicious Injuries received since the last Quarterly Meeting was submitted showing claims to the amount of £180 0s. 0d. The claims were sent to the Council's Solicitor to defend.

(9761.)

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

Applications from Messrs. James White, Main St., Naas; C. Ua Buachalla, Killocock, and The Monasterevan General Store Company, Ltd., Monasterevan, for renewal of licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were submitted and approved.

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter dated 23rd October, 1929, from the Secretary, County Board of Health, Naas, enclosing half-yearly Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Board, was read.

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SHEEP DIPPING.

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

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COUNTY LIBRARY.

The Minutes of the County Library Committee were submitted and approved.

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RETURN OF RATE.

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

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REPORT COUNTY M.O.H.

The Annual Report of the County Medical Officer of Health was submitted and approved.

(9767.)

List of Dates for Checking Rate Collectors' Account as recommended by Finance Committee at Meeting on 27th September, was amended and approved as follows:—

DATES APPOINTED FOR CHECKING OF RATE COLLECTORS ACCOUNTS.

| COLLECTION DISTRICT No. | NAME OF COLLECTOR | HALF-YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1930. | | | | | | Day of the Week. | Place appointed for Checking Accounts. |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
| | | 1929 OCTOBER | 1929 NOVEMBER | 1929 DECEMBER | 1930 JANUARY | 1930 FEBRUARY | 1930 MARCH | | |
| 1 | JOSEPH DOWLING | 3rd, 17th & 31st | 14th & 28th | 12th & 30th (Monday) | 9th & 23rd | 6th and 20th | 6th and 20th | THURSDAY | COUNTY HOME, ATHY. |
| 2 | JOSEPH A. O'CONNOR | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. |
| 3 | ROBERT GANNON | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. |
| 4 | PATRICK BELL | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do |
| 5 | MICHAEL STAPLETON | 2nd 16th & 30th | 13th and 27th | 11th & 24th (Tuesday) | 8th and 22nd | 5th and 19th | 5th and 19th | WEDNESDAY... | KILCOCK |
| 6 | FRANCIS J. FIELD | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do. |
| 7 | JAMES O'CONNOR | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do |
| 8 | HENRY KEARNS | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do |
| 9 | SIMON MALONE | 14th and 28th | 11th & 25th | 9th and 23rd | 6th and 20th | 3rd & 17th | 3rd, 18th & 31st (Tuesday) | MONDAY | Co. COUNCIL OFFICES, COURTHOUSE, NAAS |
| 10 | THOMAS SAMMON | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do. |
| 11 | MICHAEL SHINKINS | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do. |
| 12 | P. J. DUNNE | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do. |
| 13 | PATRICK DOWNEY | " " | " " | " " | 13th and 27th | 10th and 24th | 10th and 24th | Do. | Do. Do |
| 14 | JOHN DOWNES | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do. |
| 15 | JOHN CONFREY | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do |
| 16 | JOSEPH HEADON | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | " " | Do. | Do. Do. |

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RE ADMIXTURE OF HOME GROWN
GRAIN WITH MAIZE.

A letter dated 2nd November, 1929, from the Wicklow County Council transmitting copy of Resolution relative to the admixture of Home Grown Grain with Maize, was read and approved, and it was proposed by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Harris, and resolved:—"That we wish to draw the most serious attention of the Government to the financial plight of 80 per cent of the farmers of this county. While the remedy in the case of prices for live stock is difficult to suggest we can see no harm in giving a trial to the scheme calling for an admixture of home grown grain with maize. We know it will provide a certain market for surplus Irish grain at nobody's expense but that of the Argentine farmer, and we call on the T.D.'s of all parties in this County to support the measure by all and every means in their power and vote for it when it comes before An Dail. Also we direct that copies of this Resolution be sent to each T.D. in the County."

(9769.)

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

A letter dated 25th November, 1929, was read from the County Librarian, Droichead Nua, stating that the County Library Committee had agreed to the recommendation of the Library Finance Committee increasing the salary of Mr. G. Wilmot, Assistant Librarian, by ten shillings per week, subject to the sanction of the County Council and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The County Council approved of the increase to Mr. Wilmot.

(9770.)

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC
LINE.

An application dated 26th November, 1929, from the Engineer-in-Chief, Dublin Castle (Department of Posts and Telegraphs) for permission to erect overground telegraphic line along old road from Railway Bridge to a point about 300 yards North, Kildare, was considered and approved, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9771.)

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICIAL.

| Cons. No. | Reg. No. | SUBJECT. |
|-----------|----------|---|
| 1 | 16463 | A letter dated 27th August, 1929, from Valuation Department requiring to be furnished with the Valuation Lists, was read. |
| 2 | 16464 | A letter dated 27th August, 1929, from Office of Public Works relative to Signpost at Droichead Nua Military Barracks, was read. |
| 3 | 16528 | A letter dated 4th September 1929, T. 1529-29, from Department of Agriculture relative to a heifer the property of Mr. James O'Connor, Colnuff, Moyvalley, was read. |
| 4 | 16529 | A letter dated 4th September, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing a Payable Order for £7,890 5s 0d in respect of instalment of Agricultural Grant for year ending 31st March, 1930, was read. |
| 5 | 16563 | A letter dated 9adh Mfoghchair, 1929, from Valuation Department acknowledging receipt of List of Tenements requiring revision, was read. |
| 6 | 16589 | A letter dated 12th September, 1929, MT/209/13 from Local Government (Roads) Department advising payment of £813 11s 11d recoupment of expenses under the Roads Act, 1920, was read. |
| 7 | 16473 | A letter dated 27th August, 1929, A/cs. 61078/29, from Department of Local Government and Public Health acknowledging the receipt of Paying Order for £95 6s 3d and £126 12s 0d, being amounts payable by the Kildare County Council in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act and the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act respectively, was read. |
| 8 | 16613 | A circular letter dated 13th September, 1929, Ilghneitheach (S & R), 65007/1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing Form for completion relative to Statistical Information, was read. |
| 9 | 16617 | A memorandum dated August, 1929, from Department of Industry and Commerce relative to Housing Statistics, was read. |

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| Cons. No. | Reg. No. | SUBJECT. |
|-----------|----------|---|
| 10 | 16644 | A letter dated 18th September, 1929, from Office of National Education relative to Scholarship in Secondary and Vocational Schools awarded in 1929, was read. |
| 11 | 16669 | A letter dated 25th September, 1929, from Department of Education giving list of students whose Scholarships the Department sanctions for renewal for the School Year 1929-30, as read. |
| 12 | 16703 | A letter dated 30th September, 1929, A.S. 67270/29, Ilgh., B.C.T., from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on Audit of the Accounts of the Rathangan Drainage District Committee for the five half-years ended the 31st March, 1929, was read. |
| 13 | 16725 | Sealed Order dated 5th July, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health entitled "The Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Regulations, 1929," was read. |
| 14 | 16729 | A letter dated 3rd October, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 60921/Fb. Ilghneitheach (Gen.), relative to General Cattle Diseases Fund, was read. |
| 15 | 16743 | A letter dated 4th October, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 69438/1929, Cill Dara, Fa., relative to general condition of Rate Collection, was read. |
| 16 | 16796 | A letter dated 11th October, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health transmitting Forms for completion relative to rents paid by wage earning classes, was read. |
| 17 | 16797 | A letter dated 11th October, 1929, G. 61362/1929, Cill Dara, from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning increase of salary to Mr. P. O'Carroll, Clerk in Accountant's Office, was read. |
| 18 | 16801 | A letter dated 11th October, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health F. 58837/1929, Ilgh. (c), relative to Postage Account in connection with Electoral and Juries Acts, was read. |
| 19 | 16918 | A letter dated 31st October, 1929, H. 76398/1929 (HBF), Cill Dara, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to a Grant in respect of a house erected by Mrs. C. P. Hunter, was read. |
| 20 | 16919 | A letter dated 31st October, 1929, from Department of Education stating that as Mr. Thomas Gibson has now been awarded a Scholarship for two years on his marks at the Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1929, and consequently he has decided to relinquish the Scholarship held by him from the Kildare County Council, was read. |
| 21 | 16966 | A letter dated 6th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 79685/1929, Cill Dara, Fa., enclosing copy of letter addressed by the Department to Collector Cunningham, was read. |
| 22 | 16987 | A letter dated 7th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health F. 80205/1929, Ilgh. (c) enclosing copy of a circular addressed by the Department to Registration Officers in connection with the preparation of the forthcoming Register of Electors, was read. |
| 23 | 16988 | A letter dated 7th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 79401/1929, Cill Dara, Fa., relative to Poor Rate Collection in the County, was read. |
| 24 | 17001 | A letter dated 9th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Collector Cunningham, was read. |
| 25 | 16987 | A letter dated 7th November, 1929, F. 80205/1929, Ilgh. (c) from Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with forthcoming Register of Electors, was read. |
| 26 | 17008 | A requisition dated 11th November, 1929, from M. J. Barry Brown, Registration Officer, relative to preparation of the Electors Lists for the Register, was read. |
| 27 | 16525 | A letter dated 2nd September, 1929, from Dail Eireann enclosing Statement and Claim addressed to the Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, Premier of England, by the Ceann Comhairle, was read. |
| 28 | 16815 | A letter dated 14th October, 1929, from Mr. Michael Smyth, V.S., Mullingar, stating that he visited Johnstown Fair on the 14th October, 1929, and found no trace of contagious or infectious disease among the animals exposed for sale, was read. |
| 29 | 16863 | A letter dated 17th October, 1929, from Offaly County Council transmitting Resolution relative to Home Grown Grain, was read. |
| 30 | 16939 | A letter dated 31st October, 1929, from Gaelic League, Dublin, relative to Irish in schools, was read. |
| 31 | 16973 | A letter dated 6th November, 1929, from Dublin County Council transmitting copy of resolution re De-rating, was read. |

Adjourned.

M. Ferguson
24/11/29

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE D RA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 6th December, 1929.

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

(9531)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1435- 8- 8 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account. Payment of Poundage Fees at 8d in the £ to the following Rate Collectors was ordered:- Messrs Dowling, Gannon, Kearns, Confrey, Joseph O'Connor and James O'Connor.

(9532)
MOTOR REGISTRATION.

The Secretary reported certain irregularities under the Registration and Licensing Regulations, 1921 on the part of Mr. J.P. Egan, Derinturn, Carbury and Mr. Frederick Shirley, Elone House, Fontstown, Athy, and after consideration the Secretary was directed to report the facts to the Garda Síochána for enquiry and report.

(9533)
COLLECTOR MALONE.

A letter dated 4th December, 1929 was received from Collector Malone enclosing letter in the following terms addressed to him by Mr. P.J. Kelly, Kiltaghan, Rathangan relative to payment of rates:-

"I am getting an offer for grass. If I had a guarantee cattle would not be seized on me. I have no money. I expect grass would bring £20. I will give it to you for rates".

After consideration the Committee directed that the matter was one for arrangement between Mr. Malone and Mr. Kelly.

M Fitzsimons
7/2/30

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the
20th December, 1929.

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

(9534)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County
Surveyor amounting to £1131- 7- 10 were approved and
payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9535)
KILDARE COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Edward McCormack, Kildare applied on behalf of the Ladies
Committee for the use of Kildare Courthouse on the 3rd
January, 1930 for the purpose of holding a Childrens Enter-
-tainment. The Committee granted the required permission
on payment of the usual fee to the Caretaker.

(9536)
CHECKING COLLECTORS ACCOUNTS.

An application dated 11th December, 1929 was received from
Collectors Stapleton, Kearns, Field & James O'Connor to have
the Checking of their Books which was fixed for the 24th
instant (Christmas Eve) altered to another date.
The Committee could not see their way to alter the date already
fixed.

A. Fitzsimons
7/2/30

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 3rd
January, 1930.

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

(9537)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County
Surveyor amounting to £1193- 5- 0 were approved and payment
ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9538).
RATE COLLECTION.

Collector Downes submitted List of persons who stated that they
had paid Collector Cunningham rates in respect of 1st Moiety
and for which Cunningham had failed to account.

M. Fitzsimons
7/2/30

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 17th
January, 1930.

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

(9539)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County
Surveyor amounting to £998- 19- 2 were approved and payment
ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9540)
RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 15th January, 1930, G. 634/1930, Cill Dara, from
the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read
relative to the rate of Rate Collection in the County, and the
Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the letter in question
to each Rate Collector.

M. Fitzsimons
7/2/30

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Road Works Meeting of the County Council held on the 24th January, 1930.

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

A letter dated 21st January, 1930, from Mr. R. More O'Ferrall stating that he was ill and unable to attend the meeting, was read.

(9771.)

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 the amount for Contingencies for County Roads, which the Council increased by £100, making the amount £250.

(9772.)

ROAD NEAR HORTLAND.

The Council proceeded to consider Notice of Motion from Mr. Phelan in the following terms:—"I hereby propose that the County Council take over and maintain the road from county road at Tiermoghán to end of road at Mrs. Farrell's land at Hortland recently made by the Irish Land Commission;" also petition from residents in Hortland relative to the same matter.

After consideration the Secretary was directed to bring the matter before the Local Government (Roads) Department and request sanction to having the road in question repaired by the County Council.

(9773.)

ROAD NEAR DANFORD LODGE.

A letter dated 4th January, 1930, from Messrs. Thornes and Company, Dublin, requesting to have the road Danford Lodge to Grangewilliam repaired, was read, and no order made thereon.

(9774.)

SAND PIT AT POLLARDSTOWN.

A letter dated 10th January, 1930, from Mr. J. G. Fitzgerald, solicitor, 16, Dawson Street, Dublin, also Report from Assistant

Surveyor relative to sand pit at Pollardstown, the property of Mr. Thomas Burns, Lumville, Curragh, was read, and Messrs. Smyth, Gannon, Colohan, Doyle and the County Surveyor were appointed a Committee to meet Mr. Burns to try and arrange the matters in dispute.

(9775.)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

A letter dated 18th December, 1930, from Office of National Education, requesting to know why the County Council could not see their way to adopt the amendments Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 suggested in the official letter from the Department of Education dated 6th November, 1929.

The Secretary was directed to forward to the Department a copy of the following resolution which was passed on the motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Doyle:—"That as the County Council know the conditions of the County and are in a position to know the people who are eligible for Scholarships we adhere to the Scheme submitted to the Education Office, and decline to adopt the amendments suggested by that Department."

(9776.)

SCHOLARSHIPS—MESSRS. B. AND E. O'SHEA.

An application dated 21st December, 1929, also letter dated 9th January, 1930, from Mr. F. O'Shea, Killarney, requesting to have the Scholarships of Messrs. Bernard and Eric O'Shea renewed, was read.

The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. O'Shea that they could not see their way to renew the Scholarships in question.

(9777.)

BLACKWATER DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The Secretary, Blackwater Drainage Committee, submitted an estimate of maintenance and other charges for the year ending 31st March, 1931.

The Council approved of the estimate and decided to raise £257 on the District on the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. J. Harris.

(9778.)

**RATE COLLECTOR—BLACKWATER
DARINAGE DISTRICT.**

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Harris, seconded by Mr. J. Harris, the Council appointed Mr. Michael Stapleton, Kilcock, to collect that portion of the Blackwater Drainage Rate situated in County Kildare; poundage fees to be paid to Mr. Stapleton at the rate of 8d in the £. Messrs. Patrick Field and William O'Haire were approved as Sureties in a Bond of £200.

The Secretary was directed to apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the appointment.

(9779.)

COLLECTOR BELL.

A letter dated 15th January, 1930, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, G. 634/1930, Cill Dara, relative to Rate Collection in the County, was read, in which it was stated that as Collector Bell had so far failed to lodge the first moiety of his warrant, the Council should consider the advisability of terminating his services forthwith.

Mr. Bell, who was present at the meeting, explained to the Council that the backward state of his collection was mainly due to the amount of court cases (exceeding £350) where the rate could not be collected, also (unlike other Collectors) there are no railways or canals in his area on which the rates can be collected early, and that he has to depend altogether on the farming and labouring community from which it is impossible to collect early.

The Council urged on Mr. Bell the necessity of speeding up his collection and adjourned further consideration of the Department's letter to the Quarterly Meeting on 24th proximo.

(9780.)

FLOODING AT NAAS.

A letter dated 9th January, 1930, from Town Clerk, Naas, enclosing correspondence from residents in Poplar Square, Naas, relative to flooding of their premises, was read, and the Council adjourned consideration of the matter to Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 24th instant.

(9781.)

NAAS COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary was directed to insert advertisement in local papers, also in "Irish

Times" for Tenders for Painting of Naas Courthouse. Tenders to be considered at meeting of Tenders Committee to be held on the 21st instant.

(9782.)

KILDARE COURTHOUSE.

Application from Mr. Fleming, Kildare, on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for use of Kildare Courthouse on one occasion each week was granted.

(9783.)

MAIN STREET, ATHY.

Mr. Minch stated that the Main Street, Athy, was in a very bad condition and the County Surveyor stated that the County Council were not liable as the Athy Urban District Council got £100 per annum for keeping the streets clean.

(9784.)

BEEF TRAFFIC.

The County Surveyor reported that the by-roads and county roads in the neighbourhood of Athy and Carlow were in a bad condition owing to the extraordinary traffic on account of Beef transport.

The Council decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (Roads Department) to make a Grant for the improvement of these roads as they are unable to withstand the traffic of heavily laden lorries, etc.

(9785.)

CRIMINAL INJURY CLAIM.

The Council on consideration of a letter dated 31st December, 1929, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, County Solicitor, passed the following resolution:—"Proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—That we the County Council of the County of Kildare, do hereby consent to the award of the Circuit Court Judge made at Maryborough on the 13th day of December, 1929, awarding Patrick Lacey, of Ballintubber, Queen's County, the sum of £8 compensation for criminal whereof 1s thereof is to be levied off the County of Kildare and £7 19s thereof, together with costs and 5s expenses, is to be levied off the Electoral Division of Ballyadams, County of Queen's."

(9786.)

AGRICULTURAL ANALYST.

The Seal of the Council was affixed to Form

of Appointment of Miss Philmena Ryan as Agricultural Analyst under Fertilizers and Feering Stuffs Acts.

(9787.)

NEWBRIDGE COURTHOUSE.

Application dated 8th January, 1930, from Miss O'Gorman, Technical School, Naas, for permission to use Newbridge Courthouse for Domestic Economy Classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in each week from 14th January, 1930, until Easter, was read, and the necessary permission granted.

(9788.)

ILLNESS OF OFFICIAL.

A letter dated 21st January, 1930, was read from the County Surveyor enclosing certificate from Dr. O'Neill, Athy, dated 6th January 1930, stating that Mr. H. Hurley, Assistant Surveyor, was ill, and would be unable for duty for at least two months.

(9789.)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE.

A letter dated 14th January, 1930, from Chief Superintendent O'Neill, Naas, requiring permission to purchase certain items for use in Office of Ex-Officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, Athy. The Council granted the required permission.

(9790.)

WATER SUPPLY PIPE.

A letter dated 23rd January, 1930, from Mr. A. K. Sargent, Engineer, Kill, requesting permission on behalf of Mr. Maurice

Anthony, Kilbride House, Newtown, to take a 1½ inch water supply pipe from the spring situated on roadside near top of Ovidstown Hill.

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

(9791.)

CORONER.

A letter dated 6th December, 1929, was received from Dr. Rowan, Hon. Secretary County Medical Association, Kildare, complaining of the action of the Coroner in bringing with him to inquests his son, Dr. O'Neill.

A letter dated 20th January, 1930, from Dr. O'Neill, Coroner, in connection with the matter, was read, and after consideration the Council decided that no action on their part was necessary.

(9792.)

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

The members of the Finance Committee were appointed a Tenders Committee to meet on a date to be fixed by the Chairman to consider Tenders for roads, also for printing, etc.

(9793.)

GRAVEL PITS.

The Secretary was directed to bring under the notice of the County Councils General Council the anomaly of Councils having to pay for gravel per load as well.

The General Councils to be asked to raise the matter with the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view of having the law altered.

Adjourned.

W. Higgins
24/1/30

COMHAIRLE GONNDÁE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 31st January, 1930.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. J. Dunne, and Wm. Doyle.

(9541.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1,050 8s 2d were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

Payment of £30 was ordered to be paid to Mr. Eugene Hetheron, contractor, being final instalment of amount due in connection with Athy Courthouse.

(9542.)

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

An application dated 31st January, 1930, from Guard Conneff, Naas, for permission to purchase some small items in connection with his duties as Food and Drugs Inspector, was considered, and the necessary permission granted, the cost not to exceed £2.

(9543.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 28th January, 1930, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, solicitor, stating that Mr. Price, D.J., had been making enquiries from him as to when the Athy Courthouse would be ready for occupation, was read, and the County Surveyor, who was present, stated

that the Courthouse was now completed and that the Court could be held in it at any time.

The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Osborne that the Courthouse was now ready for occupation, and at the same time to instruct the Caretaker to have the premises thoroughly cleaned and the heating apparatus tested so as to have all in order for the holding of the Court.

(9544.)

EXPENDITURE ON ROADS.

A letter dated 31st January, 1930, from the County Surveyor as follows was read:—
“Arising out of the discussion at Road Works Meeting on the question of Beet Traffic it would be necessary to over-expend slightly the amounts provided for County and Link Roads in this year's estimate in addition to the provision mentioned in my letter of the 22nd November last. The over-expenditure in question, for the present financial year, need not, I think, exceed the balances which will be in hands from Main Roads expenditure, or say, £250. Authority might be applied for to the Roads Department and Finance Committee and, of course, a proportionate reduction will be made in the application for grant in aid of upkeep.”

On consideration of the matter, the Committee approved of the suggestion of the County Surveyor, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads Department).

Adjourned.

h. Fitzsimons
2.5/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 7th February, 1930.

Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs W. Doyle, E. A. Connan, T. Harris, P. J. Dunne, J. Cregan and F. B. Barbon.

(9545)
MINUTES.

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

(9546)
PAYMENTS.

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

Payments 1 to 74 in the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved and it was ordered that payments be made in respect of salaries and Pensions falling due monthly up to 1st May, 1930, by Special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other Payments, as per the Chairman's copy, were approved.

(9547)
COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1929 were submitted, examined and found to be written up to date.

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

(9548)
OVERDRAFT.

The Committee directed the Secretary to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to Overdraft not exceeding £20,000.

(9549)
ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure required for the coming year. The Committee approved of the Estimate.

(9550)
CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

The County Surveyors fees for reconstruction of Castledermot Courthouse amounted to £73 (which were approved by the Local Government Department by letter dated 27th January, 1930. S. 1698/30. Cill Dara. (Pg)) were ~~zzzzzz~~ recommended for payment.

(9551)
ATHY COURTHOUSE.

An application from District Court Clerk, Athy for furniture for Justices Room & Clerk's Office was recommended at a cost not exceeding £50.

(9552)
DEMAND NOTES.

A letter dated 5th February, 1930 was received from Mr. Richard Foley, 5, Trinity Street, Dublin offering to typewrite the Demand Notes at £3 per thousand ratings. The Committee did not approve of the system and did not accept the quotation.

(9553)
PRINTING.

It was decided to invite Tenders for Printing to be considered at meeting on the 21st instant.

ADJOURNED.

M. Fitzsimons
2/5/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 14th February, 1930.

Present:-Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs Patrick J. Dunne and William Doyle.

(9554)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £789- 18- 1 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9555)
COAL FOR COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary was directed to invite Tenders from local Traders for the supply of 10 tons best double screened Wigan coal delivered at the coal stores, Courthouse, Naas.

(9556)
SALARY OF MR. COSGROVE. V.S.

The Secretary was directed to apply to the Department of Agriculture for sanction to payment of salary on present basis (Already sanctioned by the Department) to Mr. Cosgrove, M.R.C.V.S. for duties under Bovine Tuberculosis Act.

*Mr. Fitzsimons
2/2/30*

Adjourned.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 21st February, 1930.

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

(9557)

PAINTING NAAS COURTHOUSE.

Tenders for the painting of Naas Courthouse and Offices therein were received from Messrs Denis R. Sheridan, Naas and Eric Sargent, Trim. The Tender of Mr. Sheridan being the lowest at £644 was provisionally accepted by the Committee.

(9558)

PRINTING CONTRACT.

The Committee proceeded to consider Tenders for Printing which were received from the following:- Messrs Leinster Leader, Ltd, Naas, and Mr. John Falconer, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin. The Tender of the Leinster Leader, Ltd being the lowest was provisionally accepted.

(9559)

COAL SUPPLY.

Tenders for the supply of 10 tons best double screened Wigan coal, delivered at the Courthouse, Naas were received from Messrs John Hederman, Naas and Messrs Wallace Bros. Naas. The Tender of Mr. Hederman was provisionally accepted at £1- 17- 0 per ton.

Adjourned.

*Mr Fitzsimons
2/5/30*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

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Minutes of Quarterly Finance Meeting of County Council, held on the
24th February, 1930.

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Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman) presiding; Messrs. James Foley, George W. Henderson, Hugh Cogan, Sidney B. Minch, John J. Bergin, Patrick Phelan, Augustus Nevin, James Harris, Michael Behan, William Doyle, Roderick More O'Ferrall, James Cregan, James Coffey, William Fitzgerald, Edward Cleary, James Bergin, Patrick J. Dunne, Michael Smyth, Hugh Colohan, T.D.; James Byrne, John Conlan, Robert Gannon, Frederick B. Barton, Cornelius Buckley, William Ronaldson, Edward A. Coonan, Thomas Harris.

(9794.)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Colohan, and resolved:—"That Minutes of meeting of County Council held on the 25th November, 1929, also Minutes of Road Works meeting held on the 24th January, 1930, copy of which had been sent to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed and signed."

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Colohan, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meetings of Finance Committee held on the 22nd November, 6th and 20th December, 1929; 3rd, 17th and 31st January, 7th and 14th February, 1930, copy of which had been sent to each Member, be taken as read and confirmed."

(9795.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipt and Expenditure Books for Quarter ended 31st December, 1929, 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 £2,289 7s 6d. The manner in which this sum was dealt with is shown in the following table:—

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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.

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QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

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

(9798.)

PAYMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Proposed by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Doyle, 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."

(9799.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL BONDS.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, and resolved:—"That Messrs. Colohan, Nevin and Smyth be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following Document—Denis R. Sheridan, Bond for Painting Naas Courthouse, in the presence of the Council and during the progress of the Council Meeting."

(9800.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

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| To Pay | To Defer | To strike off | To be dealt with under Sec. 54. |
| £2,078 13s 0d | £106 4s 6d | £7 10s 0d | £97 0s 0d |

During the Quarter ended 31st December, 1929, in addition to £2,289 7s 6d recommended for payment as above the sum of £7,205 12s 2d was certified to the Finance Committee as follows:—Trunk Roads, £1,212 19s 0d; Link Roads, £2,761 16s 7d; County Roads, £2,750 1s 0d; Grants, £480 15s 1d.

I regret to say a considerable number of roads in contract are not in a satisfactory condition and it has been a difficult matter to deal with payments on this account. This applies particularly to any roads which have motor traffic of any extent. Contractors taking roads after an interval of years apparently under-estimated the increasing effect of the revolution in traffic which has taken place since pre-war days.

I have again to draw attention to the bad effect of the Beet traffic in the Southern end of the County, especially on County roads serving the farms. The position is that we have a modern high-class Factory set up in a rural area with everything necessary provided except modern roads; an unfortunate feature of the difficulty is that the industry occasions a sudden increase of intense traffic in winter at the very season of the year when the old fashioned country roads are least capable of sustaining it. Even some roads that have been steam-rolled with water-bound macadam and tarred are adversely affected. These had traffic so light in the summer-time that I expect the tar may have remained unset, or partially so, until the commencement of the heavy beet traffic which accordingly had an unduly bad effect. It is, of course, well-known that many road authorities no longer consider water-bound macadam suitable for the traffic they have to provide for, and what is to be feared in our case is that this stage has been reached on many roads of little interest to the outside public, and therefore, perhaps, unlikely to be State-aided by Road Fund Grants. Accordingly, I think, the matter is a serious one for the Council. Last year the Council provided a special vote of £3,000 of their own money to deal with this matter regarding the main roads from Athy to Carlow. The improvement nearly all consisted of heavy sheetings of water-bound macadam tarred as early as possible in the summer. In view of the opinion mentioned above regarding the inadequacy of water-bound macadam I am pleased to say it has gone through its first winter in a fairly satisfactory way. Such a vote as this has not been made to any other part of the county for a very long number of years, and in the Road Scheme for the coming year almost as much more has had to be allocated in increased upkeep expenditure for main roads in the same area. Again the annual Improvement Grants have to be administered at present with it principally in mind.

A source of great difficulty in the upkeep of roads and referred to in a previous report some years ago is the complete absence of side ditches prevailing over a very large road area around Athy on the most important roads. These were apparently allowed to be ploughed in many years ago with the result that not only do floods remain across the surface in several places but the foundations remain waterlogged which is a condition most deleterious to tar-painting. This is most remarkable in comparison to almost all other parts of the county.

There are in other areas, viz.: Thornton, Hempstown and Kill, clear-cut cases of extraordinary traffic arising from Tree Felling and the sale of gravel and sand, and I am giving separately particulars of these in case it may be necessary to take further proceedings.

As regards road improvement or, as it must be described, changing roads of the pre-war type to suit present-day traffic, as now so generally demanded by the public, we are not proceeding at anything like the rate of progress of a few years ago, and it is important to examine the reason why. We have altogether about 1,150 miles

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of public roads; of these 265 are main roads, but there are in addition at least 100 miles of "county roads" of great importance requiring to be put, and kept in, say, a steam-rolled condition. "Improvement" means at the minimum, continuous sheetings of new metal and steam-rolling costing £1 200 per mile. During a period of about 10 years which ended roughly 3 years ago we improved with the help of larger grants for improvement and also for relief of employment about 150 miles; at that time comparatively little had to be spent on Tarring which naturally increases with the mileage of newly improved roads which have to be maintained to the new standard, and now absorbs a very large proportion of our total money resources. As a matter of fact if we tarred the 150 miles referred to every year, as considered necessary by some authorities, the cost would equal the pre-war total maintenance cost of the 1,150 miles over the whole county. We do not spend as much as this, but I might set down £12,000 a year as being necessary to set aside for the purpose. When in addition to this we deduct the cost of ordinary maintenance (including about £9,000 for roads in contract) for the 1,150 miles, say, £29,000 at £25 per mile (equal to 1s 6d per perch) and £3,160 for repayment of old Loans from a total estimate of £44,500, there is practically nothing left for steam-rolling. However, I will assume that £2,000 is possible. In addition we got £7,490 as a Free Grant for Improvement last year. Thus I arrive at £10,000 (approx.) as the total annual amount for steam-rolling at present which at £1,200 a mile only deals with 8 miles. I have shown above that there are 365 miles to be considered in this connection, and even deducting the 150 miles already improved (principally Trunk Roads) it will be seen that it would take 27 years to complete one re-surfacing. But the Trunk Roads cannot be omitted as some of the most important of them were once only steam-rolled 15 to 18 years ago, and cannot be expected to last another 27 years! With roads as with other fabrics or materials subject to constant wear it is usual to estimate that complete renewal must be periodically provided. There appears to be a difficulty at present in stating the exact "life" of a road; in water-bound macadam it has been probably trebled by tarring. In some official statements I think 10 years has been mentioned, but this was for roads superior to water-bound and costing up to £4,000 per mile as compared with £1,200 above mentioned. However, even if we are sufficiently optimistic regarding future traffic and take the lower figure, to provide for renewal every 10 years it is apparent that a proper working routine would require at least 36 miles to be steam-rolled every year; cost £43,200. Tar painting 365 miles every 3rd year—annual cost, say, £18,300. Ordinary maintenance after cessation of Loan repayments, say, £25,000. Total £86,500 per annum as against £50,229 total provision last year. It would be interesting to hear if any of these figures can be fairly criticised and if not how the present break-down in improvement work is to be met.

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN RORKE, County Surveyor

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DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR.

The County Surveyor by letter dated 5th February, 1930, requested permission to serve ten days' notice on James Travers, Ballyvass, Castledermot, contractor for road P.I. No. 427, Moone Section, and the necessary permission was granted.

(9802.)

ILLNESS OF OFFICIAL.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor enclosing medical certificate from which

it appeared that Mr. Patrick Domican, Assistant Surveyor, was ill and would be unable for duty for one week.

(9803.)

PRINTING CONTRACT.

The Council approved of the Tender of the "Leinster Leader," Ltd., Naas (provisionally accepted by Tenders Committee), for County Printing for one year.

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(9804.)

NAAS COURTHOUSE.

The Council approved of Tender provisionally accepted by Tenders Committee of Mr. Denis R. Sheridan, Naas, for the Painting of Naas Courthouse and all Offices therein.

A letter dated 17th February, 1930, from the County Surveyor was read when it was ordered that all necessary repairs be carried out to Naas Courthouse at a cost of approximately £70, the work to be put in charge of the County Surveyor to be done otherwise than by contract.

(9805.)

ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 5th February, 1930, was read from the County Surveyor relative to furniture required for Athy Courthouse. The Council directed that the necessary furniture be purchased at a cost not exceeding £50. The County Surveyor was directed to have the heating apparatus put in order in the Courthouse.

(9806.)

PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER.

An application dated 3rd February, 1930, from the County Surveyor for permission to purchase a new Mignon Standard Typewriter, was received and the necessary permission granted.

(9807.)

HOUSING SCHEME.

It was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Ronaldson, and resolved:—"That a Rate of 1d. in the £ be raised for the purpose of Housing." The members of the Finance Committee were appointed a Committee to Draft a Housing Scheme.

(9808.)

WORKMEN'S HOURS.

It was proposed by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Cregan, and resolved:—"That the hours of work of the roadmen be reduced to 51 per week in order that work cease at 3 p.m. on Saturday evenings, and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

On being put to the meeting the motion was lost by 14 votes to 11.

There voted for the resolution:—Messrs. Foley, Cregan, Fitzgerald, Doyle, Smyth, Colohan, Nevin, Dunne, Buckley, J. Harris and T. Harris—11.

Against—Messrs. Phelan, Conlan, Minch, More O'Farrell, Gannon, Henderson, Barton, Cogan, J. C. Bergin, Coffey, Ronaldson, Behan, Cleary and J. J. Bergin—14.

The Chairman and Messrs. Byrne and Coonan did not vote.

(9809.)

EDGING OF ROADS.

Mr. Henderson, according to notice of motion, proposed:—"(1) That the edging of the sides of roads be set by contract. (2) That wheelbarrows be used in the spreading of materials on roads in County Surveyor's hands as far as possible."

The motion was not seconded and was withdrawn.

(9810.)

CHURCH HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Henderson proposed and Mr. Cleary seconded:—"That no men be paid for Church Holidays."

After discussion the proposal was withdrawn.

(9811.)

ROAD CONTRACTORS.

Mr. Henderson proposed:—"That contractors be employed to do road works as far as possible."

There was no seconder and the matter fell through.

(9812.)

SURVEYORS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Mr. Henderson proposed and Mr. Barton seconded:—"That because the County Council pays the road tax for the County Surveyor and his Deputies that these gentlemen be paid threepence per mile for travelling."

On a division the proposal was lost by 13 vote to 12.

There voted for:—Messrs. Gannon, Henderson, Barton, Ronaldson, Behan, Conlan, Cleary, Buckley, T. Harris, J. Harris, J. J. Bergin, and Cogan—12.

Against—Messrs. Coffey, Bergin, Minch, More O'Farrell, Cregan, Smyth, Doyle, Colohan, Nevin, Dunne, Eclely, Fitzgerald, and Byrne—13.

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

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(9813.)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Mr. Cregan proposed and Mr. Colohan seconded—"That the Scholarships awarded to the O'Shea boys be renewed."

On a division the proposal was carried by 16 votes to 9.

(9814.)

ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

The Council adjourned the consideration of the Annual Estimate of Rates as the Provisional Certificate of Valuation had not been received.

(9815.)

DRAINAGE ESTIMATES.

The Council adjourned to next Meeting the consideration of the Rate on the Drainage Districts of Ballycowan, Baltracey, Connell, Foranwell, Gorteen, Kildare and Rathangan.

(9816.)

BLACKWATER DRAINAGE.

On the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. James Harris, the Council decided to raise £128 2s 9d for maintenance and administration expenses and £128 14s 0d Charging Order to Commissioners of Public Works on the Blackwater Drainage District situated in County Kildare.

(9817.)

BOYNE DRAINAGE.

On the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. J. Harris, it was decided to raise a rate of £102 14s 0d on the Boyne Drainage District situated in County Kildare.

(9818.)

LERR DRAINAGE.

Collector O'Connor reported that he had not succeeded in collecting any of the amount due under the Charging Order on Lerr Drainage District (except 15s 6d from the Board of Health) owing to an organised protest against payment.

A member of the Council stated that the banks of the river (where the Commissioners of Public Works carried out works) had been undermined and have slipped in.

It was decided to request the Commissioners to send an Engineer to inspect the river with the County Surveyor and Mr. Fullam, Messrs. Summerville, Germain and Law to be informed of the date of inspection; the question of the Rate to be postponed until a reply was received from the Commissioners.

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NEWBRIDGE BRIDGE.

A letter dated 11th February, 1930, R.G. 13, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating that the Minister was prepared to recommend the making of grant from Road Fund of the total cost of the re-construction of the Liffey Bridge at Newbridge.

The Council directed that the work be advertised and appointed the members of the Finance Committee a Tenders Committee to deal with the matter.

On the motion of Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Byrne, the thanks of the Council were conveyed to Mr. Colohan, T.D., for his efforts in procuring the grant for the re-construction of the bridge.

(9820.)

FORGE AT LIFFEY BRIDGE.

A letter dated 20th February, 1930, was read from Messrs. Goff and Co., Newbridge, submitted on behalf of Messrs. Powell (landlord), Beck (lessee) and Behan (tenant), terms of purchase of their interest in Forge at Newbridge. Messrs. Powell, £50, free of all expenses; Beck, £50, and Behan, £10.

The Council referred the matter to Mr. Osborne to accept the terms if he could not procure any reduction in the respective amounts.

(9821.)

APPOINTMENT OF RATE

COLLECTOR.

The Council proceeded to elect a Collector for No. 14 Collection District comprising the Electoral Divisions of Bodenstown, Killashee, Naas Rural and Oughterard.

Applications were received for the position from Messrs. John Downes, Newtown Great, Naas; George E. Coonan, Rathcoffey, Clongoweswood; Joseph Kelly, Grange, Enfield; Nicholas Keegan, Castlemartin, Kileullen; John Traynor, Haynestown, Naas; Michael Murphy, Naas.

Messrs. Traynor and Murphy withdrew their applications.

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It was proposed by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Phelan, and unanimously resolved:—"That the Collector be required to enter into a Bond with an Approved Society for £1,500."

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. James Harris seconded that Mr. Kelly be appointed.

Mr. Conlan proposed and Mr. Barton seconded that Mr. Coonan be appointed.

Mr. Byrne proposed and Mr. Minch seconded that Mr. Downes be appointed.

A poll was taken with the following result:—

For Mr. Kelly—Messrs. James Harris, Buckley, Dunne, Phelan and Cleary—5.

For Mr. Coonan—Messrs. Gannon, Henderson, Coonan, Barton, Ronaldson, Coffey, Pehan, J. C. Bergin, Nevin, Conlan, More O'Ferrall, Fitzgerald, Smyth, Foley—14.

For Mr. Downes—Messrs. Thos. Harris, J. J. Bergin, Colohan, Minch, Cregan, Doyle, Byrne, Cogan—8.

Mr. Coonan having a clear majority was declared elected.

(9822.)

DE-RATING.

A letter dated 24th January 1930, was read from Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into De-rating, inquiring whether the Council wish to submit evidence relative to De-rating.

Mr. Conlan proposed and Mr. Phelan seconded, and it was unanimously resolved—"That the Council approves of the principle of De-rating and expect the Government to find the means."

(9823.)

FLOODING IN NAAS.

A letter dated 9th January, 1930, was read from Town Clerk, Naas, reporting that a flood occurred at Poplar Square on 21st December last and occasioned considerable loss to residents in neighbourhood. He also enclosed copy of letter from Mr. Lanphier, solicitor, on behalf of Mr. Lowe demanding compensation for goods damaged. Mr. Jos. Meade, Poplar Square, demanded £10 11s 6d for damage done to goods, and Mr. Daniel P. Sheehan £5 9s 2d.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Town Clerk and other parties concerned and deny all liability on behalf of the Council.

(9824.)

RENEWAL OF PENSION.

Mrs. Anne Kelly, Millbrook, Naas, applied for a renewal of her pension of £1 17s 0d per annum. The application was unanimously granted.

(9825.)

CELBRIDGE WORKHOUSE PREMISES.

A letter dated 6th December, 1929, P. 86085/1929, Ph. Cill-Dara, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Celbridge No. 2 District Council directing them to pay a reasonable rent for the Offices at Celbridge Workhouse, and suggesting that they come to an arrangement with the County Council.

A letter was read from Mr. Osborne stating that the amount of the costs of Messrs. Brown and McCann in the proceedings between the County Council and the District Council were £48 2s 6d, and stating that the Council might pay the amount. The Council ordered payment.

(9826.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 27th Eanáir, 1930, S. 1698/30, Cill-Dara (P.J.), was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning payment of fees at 7½ per cent. to County Surveyor for re-building of Castledermot Courthouse on the understanding that he settles with the Quantity Surveyor.

The Council ordered payment at the rate mentioned.

(9827.)

ROAD AT DROICHEAD NUA BARRACKS.

A letter dated 28th January, 1930, was read from Town Clerk, Droichead Nua, requesting that the road leading from Trunk Road, Crown Hotel, to Ryston, around portion of the Military Barracks, be vested in the County Council and that the Council maintain it.

The letter was referred to the County Surveyor.

(9828.)

HOUSING GRANT.

Application for Housing Grant under Housing Act, 1925, was received from Mr. John Nolan, Iron Hills, Suncrot, and a letter from Mr. Buckley, T.D., on same subject was considered.

The Council decided to make a grant of £45 under Housing Act, 1925, Mr. Nolan's name to be substituted for that of Mr. P. Holton (who did not avail of a grant allocated to him in the scheme under that Act) subject to the approval of Housing Department.

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RAILWAY BRIDGES.

A letter dated 16th January, 1930, from Manager, Great Southern Railways, complaining of some of the bridges over railways being over-stressed by modern traffic and suggesting that joint action should be taken to approach the Minister of Local Government for legislation dividing the cost of construction and upkeep of bridges suitable for modern traffic between the Railway Company and the Highway Authority.

The Council considered that no action was necessary at present.

(9830.)

OVER BRIDGES.

Correspondence was submitted from the County Surveyor and Railway Company and Department of Local Government with regard to the making of an agreement in respect of the maintenance of the approaches to railway over bridges.

The Council authorised the County Surveyor to negotiate an agreement for the purpose, to be submitted to the Council before being completed.

(9831.)

TREE NURSERY SCHEME.

The following resolution was received from the Committee of Agriculture:—"That the County Council be asked to contribute an increased sum out of the Forestry Fund in order to meet the deficit arising from past or present operations under the Tree Nursery Scheme."

It was decided to comply with the terms of the resolution.

(9832.)

COUNCILLOR MINCH.

The following resolution was received from Athy Urban Council:—"That this Council, representing the people of Athy, have full confidence in Mr. S. B. Minch, and approve of all his actions at the meetings of the County Council since his election."

On the motion of Mr. More O'Ferrall, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the resolution (in so far as it is applicable to the County Council) was adopted.

A letter from Town Clerk, Athy, with reference to the rates payable by Mr. Minch was read.

(9833.)

DR. ROWAN.

A letter dated 5th February, 1930, from Dr. Rowan in reply to letter from Coroner O'Neill at last meeting was read.

(9834.)

RATHANGAN RIVER.

A letter dated 18th December, 1929, from Messrs. O'Connor and Coonan, solicitors, was read, complaining on behalf of Messrs. Scully and Tully of their lands being flooded by the Rathangan river and requesting the immediate attention of the Council.

The County Surveyor explained that the river was not cleaned last year owing to the refusal of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to consent to the required overdraft. He had, however, been able to meet the wishes of Messrs. Scully and Tully by an expenditure of £20 which was arranged with the Treasurer.

(9835.)

SANITARY INSPECTOR STAFFORD.

Notices requiring abatement of nuisance in respect of a house at Downings and of a drain at Kilcock were received from Sanitary Inspector Stafford.

No action was taken by the Council.

(9836.)

SCHOLARSHIPS.

A letter dated 24th January, 1930, from Office of National Education was read in respect of pupils holding scholarships who are admitted to Preparatory Colleges or are appointed pupil teachers in secondary schools. Such pupils are declared to be entitled to be paid the amount of their County Council Scholarship.

(9837.)

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

A letter dated 11th December, 1929, was read from Department of Agriculture re cleansing of premises on which animals affected with Tuberculosis had been located.

The Secretary stated that he had conveyed the Department's instructions on the matter to the Veterinary Inspectors. The Council approved of the action of the Secretary.

(9838.)

CURRAGH SILEEP.

The following dates were fixed for the admission of sheep to the Curragh:—Friday, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March; and 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th April, 1930.

(9839.)

SHEEP DIPPING STATION.

Mr. Cosgrave, V.S., reported that the Dipping Pens at Ballymannny required gravel to prevent flooding.

The Council directed that gravel be supplied at a cost not exceeding £5.

(9840.)

MIXING GRAIN AND MAIZE.

Letters were read from Messrs. Wolfe and Buckley, T.D.'s, acknowledging resolution of County Council in favour of mixing Grain and Maize.

(9841.)

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

The Council renewed the licence under

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the Poisons and Pharmacy Act of Messrs. Wm. Thompson, Castledermot, Francis R. Jackson, Athy, and John Fury, Moyvalley.

(9842.)

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

Claims were submitted for Malicious Injuries from Mr. John Chambley for the burning of cottage, £100, and furniture destroyed, £20.

They were sent to Mr. Osborne to defend.

(9843.)

COLLECTOR BELL.

Letter dated 15th January, 1930, G634-1930, Cill Dara, was further considered. With reference to Collector Bell the Council were satisfied that he was doing his best to complete his collection and the Collector having stated that he would have his account closed as soon as any other Collector the Council decided that no action was necessary at the present stage.

(9844.)

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Analyst's Report, as follows, was read—

Report of the Public Analyst appointed for the County of Kildare upon Articles analysed by her during the Quarter ending the 31st December, 1929:—

New Milk—26/12/29, from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge, 3—Genuine.

Whiskey—26/12/29, from Guard McCarthy, Celbridge, 1—Genuine.

Drugs—9/12/29, from Clane and Timahoe, 3—Genuine.

Drugs—16/11/29, from Kildare, 3—Genuine.

Drugs—18/12/29, from Athy, 3—Genuine.

Drugs—21/12/29, from Kilecullen, 3—Genuine.

Water (Kilecullen)—14/12/29, from County Board of Health, 1—Passed.

Water (Leixlip)—14/12/29, from County Board of Health, 1—Passed.

Total number of samples analysed during the Quarter—Foods, 4; Drugs, 12; Waters, 2. Total, 18.

Number adulterated—Nil.

Date, 13/1/1930.

(9845.)

CELBRIDGE WORKHOUSE PREMISES.

A resolution from the County Board of Health requesting the Council to hand over the disused Workhouse Buildings at Celbridge for the purpose of having same adapted for the Housing of Labourers in Celbridge area, was read and approved, subject to the approval of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

PHILOMENA RYAN,
Public Analyst.

(9846.)

TELEGRAPH LINE.

An application from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the consent of the Council to erect overground telegraph line along Kilecullen road from Bailitore to a point near Russellstown House, Athy, was approved, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

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EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC.

A letter dated 20th February, 1930, was read from the County Surveyor enclosing a letter from Mr. T. J. Burchall, Clondalkin, stating that he was willing to take contract for the upkeep of road between Arthurston and Old Mill Bridge, on same terms as present contract. As the road is already in contract no order was made.

(9848.)

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The following resolution from County Library Committee was approved unanimously:—"That this Library Committee approve of the extension to the Urban District of Athy of the facilities offered by the Kildare County Library on the conditions that the total proceeds of the Library Rate struck by the Urban Council of Athy be paid over to the County Library Committee in accordance with the terms of the letter of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 5th February, 1930, and we agree that out of this special rate the proceeds of a halfpenny rate be earmarked for the purpose of paying the Local Librarian in Athy."

(9849.)

STEPHEN BYRNE, HALLAHOISE.

At the request of Collector Gannon, the Council authorised Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to appear before the Chancery Court in connection with rates due by Mr. Stephen Byrne, Hallahoise.

(9850.)

ROYAL SANITARY CONGRESS.

A letter was received from the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Congress, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the Congress to be held in June, at Margate.

The Council declined to appoint delegates.

(9851.)

DUNFIERTH CHURCH.

A letter dated 15th December, 1929, was read from Capt. Palmer, Rahan, complaining of the condition of the Church and Churchyard at Dunferth.

The Secretary stated that he had sent a copy of the letter to the Board of Health and had received a reply stating that the matter was being attended to by the Board.

(9852.)

PAYMENT FOR GRAVEL.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Conlan:—"That this Council being unsatisfied with the effect of the Local Government Act as regards the payment to landowners for road materials as well as compensation for surface damages, hereby draw the attention of the General Council of Co. Councils to the matter, with a view to obtaining either amendment to the section or else an interpretation of it more favourable to the ratepayers than that at present in vogue."

(9853.)

TENDERS FOR COAL.

Tenders for supply of 10 Tons of Coal to Naas Couthouse were received from Messrs. J. Hederman, Naas, and Wallace Brothers, Dublin, at 37s. per ton.

The tender of Mr. Hederman was unanimously accepted.

(9854.)

COAL OWNERS.

A resolution from Wicklow County Council protesting against recent agreement between Coal Owners in Great Britain and Coal Importers in Ireland was read.

(9855.)

FLOODING AT MONASTEREVAN.

A deputation from Monasterevan consisting of Messrs. G. Disney and G. Storey attended the meeting and complained of flooding in neighbourhood of Monasterevan owing to the failure of Messrs. Cassidy and Co. to clean certain rivers of which they claim water rights.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. Minch, Henderson, J. C. Bergin, Doyle, More O'Ferrall and Fitzgerald with the County Surveyor were appointed to inspect the place and report to the Council on the matter.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICIAL.

| Conf. No. | Reg. No. | SUBJECT. |
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| 1 | 17162 | A lettee dated 26th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health Stat. 8409/1928, Ighneitheach, relative to Statistical information, was read. |
| 2 | 17168 | A letter dated 27th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, P. 83,707/1929, Pb. Cill Dara, relative to letting of field at Celbridge Workhouse, was read. |
| 3 | 17167 | A letter dated 27th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 84625/1929, Cill Dara, I.a., sanctioning temporary appointment of Mr. John Downes as temporary Rate Collector was read. |
| 4 | 17178 | A letter dated 28th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 84967/1929, Cill Dara, Fa., sanctioning payment of poundage fees to certain Rate Collectors, was read. |
| 5 | 17184 | A letter dated 29th November, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to appointment of Miss Ryan as Public Analyst, was read. |
| 6 | 17211 | A letter dated 3rd December, 1929, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to Guarantee Bonds of Clerical Officers engaged on Motor Licensing Work, was read. |
| 7 | 17213 | A letter dated 7th December, 1929, from State Laboratory, Dublin, acknowledging receipt of Paying Order for £7 7s 0d, being fee under Section 12 Sub-section 3 of the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1927, was read. |
| 8 | 17249 | A letter dated 6th December, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 86674/1929, Cill Dara, Fa., relative to draft form of advertisement submitted to Poor Rate Collector, was read. |
| 9 | 17282 | A letter dated 12th December, 1929, from Local Government (Roads) Department, RS/13, sanctioning increase of salary to Miss Mitchell, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, was read. |
| 10 | 17286 | A letter dated 13th December, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 88744/1929, Ighneitheach, enclosing copy of an Order under Section 2 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, was read. |
| 11 | 17293 | A memorandum dated 13th December 1929, MT/210/13, from Local Government (Roads) Department relative to Monthly Returns in connection with Motor Tax Accounts, was read. |
| 12 | 17322 | A letter dated 20th December, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health No. 91383/1929, Igh. (F. b.), relative to former Unoin liabilities, was read. |
| 13 | 17337 | A letter dated 24th December, 1929, from Department of Local Government and Public Health G. 92085/1929, Cill Dara, sanctioning increase of salary to Mr. T. Wilmot, (Assistant Librarian, was read. |
| 14 | 17392 | A memorandum dated 2nd February, 1930, enclosing a Payable Order for £7,870 5s 0d in respect of further instalment of Agricultural Grant for year ending 31st March, 1930 was read. |
| 15 | 17437 | A letter dated 7th January, 1930, from Department of Agriculture, 546/F., requiring to be furnished with a Statement relative to County Afforestation Account, was read. |
| 16 | 17717 | A circular letter dated 29th January, 1930, from Department of Agriculture (L. 3124/29) enclosing copies of a Poster in relation to the Transit of Animals Order, was read. |
| 17 | 17718 | A letter dated 29th January, 1930, from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G. 5278/1930, Cill Dara, Fa.), enclosing copy of Order dated 20th November, 1929, removing Mr. Michael Cunningham from Office of Poor Rate Collector, was read. |
| 18 | 17766 | A letter dated 4th February, 1930, from Department of Agriculture returning Appointment Form in connection with the appointment of Miss Ryan as Agricultural Analyst, duly signed and sealed, was read. |
| 19 | 17802 | A letter dated 7th February, 1930, from Department of Local Government and Public Health re Agricultural Grant, was read. |

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| Cons. No. | Reg. No. | SUBJECT. |
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| 20 | 17812 | A letter dated 8th February, 1930, No. F. 7782/1930, Cill Dara (Pd.), from Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning appointment of Mr. Michael Stapleton as Rate Collector for that portion of the Blackwater Drainage District situated in County Kildare, was read. |
| 21 | 17349a | A letter dated December, 1929, from Royal Institute of Public Health relative to Congress to be held in the City of Portsmouth during Whitsuntide (June), 1930, was read. |
| 22 | 17727 | A letter dated 30th January, 1930, from the Irish Playwrights Association, Dublin, relative to Local Authorities and the Industrial and Commercial Property (Protection) Act, 1927, was read. |
| 23 | 17780 | A letter dated 5th February, 1930, from Department of Agriculture L. 68/27, relative to expenditure under Diseases of Animals Acts for year ended 31st December, 1929, was read. |
| 24 | 17817 | A letter dated February, 1930, from Department of Education relative to University Scholarship Examinations, was read. |

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| 25 | 17204 | A letter dated 2nd December, 1929, from Miss Ryan, Analyst, enclosing Form of Declaration under Section 71, Local Government Act, 1925, duly completed, was read. |
| 26 | 17213 | A letter dated 3rd December, 1929, from County Surveyor enclosing cheque for £4 16s 0d and Statement of Accounts relative to Kildoon Lands, was read. |
| 27 | 17225 | A letter dated 4th December, 1929, from Quit Rent Office acknowledging receipt of Paying Order for Five Shillings rent in respect of enclosure of portion of Green Lands for purpose of Sheep Dipping Station, was read. |
| 28 | 17274 | "Notice of Memorandum having been received," dated 11th December, 1929, from Mr. J. B. Brown, County Registrar, relative to Agreement between Patrick Cunningham, of Kildcullen, and County Council of Kildare under Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, was read. |
| 29 | 17281 | A letter dated 7th December, 1929, from Mayo County Council transmitting copy of Resolution relative to Road Maintenance, was read. |
| 30 | 17332 | A letter dated 21st December, 1929, from Mr. Michael Smyth, V.S., Mullingar, stating that he visited Johnstown Bridge Fair on the 21st December, 1929, and found no trace of contagious or infectious disease among the animals exposed for sale, was read. |
| 31 | 17435 | A circular letter dated January, 1930, from National Association of Insurance Committees relative to displaced officials of Insurance Committees, was read. |
| 32 | 17471 | A letter dated 8th January, 1930, from Department of Agriculture, L. 27/30, enclosing copies of a List (Thirty-Six) of names approved by the Department for use in connection with Margarine, was read. |
| 33 | 17682 | A letter dated 25th January, 1930, from Roscommon County Council transmitting copy of Resolution relative to repair of by-roads, was read. |
| 34 | 17672 | A letter dated 24th January, 1930, from Irish Live Stock Exporters and Traders' Association transmitting copy of Resolution relative to conditions governing the Export Trade of Cows, was read. |
| 35 | 17803 | A letter dated 6th February, 1930, from Irish Live Stock Exporters and Traders' Association relative to meeting to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 20th February, 1930, was read. |
| 36 | 17379 | A Memorandum from Irish Society for Protection of Birds relative to the Wild Birds Protection Bill, 1929, was read. |

W. E. COFFEY,
Secretary.

Courthouse, Naas,
19th February, 1930

Adjourned,

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 28th February,
1930.

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

(9560)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County
Surveyor amounting to £678- 7- 9 were approved and payment
ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

*Mr Fitzsimons
2/5/30*

Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee, held on the 28th February, 1930.

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

(9561.)

TENDERS FOR ROADS.

The Committee proceeded to consider
Tenders for repairs to Roads, and accepted
Tenders as per the following particulars:—

Moone Section—Roads Nos. 421 and 422;
Kill Section—Roads Nos. 184, 192, 193, 198a
199, 201, 203, 207, 208 and 210; Kildare

Section—276a; Athy Section—447a and
468.

Tenders for Special Works, as follows,
were accepted:—

To repair Lurg Lane—£25.

To repair the road known as Bluetown
Lane at Allenwood North—£20.

To repair the road from Ballyteague
Bridge to River Bridge at Mr. Hogarty's
Farm—£50.

To repair the lane leading from Boston
to Cloncurry—£75.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
2/5/30

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee, held on 14th March, 1930.

Present—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding. Messrs. J. J. Byrne, James Gregan, P. J. Dunne, Wm. Doyle, J. Conlan, and E. A. Coonan.

(9562.)

PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £499 9s 7d were approved of and pay-

ment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9563.)

HOUSING SCHEME.

The following draft scheme under the Housing Act, 1929, was approved, subject to the approval of the County Council and Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA,

HOUSING ACT, 1929.

The Housing (Local Assistance) Order 1929.

In pursuance of the powers conferred under Sec. 5 of the Housing Act, 1929, and the Housing Local Assistance Order, 1929, the County Council of Kildare do hereby make the following regulations for the purpose of supplementing Grants payable by the State under the said Act for the Building of dwelling-houses within the area under the jurisdiction of this Council.

The Council hereby propose to make available out of revenue accruing from the County Rates a sum of £1,295 together with £235 balance transferred from Scheme under Housing Act, 1925, total £1,530 to be allocated by way of Grants to persons fulfilling the statutory conditions under the Act and Orders of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health made thereunder, and to whom Grants have been duly sanctioned by the said Minister, in respect of the erection of dwellinghouses within the aforesaid area, in accordance with the Schedule set out below. Provided that the total amount of any Grant made under this Scheme shall not exceed in value the amount of the Grant payable by the Minister in respect of any particular house.

Houses to be erected shall comply with the rules, &c., as set out in First Schedule of the Housing Act, 1929.

The allocation of Grants in respect of such Houses shall in every case be provisional until the applicant has obtained approval to his proposal from the "appointed officer," and evidence of such approval must be produced by the applicant within one month from the date of the provisional allocation, and failure to do so will render the applicant ineligible for participation in this Scheme unless the Minister otherwise directs.

Grants will be made in accordance with the amounts shown on the Certificate of approval as provided for in Art. 7 (2) of the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1929, and payments of instalments of such Grants shall be made by the Council in proportion to the amounts paid from time to time by the Minister and only on receipt of official notifications that such payments have been made. If for any reason the Minister refuses or reduces a Grant or any instalment thereof, the Council will accordingly refuse or reduce proportionally the Grant or any instalment thereof payable under the Provisions of this Scheme.

In the event of the number of applications for local assistance exceeding the maximum number of Houses provided for under this Scheme, the allocation of the Grants shall be made by the Minister by Ballot or in such other manner as the said Minister shall direct.

Submitted for the approval of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health this 14th day of March, 1930.

MICHAEL FITZSIMONS, Chairman.
WILLIAM E. COFFEY, Secretary.

Approved by the Minister of Local Government and Public Health by letter H19369/1930, Cill Dara, dated 21st March, 1930.
Council Offices: Courthouse, Naas.

SCHEDULE. ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES.

| Number of Houses. | Number of Rooms. | Grant Each House. | Total. |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 34 | Not less than 3 | £45 | £1530 |

M. Fitzsimons
21/3/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 14th March, 1930.

Present: - Mr. M. Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs J. J. Byrne, Jas. Cregan, P. J. Dunne, W. Doyle, J. Conlan and E. A. Coonan.

(9564)

DROICHEAD NUA BRIDGE.

The only Tender received for reconstruction of Liffey Bridge, Droichead Nua was from Messrs Thompson & Sons, Carlow for £2888- 8- 8. The Committee referred the matter to the County Council as they were not in a position to complete a Contract.

*M. Fitzsimons
2/5/30*

Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of County Council, held on 14th March, 1930.

Present—Mr. M. Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. Phelan, E. A. Connan, J. Conlan, G. W. Henderson, R. Gannon, H. Cogan, J. J. Byrne, J. Coffey, J. J. Bergin, W. Doyle, W. Ronaldson, P. J. Dunne, J. Cregan, W. Fitzgerald, H. Colohan, T.D.; M. Smyth, J. Harris and C. Buckley.

(9856.)

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

It was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Connan and resolved:—"That Messrs. W. Fitzgerald, Doyle and Hugh Colohan be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents—Bonds of Road Contractors, Printing Tender, County Committee of Agriculture."

(9857.)

ROADS NOT TENDERED FOR.

Roads not tendered for were left in charge of the County Surveyor.

(9858.)

CANAL BANK, KILCOCK.

A letter dated 26th February, 1930, from Mr. McDonald, Law Agent, Great Southern Railways, was received, together with draft agreement, granting permission to the Council to erect fence and gateway on Canal Bank, Kilcock. The Council approved of the agreement.

(9859.)

DROICHEAD NUA BRIDGE.

A letter dated 5th March, 1930, from the Department of Local Government and

Public Health (Roads Department) R-RG-13 intimating the making of a grant of £3,000 for the reconstruction of the Liffey Bridge, Droichead Nua, was read and approved.

(9860.)

TENDER FOR DROICHEAD NUA BRIDGE.

A report was received from Tenders' Committee stating that only one tender was received for reconstruction of Droichead Nua Bridge, viz., that of Messrs. Thompson and Son, Carlow, at £2,888 8s 8d.

The Council approved of the tender and directed that it be sent to the Minister of Local Government and Public Health for his observations. Should the Minister approve of the tender the Council's Solicitor to be instructed to prepare the necessary Bond with Sureties approved of by the Tenders' Committee.

(9861.)

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1930-31

A letter dated 3rd March, 1930, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) SGG-20 Department intimating that a sum of £8,523 has been provisionally allocated to the County Council for Main Road Improvement, was read and approved.

(9862.)

ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

It was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and unanimously resolved:—"That the Rate in the Pound of the Poor Rate for the Ordinary Expenditure of the County, for the service of the year ending on the 31st March, 1931, be Eighty-seven Pence in the Pound, made up as follows:—

| | Pence. |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Roads | 27.14 |
| County Services | 31.90 |
| Poor Relief | 23.41 |
| Board of Health Charges | 4.16 |
| Total General Poor Rate | 86.91 |

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

| | Name of Special Area or Contributory Place. (Col. I.) | Purpose or Name of Charge. (Col. II.) | Rate in the Pound (Col. III) |
|-------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| | | | Pence |
| | County at Large | Pensions | 1 |
| | Former Rural District of Athy No. 1 | Criminal Injury, Etc. | 3 |
| | Rathernan Electoral Division | do. | 13 |
| | Kildangan Electoral Division | do. | 23 |
| | Kilmeague North Electoral Division | Criminal Injuries | 2 |
| E. 1 | Athy No. 1 Rural District | Special Sanitary Expenses | 1 |
| A. 2 | Townlands of Monasterevan and Moore Abbey Demesne | Monasterevan Lighting | 10 |
| A. 1 | Former Rural District of Edenderry No. 2 | Sanitary Expenses | 1 |
| N. 2 | Newbridge Dispensary District | Newbridge Cemetery | 10 |
| N. 6 | Newbridge Urban Electoral Division | Newbridge Waterworks | 20 |
| N. 8 | Robertstown Dispensary District | Kilmeague Sewerage | 1 |
| N. 9 | Clane and Naas Dispensary Districts | Sallins Water & Sewerage | 3 |
| N. 10 | Kilcullen Dispensary District | Kilcullen Sewerage | 4 |
| N. 12 | Ballymore-Eustace and Newtown | Ballymore Pumps | 3 |
| N. 13 | Clane Dispensary District | Clane Pumps | 1 |
| N. 14 | Kildare Dispensary District | Kildare Waterworks | 14 |
| N. 15 | Naas Dispensary District | Naas District Pumps | 1 |
| | Former Rural District Athy No. 1 | Expenses Labourers' Acts | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | Former Rural District Celbridge No. 1 | do. | 3 |
| | Former Rural District Edenderry No. 2 | do. | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ |

(9863.)

MAINTENANCE DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The County Surveyor submitted his estimate for drainage maintenance as follows: Ballycowan, £30; Baltracey, £100; Connell, £40; Foranwell, £80; Gorteen, £80; Kildare, £100, and Rathangan, £350.

The Council authorised the expenditure of £40, Connell, £80 on Kildare (both to be done by contract), and £320 on Rathangan (by direct labour). The Council considered that no expenditure was necessary on Baltracey, Ballycowan, Foranwell or Gorteen districts, as they were thoroughly cleaned last year.

(9864.)

DRAINAGE RATE.

The Council decided to raise a rate of £100 on Kildare District and £500 on Rathangan district and the amount of the Charging Order on Ballycowan Drainage Area, but considered it unnecessary to raise any rate on Baltracey, Connell, Foranwell or Gorteen Areas.

(9865.)

ATHY MOTOR CYCLE RACE, 1930.

An application dated 25th February, 1930, from Mr. A. G. Taylor, Hon. Secretary, Athy Motor Cycle and Car Club, Ltd., to have certain roads in the neighbourhood of Athy closed from 3 to 5.30 p.m. on the 24th May, 1930, for the purpose of a motor cycle race.

The Council decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an order closing the roads as requested.

(9866.)

RATE COLLECTORS' SURETIES—NO. 14 DISTRICT.

A letter dated 28th February, 1930, G-14124-1930 Fa Cille Dara, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that it is desirable that a Bond in accordance with Form 55 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, with solvent personal sureties in the sum of £200 should be provided by Collector George Coonan, as well as a Fidelity Guarantee Bond with an

approved Insurance Company, in the sum of £1,500. The Council approved of the suggestion of the Minister, and the Secretary was directed to furnish particulars of the matter to Mr. Coonan.

(9867.)

HACKLOW CORNER.

A letter dated 6th March 1930, from Mr. R. A. Osborne, Solicitor, requesting payment of £9 6s 6d for Messrs. Hayes and Sons, Solicitors, for the landlord, Mr. Annesley, in connection with purchase of a small portion of land at Hacklow Corner, was read and payment ordered.

(9868.)

SHEEP DIPPING.

A letter dated 1st March, 1930, L770-30, from the Department of Agriculture, requiring to be furnished with particulars of the number of sheep dipped during the summer and autumn periods, was read, and the Secretary was directed to furnish the required information.

The Department also wished to be informed what sheep dipping arrangements were in force in the County, and the Council directed that the Department be informed that the law regarding sheep dipping was being complied with in this county and consequently there does not appear to be any necessity for appointing Inspectors.

(9869.)

NAAS MAIN STREET.

A letter dated 28th February, 1930, L771-30, from the Department of Agriculture, relative to the danger to live stock owing to the slippery condition of Naas Main Street, was read, together with copy of letter, dated 28th February, 1930, L711-30, addressed to the Urban Council on the same subject.

The Secretary was directed to inform the Department that the Council was assured that the route by Corban's lane to the Railway station is being used to a considerable extent. The matter of the sanding of the streets was referred to the County Surveyor.

(9870.)

ROAD CONTRACTOR TUITE.

The County Surveyor by letter dated 10th March, 1930, stated that Mr. John Tuite, Derry, Donadea, Contractor for roads P.I. Nos. 57,66-65 requested the Council to obtain the services of the County Solicitor in an application which he proposes to make to obtain road materials under Section 32 of the Local Government Act, 1925. The

Council directed that the services of the County Solicitor be available for Mr. Tuite as requested.

(9871.)

PETROL PUMP.

An application dated 10th March, 1930, from Mr. Thomas Kelly for permission to erect two Petrol Pumps outside his premises at Harbour, Kilcock, was granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

(9872.)

LANDS AT BALLITORE.

A letter dated 10th March, 1930, was read from Dohmhall Ua Buacalla, T.D., Maynooth, suggesting that the Council purchase lands situate at Ballitore consisting of 18a 2r 14p approximately (about to be sold by Captain Mansfield) for the purpose of a Cow Park.

A Member stated that the lands in question had already been sold, and the Council do not consider it an economic question to purchase land for Cow Parks.

(9873.)

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR.

Mr. F. B. Barton wrote resigning membership of the County Council and all Committees, as owing to pressure of business he could not devote sufficient time to public matters.

The Council decided to accept Mr. Barton's resignation, and on the motion of Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Coonan, it was unanimously resolved:—"That Mr. Barton be requested to reconsider his decision and continue to act as Councillor."

The Secretary was directed to convey to Mr. Barton the wishes of the Council on the matter.

(9874.)

FLOODING NEAR MONASTEREVAN.

A letter dated 13th March, 1930, was received from the County Surveyor, stating that the special Committee appointed in connection with this matter met as requested, when it was proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and resolved:—"That this matter be referred to the County Board of Health."

The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Board of Health on the matter.

Adjourned.

*Adjourned
28/3/30*

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Special Meeting of County Council held on the 14th March, 1930.

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

(9875.)

HOUSING SCHEME.

The Council approved of Housing Scheme as referred to in Minute No. 9563 of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 14th March, 1930, as follows:—

HOUSING ACT, 1929.

The Housing (Local Assistance) Order 1929.

In pursuance of the powers conferred under Sec. 5 of the Housing Act, 1929, and the Housing Local Assistance Order, 1929, the County Council of Kildare do hereby make the following regulations for the purpose of supplementing Grants payable by the State under the said Act for the Building of dwelling-houses within the area under the jurisdiction of this Council.

The Council hereby propose to make available out of revenue accruing from the County Rates a sum of £1,295 together with £235 balance transferred from Scheme under Housing Act, 1925, total £1,530 to be allocated by way of Grants to persons fulfilling the statutory conditions under the Act and Orders of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health made thereunder, and to whom Grants have been duly sanctioned by the said Minister, in respect of the erection of dwellinghouses within the aforesaid area, in accordance with the Schedule set out below. Provided that the total amount of any Grant made under this Scheme shall not exceed in value the amount of the Grant payable by the Minister in respect of any particular house.

Houses to be erected shall comply with the rules, &c., as set out in First Schedule of the Housing Act, 1929.

The allocation of Grants in respect of such Houses shall in every case be provisional until the applicant has obtained approval to his proposal from the "appointed officer," and evidence of such approval must be produced by the applicant within one month from the date of the provisional allocation, and failure to do so will render the applicant ineligible for participation in this Scheme unless the Minister otherwise directs.

Grants will be made in accordance with the amounts shown on the Certificate of approval as provided for in Art. 7 (2) of the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1929, and payments of instalments of such Grants shall be made by the Council in proportion to the amounts paid from time to time by the Minister and only on receipt of official notifications that such payments have been made. If for any reason the Minister refuses or reduces a Grant or any instalment thereof, the Council will accordingly refuse or reduce proportionally the Grant or any instalment thereof payable under the Provisions of this Scheme.

In the event of the number of applications for local assistance exceeding the maximum number of Houses provided for under this Scheme, the allocation of the Grants shall be made by the Minister by Ballot or in such other manner as the said Minister shall direct.

Submitted for the approval of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health this 14th day of March, 1930.

MICHAEL FITZSIMONS, Chairman.
WILLIAM E. COFFEY, Secretary.

Council Offices: Courthouse, Naas.

SCHEDULE. ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES.

| Number of Houses. | Number of Rooms. | Grant Each House. | Total. |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 34 | Not less than 3 | £45 | £1530 |

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
15/3/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA?

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 28th March, 1930.

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

(9565)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £847- 1- 5 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9566)
RATE COLLECTION.

An application was received from the Rate Collectors (With the exception of Collector Field who had already closed) for an extension of one month to enable them close their Collection Accounts, and the required extension granted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

(9567)
MONASTEREVAN COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 27th March, 1930 was read from Mr. P. Garry requesting permission for the Fife & Drum Band Association to use Monasterevan Courthouse for the purpose of a Dance on the 20th April, 1930. The Committee made no order on the matter.

(9568)
ROAD WORK.

A letter was received from Mr. T. Mahon, Ballytore stating that he had been dismissed from working on the roads and asking to be reinstated was read, and referred to the County Surveyor.

Adjourned.

M Fitzsimons
2/5/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Tenders Committee held on the 28th March, 1930.

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

(9569)
DROICHEAD NUA BRIDGE.

A letter was received from Messrs Thompson & Company, Carlow submitting the names of Messrs T. Thompson, Hermitage, Carlow and William Montgomery, Nassau Street, Dublin as Sureties in connection with Contract for the reconstruction of Liffey Bridge, Droichead Nua. The Committee approved of the Sureties submitted and directed the Secretary to instruct Mr. Osborne, County Solicitor to prepare Bond.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons
2/15/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 11th April, 1930.Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding)
Messrs E.A. Coonan and James Byrne.(9570)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1747- 10- 9 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account. Expenses under Motor Act, 1920 were approved and payment ordered.

(9571)
RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 5th April, 1930, G. 22965/1930, Cill Dara, Fa. was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health declining to sanction extension of time of one month to Collectors to close Accounts and stating that the failure now shown must be considered a disregard of the duties of their positions, and as such should engage the serious attention of the Council. The Committee directed that the Collectors should close their Accounts without delay and referred the letter to the consideration of the County Council.

(9572)
COLLECTOR GANNON.

Collector Gannon having lodged £765- 18- 8 to Credit of Council on 4th April had been requested by the Secretary to state if all this amount had been received by him within 48 hours previous to lodgment stated that he had been unwell and unable to go out for some days and that almost all the money was sent to him by cheques during the last few days of March and beginning of April. The Committee accepted his explanation but warned him to strictly carry out the regulations in future.

(9573)
COLLECTOR JOSEPH O'CONNOR.

Collector Joseph O'Connor who had given to the Rate Inspector a cheque on his own personal Account for £372- 19- 2 Rates collected by him and had been requested by the Secretary to explain why he lodged Rates to his own Account submitted the following letter:- "I am in receipt of yours of 4th instant and in reply I have to state that I lodged on 31st inst, and again on 3rd inst. I could have lodged in Wednesday evening but as I had to make my Abstract for Thursdays checking, and also a large number of the payments were only on account, I could not know accurately until Thursday morning the correct amount to lodge". The Committee considered the matter most unsatisfactory and warned the Collector against a repetition of the offence".

(9574).
HOLDING AT FOXHILL.

A letter dated 10th April, 1930 was read from Collector Joseph O'Connor requesting the assistance of the Councils Solicitor for recovery of rates on Mr. Heffernan's Holding at Foxhill, which has been recently purchased by Mr. O'Brien. The Committee allowed the services of Mr. Osborne in order to recover the amounts.

(9575).
RETURN OF DEPOSIT.

Messrs Wilson and Company applied for a return of £1- 1- 0 deposit lodged in connection with Tender for Newbridge Bridge. The Committee ordered the return of all deposits made in connection therewith.

(9576).
RATE COLLECTION.
A Statement showing the state of Collection of Rates was submitted.

Adjourned.

M. Fitzsimons 26/5/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 25th April, 1930.

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

(9577)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £1936-2-4.²³ were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

*Mr Fitzsimons
25/5/30*

Adjourned.

Comhairle Conndae Chille Dara.

Minutes of Meeting of County Council, held on 28th April, 1930.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. C. Buckley, W. Ronaldson, E. A. Coonan, Thomas Harris, Hugh Colohan, T.D.; W. Doyle, J. Coffey, W. Fitzgerald, P. J. Dunne, Patrick Phelan, James Harris, G. W. Henderson, and John J. Bergin.

(9876.)

SYMPATHY

Proposed Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Behan, and resolved:—"That we, the members of the Kildare County Council, hereby express our deep regret at the death of our former colleagues, Messrs. Edward Farrell and Nicholas Travers, and we tender to their relatives our sympathy in their bereavement."

(9877.)

RATE COLLECTION.

Letter dated 5th April, 1930, G. 22965/1930, Fa., Cill Dara, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as follows:—"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant relative to an extension of time to the Rate Collectors for one month, and I am to state that the Minister does not see his way to assent to the proposal of the Finance Committee for the purpose of enabling payment of poundage to the defaulting Collectors. The Minister in his letter of the 8th April, 1929, agreeing to the payment of full poundage to Collectors who closed their warrants on the 27th idem intimated that the Collectors would be required to comply strictly with the specified conditions for the 1929-30 collection. The intention to insist on such a compliance was reiterated in this Department's letters of the 5th ultimo and the 15th January last, with sufficient clarity to dispel any misunderstanding on the part of the Collectors as to the position which would arise in the event of non-compliance with the conditions of appointment. The failure now shown must in the circumstances be considered as a disregard of the duties of their positions and as such should engage the serious attention of the Council.

"The Minister must now request the Council to take the necessary action to meet the present emergency, and furthermore with a view to disposing of the matter at an early date must insist that the detailed examination of the Collectors' Accounts prescribed by the Amended Article 102 (1) of the Public Bodies Order, 1929, be not deferred beyond

the end of the present month. It should be noted that with the exception of Collector Field no remuneration can be paid to the Collectors without the Minister's prior sanction. It is expected that any proposals the Council may desire to submit in this regard will provide for salutary reductions in the case of the dilatory Collectors."

The Secretary stated that he had sent a copy of the letter to each Collector who had not closed his account, with a request that he should do so immediately.

The Council approved of this course.

Letter dated 22nd April, 1930, from Department of Local Government and Public Health, G. 27757/1930, Fa., Cill Dara, was considered.

The Collectors being present appealed to the Council to extend the time for closing accounts to 22nd May as owing to the impoverished state of the county it was impossible to close at the prescribed time.

The Council unanimously acceded to the request and directed the Secretary to apply to the Minister of Local Government and Public Health for his sanction to the extension to 22nd May.

(9878.)

COLLECTOR'S POUNDAGE.

Collector Bell applied to be paid poundage at the rate of 8d in the £ as he had closed his account with the exception of irrecoverable rate and court cases.

The Council agreed to his request, subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health and also requested the Minister to sanction payment at that rate to all Collectors who close their accounts not later than 1st May.

(9879.)

The Council proceeded to the investigation of the Collectors' accounts together with the Schedule of the Uncollected Rates and Report from Secretary. It appeared that only Collector Field had closed his account on 31st March, and the amount outstanding on that date was £24,662 1s 7d, this amount being reduced to £12,565 13s 2d by the date of the meeting, by which time Collectors Downey and Sammon had also closed their accounts. The several arrear sheets were carefully examined and the rulings of the Council marked thereon in each case.

Though the accounts were in a backward state the Council were satisfied that the Collectors were doing their best to collect the outstanding amount, and do not consider it necessary to take the drastic action suggested by the Minister in his letter of the 5th April, 1930.

(9880.)

RATES CARRIED FORWARD.

The Council directed that where any rates were carried forward for more than one year the County Solicitor's advice be procured as to what action, if any, could be taken to recover the amounts.

(9881.)

RESIGNATION OF MR. BARTON.

A letter dated 19th March, 1930, from Mr. F. E. Barton declining to withdraw his resignation from membership of the Council having been read, it was proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Coffey, and resolved—"That in accordance with Article 10 (2) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, the Council hereby declare the office of Councillor for the County Electoral Area of Naas vacant, owing to the resignation of Mr. F. B. Barton, and that notice in writing, signed by three members of the Council, and countersigned by the Secretary, be forthwith published by affixing a copy of the said Notice on the outer door of the Courthouse, Naas, and that the question of filling the vacancy be dealt with at 2 o'clock p.m. on this day."

On the motion of Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Coonan, Mr. John N. Wardell, Stacumney, Celbridge, was co-opted a member of the County Council and all Committees in room of Mr. Barton.

(9882.)

DUNCREEVAN COWPARK.

On the motion of Mr. Coonan, seconded by Mr. James Harris, Mr. Cornelius Buckley was appointed a Trustee of Duncreevan Cowpark in place of the late Mr. Travers.

(9883.)

ARREARS OF GRAZING RENT.

Mr. Coonan reported that some people who had stock grazing on the Cowpark, Duncreevan, had not paid for same.

It was ordered that Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, take proceedings for the recovery of the amounts due.

(9884.)

LERR DRAINAGE.

A letter dated 26th March, 1930, was read from the Office of Public Works stating that it was not considered necessary to send an Engineer to inspect the Lerr Drainage.

It was ordered that Mr. Osborne be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the amount of the Charging Order from persons liable for same in Lerr Drainage Area.

(9885.)

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following letter was read from Office of National Education re Secondary Scholarship Scheme dated 20th March, 1930:—

With reference to previous correspondence regarding your Council's proposed Scheme for Scholarships, and particularly the proposal to fix a Poor Law Valuation of £100 as the maximum limit of the "means" qualifications for the award of a Scholarship, I am directed to call attention to the terms of Section 17 (1) and (2) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923 (as continued), which governs the powers of local authorities in the matter.

Section 17—(1) The Council of any County or County Borough may assist by means of exhibitions, scholarships, bursaries, payment of fees or otherwise any students or intending students at any approved school in Saorstát Eireann who are ordinarily resident in such County or Borough, and who satisfy the Council that they are qualified to profit by instruction in such school and are in need of assistance, and who also satisfy such tests of ability as shall be prescribed in pursuance of this Section.

(2) An approved school shall be such school, either extern or residential, for the giving of either extern or residential, for the giving of instruction or training in agriculture, forestry, trade, commerce, domestic economy, teaching, or any other subject of a vocational character as may be approved of by order of the Minister for Education.

In view of your Council's insistence this Department will offer no further objection to the proposal to extend the benefits of your Scheme to children of farmers with valuation up to a maximum of £100, but it must be understood that the responsibility rests with the Council of ensuring that each applicant admitted to the examination is in need of assistance as provided in the Act.

It is to be observed with regard to the proposal to limit the Scholarships to pupils of primary schools that no restriction as to the class of school from which the candidates come is imposed or even suggested in the Act, and in the circumstances I am to request that you will be good enough to say whether your Council is satisfied that they have legal power to embody such a restriction in the scheme. This Department has always taken the view that the Act did not confer such power.

I am further to point out that there is no recognised definition of "Primary School," and in the event of the inclusion of this restriction in your scheme, I am to enquire as to the eligibility (1) of pupil attending an approved Secondary Course at a National School and (2) of a pupil attending the Preparatory section of a Secondary School.

On reading the foregoing letter the Council decided to consider applications for

(3)

Scholarships on their merit, irrespective of what School attended.

(9886.)

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

Applications were received for liberty to attend the Examination for Secondary Scholarships from the following:—Burke, Joseph, Coonough, Carbury; Brennan, Patrick John, Dublin Road, Naas; Conlan, Peter, Edward St., Newbridge; Doran, John Jos., Sallins Road, Naas; Dowling, William, Ticknevin, Carbury; Dowling, Joseph, Skirtean, Monasterevan; Fields, John Thomas, Bridge St., Kilcock; Halligan, Christopher, Duncreevan, Kilcock; Harvey, Thomas, 37 St. David's Terrace, Naas; Jones, William, 8 Cleamore Terrace, Kildare; Lenehan, Jas., Drehid, Carbury; Maher, John, Larch Hill, Monasterevan; Martin, Francis Donal, Main Street, Kilcock; Marum, Patrick, 4 Jubilee Terrace, Naas; Murphy, William, Main St., Monasterevan; O'Brien, William Patrick, Church Street, Kilcock; Swift, Hugh Donnelly, The Square, Kildare; Tyrrell, Thomas Dreenane, Carbury; Walsh, Denis, Cloneygath, Monasterevan; Behan, Josephine, Ballyteague, Kilmeague; Byrne, Angela, 10 Rowan Terrace, Newbridge; Conlan, Elizabeth, Cloneygath, Monasterevan; Cusack, Bridget Una, Blackwood, Robertstown; Egan, Francis Mary, Coole, Monasterevan; Forde, Eily, Station House, Carbury; Galvin, Elizabeth, Eyre St., Newbridge; Hyland, Elizabeth, 56 Leinster St., Athy; Jackson, Lily Douglas, Beechlawn, Calverstown; Keogh, Annie, 28 Woodstock St., Athy; Lawler, Bridget Margaret, 3 Woodstock St., Athy; Leech, Annie, Derrinturn, Carbury; O'Neill, Christina, Barrettstown, Newbridge; Quinn, Caroline, Broadford, Moyvalley; Sweetman, Norah, Main St., Celbridge; Wall, Kathleen, Main St., Newbridge.

Mr. Phelan proposed and Mr. Colohan seconded:—"That the applications be approved except in the cases of Kevin Gannon and Elizabeth Hyland who appeared to be over the prescribed age."

Mr. John J. Bergin proposed and Mr. Thomas Harris seconded an amendment:—"That each member give an undertaking that the candidates which he states are qualified to sit for his area come within the scheme."

The amendment was lost by 11 votes to 4, and Mr. Phelan's resolution carried by the same voting.

It was resolved that if Kevin Gannon or Elizabeth Hyland could produce evidence of age showing that they were within the limit prescribed that their applications be also approved.

(1886)

DROICHEAD NUA LIFFEY BRIDGE
With reference to the completion of the Bond and Contract with Messrs. Thompson

and Sons, Carlow, the following correspondence with Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, Messrs. Thompson and County Surveyor, was read:—
Re Bridge at Newbridge.

Dear Sir,—Messrs. Thompson & Son, Ltd., Carlow, phoned me to-day in reference to above matter, stating that the delay in completing the Bond and Contract was due to the fact that a question had arisen as to who would regulate the traffic and the weight of same over the bridge while same is being repaired, and whether it would be better to erect a temporary bridge. They stated they had a conference with the County Surveyor in reference to the matter and that proposals were being submitted to the Road Board in respect of same.

Hanover Works,

Carlow,

24th April, 1930.

John Rorke, Esq., C.E.,

Co. Surveyor,

Naas, Co. Kildare.

Dear Sir—Following our conversation with you and Mr. O'Malley of the Roads Board, when it was suggested that we should give you a price and plan for a temporary bridge to obviate the necessity of closing the road except for a very restricted amount of traffic we have now pleasure in submitting a design for a temporary bridge, suitable for carrying single line traffic up to 10 tons per vehicle at 4 miles per hour. If you check over the design (which it may be found necessary to alter somewhat when it comes to the driving of the piles and the erection) we think you will agree that it will carry all normal traffic. It may be found more advisable to make up each end with a temporary wall instead of piling.

The cost of erecting this bridge and removing will be £640, and of this amount we propose to allow £220 as against the hoarding and others matters provided for in the specification, for the purpose of keeping a portion of the bridge open to restricted traffic. It will enable the concrete slab to be laid at one time for the full width of the bridge with the footpath, and it will avoid any danger in the reconstruction of the bridge due to the traffic during the progress of the work.

Briefly our proposal is to construct a temporary bridge as described, forming the approaches at each end, and remove the bridge on completion of the work, for an extra sum of £420.

We would be entitled to stop all traffic over the present bridge, getting full possession of the area covered by the new works from the day following the opening of the Temporary Bridge for three months. All the conditions in accordance with your specification.—We are, yours faithfully,

For Thomas Thompson and Son, Ltd.

(Sgd.) T. G. THOMPSON,

Co. Surveyor's Office,

Courthouse, Naas.

28th April, 1930.

(4)

The Secretary,
Kildare County Council,
Courthouse, Naas.

Droichead Nua Liffey Bridge.

A Chara,—I submit a letter received from Mr. Thompson, dated 24th inst, relative to the proposed widening of Laffey Bridge at Droichead Nua.

The conversation he refers to was one with the Road Department's Engineer and myself in which Mr. Thompson pointed out that, in his opinion, in view of the Department's design and the type of reconstruction required by them the arrangement or partial closing of the road will tend to less efficient work being done than if the bridge were altogether closed and a temporary bridge erected.

I have frequently pointed out to you the great inconvenience, danger and wear of roads which will be caused by diverting the traffic off this national road to the bye roads.

As it is obvious that should the work not prove satisfactory the contractors can refer to the views now expressed by them. I recommend, under the circumstances, you refer the letter to the Roads Department with a view to having the Grant extended to permit a temporary bridge being erected.

Mise le meas,

(Sgd.) JOHN RORKE.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Phelan seconded: "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to increase the grant for reconstructing Droichead Nua Liffey Bridge, so that a temporary bridge may be erected."

The resolution was unanimously adopted. (9888.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL DOCUMENTS

Messrs. Fitzgerald, Doyle, and Dunne were appointed a Committee to fix the Seal of the Council to (1) Agreement with Mr. Beck, (2) Agreement with Great Southern Railways re Fence at Canal Bank, Kilcock, (3) Requisition to Tax Costs of Messrs. Powell, Landlord of Newbridge Forge.

(9889.)

ELECTRICITY IN CASTLEDERMOT COURTHOUSE.

Form of Agreement with Electricity Supply Board for installation of Electricity for lighting and heating Castledermot Courthouse, was ordered to be completed by the Secretary.

(9890.)

FLOODING AT DERRYMULLEN.

A letter was submitted from Mr. Wilkinson, Solicitor, complaining on behalf of Mr.

William Carroll of flooding of drains adjoining his land in the Rathangan Drainage area. With reference thereto a letter dated 1st April, 1930, was read from the County Surveyor quoting a report from Mr. Fullam, C.E., as follows:—"I have frequently seen the drain complained of during the winter, and I saw no tracing of flooding of lands. The real object of this complaint, in my opinion is to urge us to give Carroll the work of cleaning the drain as in previous years, but the drain is not in such bad condition that it requires urgent attention. I understand Carroll has tendered to do the work at same price as last year, viz., 8d. a perch."

Having regard to the terms of Mr. Fullam's Report, the Council made no order.

(9891.)

CASTLEDERMOT COURTKEEPER.

A letter dated 31st March, 1930, was read from the County Registrar, Mr. J. Barry Brown, enclosing letters from District Justice Price, recommending the appointment of Mr. Wm. Whelan as Courtkeeper of Castledermot Courthouse, and also his claim of £: for services rendered from August to February last.

The Council unanimously appointed Mr. William Whelan Courtkeeper, at a salary of £10 per annum, to date from 1st August last.

(9892.)

PETROL PUMP.

Mr. Edward Lawler, Ballyshannon, applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises at Ballyshannon.

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

(9893.)

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Mr. James J. Byrne was unanimously appointed the Council's Representative on the Executive Committee of the Irish Tourist Association.

(9894.)

HOARDING AT FORTBARRINGTON.

A letter dated 25th April, 1930, from Town Clerk, Athy, calling attention of the Council to the dangerous position of a large hoarding at Fortbarrington Cross, was read.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

Adjourned.

W. J. Phelan
26/5/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 2nd May, 1930.

Present:-Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman, Presiding), Messrs Thomas Harris and James J. Byrne.

(9578)
MINUTES.

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

(9579)
APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Payments from 1 to 75 in the Schedule of Applications for Payment were approved and it was ordered that like payments be made in respect of salaries falling due monthly up to 1st July, 1930 by Special Treasurer's Advice Notes. All other Payments as per the Chairman's Copy were approved. Payments certified by the County Surveyor on Form 22 were approved and payment recommended.

(9580)
COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

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

(9581)
OVERDRAFT.

The Committee directed that application for overdraft not exceeding £15,000 be made to the Hibernian Bank, Limited, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

(9582)
ATHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter dated 1st May, 1930 was read from the Athy Auctioneering Company requesting permission to use Athy Courthouse on the 7th May, 1930 for the purpose of holding an Auction on behalf of the Irish Land Commission. The Secretary was directed to inform the Auctioneers that the Committee had no authority to grant the required permission.

(9583)
LAND BONDS.

A letter was read from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor stating that of the rates due on premises of Stephen Byrne, Hallahoise, (A Bankrupt) from 1921 to 18th November last amounting to £138- 2- 7 the Judicial Commissioner allowed Rates from 31st March, 1928 to 18th November last for which Land Bonds will be issued. The Official Assignee is not prepared to pay the Rates for the other years. Mr. Osborne also stated that he was submitting the facts to Counsel. The Committee approved of this course. The Secretary reported that Certificate for Land Bonds amounting to £23 with s2/2d Interest had been received on that day. No details were given but it was probably in respect of Byrnes case. It was decided to retain the Bonds for the present.

Adjourned.

Michael Fitzsimons
26/5/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 9th May, 1930.

Present:-Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs P. J. Dunne and J. N. Wardell.

(9584)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for Payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2138- I- 5 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9585)
SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Applications for permission to sit at forthcoming Examination for Secondary Scholarships which were received after the prescribed time from Misses Bridget Cusack, Blackwood, Robertstown and Caroline Quinn, Broadford, Moyvalley were considered and permission to compete at the Examination granted in both cases.

(9586)
RATE COLLECTION.

A letter dated 8th May, 1930 (G. 33662/30, Cill Dara, F.A.) from Department of Local Government and Public Health declining to sanction payment of Poundage Fees at the maximum rate to Collectors who have failed to comply with the requisite conditions, was read. The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter in question to each Rate Collector.

Adjourned.

h. Fitzsimons
28/5/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE DARA.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 23rd May, 1930.
 Present:- Mr. Michael Fitzsimons, (Chairman, Presiding) Messrs William Doyle,
 John N. Wardell and Patrick J. Dunne.

(9587)
PAYMENTS.

Applications for payment for Works in charge of the County Surveyor amounting to £2433- 9- 1 were approved and payment ordered to be made out of the Subsidiary Account.

(9588)
DROICHEAD NUA BRIDGE.

A letter dated 20th May, 1930 addressed to the County Surveyor from Messrs Thompson & Son, Carlow relative to reconstruction of Droichead Nua Liffey Bridge was read and referred to the County Council.

(9589)
RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary reported that all the Collectors had closed their Accounts with the exception of Collector Confrey who had stated that he would close on the 26th instant. The Committee recommended payment of poundage fees at 8d in the £ to each Collector, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Adjourned.

M Fitzsimons
1/8/30

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE CHILLE-DARA.

Minutes of Quarterly Finance Meeting of County Council, held on the
26th May, 1930.

Present:—Mr. Michael Fitzsimons (Chairman), presiding; Messrs. P. Phelan, J. Conlan, R. Gannon, G. Ronaldson, G. Henderson, J. Coffey, J. Fitzgerald, C. Buckley, J. Harris, M. Smyth, P. J. Dunne, H. Colohan, T.D., F. Thornton, E. A. Coonan, S. Minch, and J. N. Wardell.

(9895.)

MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Dunne, and resolved:—"That Minutes of Meetings of County Council held on the 24th February, 14th March and 28th April, 1930, 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 28th February, 14th and 28th March, 11th and 25th April, 2nd, 9th and 23rd May, 1930, copy of which had been sent to each member be taken as read and confirmed."

(9896.)

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

The County Accounts, Receipt and Expenditure Books for Quarter ended 31st March, 1930, 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.

(9897.)

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.

(9898.)

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

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

(9899.)

PAYMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

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

(9900.)

CONNELL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The tenders of Mr. John Dempsey were accepted for Nos. 1 and 2 Division, Connell Drainage, at £15 5s 0d and £11 5s 0d, respectively.

(9901.)

KILDARE DRAINAGE.

Mr. John Murphy's tender was accepted for Kildare Drainage District, No. 1 Division, at £28 15s 0d. For No. 2 Division tenders were received from John Brennan and Andrew Dempsey at £41 10s 0d and £46, respectively. It transpired that Brennan was less than 21 years of age and his tender was accordingly rejected.

On the motion of Mr. Dunne, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, the tender of Andrew Dempsey was accepted.

(9902.)

RATE.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously:—"That the General Rate including 1d in the £ 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, 1889), and a sum of £523 0s 0d under the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923 and 1924 (Form 42), and the Rate for Separate Charges Form 43 for the year ending 31st March, 1931, chargeable to the undermentioned areas be as follows:—

| | Pence. |
|--|--------------|
| Roads | 27.14 |
| County Services | 31.90 |
| Poor Relief | 23.41 |
| Board of Health Charges | 4.46 |
| Total General Poor Rate | 86.91 |

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

| Name of Special Area or Contributory Place. (Col. I.) | | Purpose or Name of Charge. (Col. II.) | Rate in the Pound (Col. III) |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | Pence |
| | County at Large | Pensions | 1 |
| | Former Rural District of Athy No. 1 | Criminal Injury, Etc. | 3 |
| | Rathernan Electoral Division | do. | 13 |
| | Kildangan Electoral Division | do. | 23 |
| | Kilmeague North Electoral Division | Criminal Injuries | 2 |
| A. 1 | Athy No. 1 Rural District | Special Sanitary Expenses | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| A. 2 | Townlands of Monasterevan and Moore Abbey Demesne | Monasterevan Lighting | 10 |
| E. 1 | Former Rural District of Edenderry No. 2 | Sanitary Expenses | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| N. 2 | Newbridge Dispensary District | Newbridge Cemetery | 10 |
| N. 6 | Newbridge Urban Electoral Division | Newbridge Waterworks | 20 |
| N. 8 | Robertstown Dispensary District | Kilmeague Sewerage | 1 |
| N. 9 | Clane and Naas Dispensary Districts | Sallins Water & Sewerage | 3 |
| N. 10 | Kilcullen Dispensary District | Kilcullen Sewerage | 4 |
| N. 12 | Ballymore-Eustace and Newtown | Ballymore Pumps | 3 |
| N. 13 | Clane Dispensary District | Clane Pumps | 1 |
| N. 14 | Kildare Dispensary District | Kildare Waterworks | 14 |
| N. 15 | Naas Dispensary District | Naas District Pumps | 1 |
| | Former Rural District Athy No. 1 | Expenses Labourers' Acts | $3\frac{3}{4}$ |
| | Former Rural District Celbridge No. 1 | do. | 3 |
| | Former Rural District Edenderry No. 2 | do. | $2\frac{3}{4}$ |

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

(9903.)

SIGNING OF RATE BOOKS.

Mr. Conlan proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded and it was resolved:—"That the Chairman, Messrs. Fitzgerald and James Harris be appointed to sign the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants."

(9904.)

LERR DRAINAGE RATE.

A letter was read from Mr. L. J. Fullam,

Secretary Lerr Drainage Joint Committee, stating that this Committee required £130 for maintenance work for current year on the Lerr River, £121 10s 5d of which would be the County Kildare portion.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Smyth, it was resolved:—"That £121 10s 5d maintenance rate and £300 19s 0d amount of Charging Order be levied on that portion of the Lerr Drainage District situated in County Kildare."

(9905.)

DRAINAGE RATE.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Coonan:—"That the maintenance rate and amount of Charging Order on the several Drainage Districts for the year ending 31st March, 1931, be as follows:—

Blackwater—Maintenance, £128 2s 9d; Instalment to Commissioners of Public Works, £128 14s 0d; total, £256 16s 9d.

Ballycowan—Instalment to Commissioners of Public Works, £41 10s 8d.

Boyne—Maintenance, £102 14s 0d.

Kildare—Maintenance, £100 0s 0d.

Rathangan—Maintenance, £500 0s 0d.

Lerr—Maintenance, £121 10s 5d; Instalment to Commissioners of Public Works, £300 19s 0d; total, £422 9s 5d.

(9906.)

COMMITTEE TO SEAL DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Conlan, and resolved.—"That Messrs. Doyle, Dunne and Fitzgerald be appointed a Committee to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents:—Assessment Sheets and Collectors' Warrants for Blackwater, Ballycowan, Boyne, Lerr, Kildare and Rathangan Drainage Districts; Contractors' Bonds for Connell and Kildare Drainage Districts; Demands on Urban Districts of Athy and Naas."

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 £2,192 7s. 4d. The manner in which this sum was dealt with is shown in the following table:—

| To Pay | To Defer | To strike off | To be dealt with under Sec. 54 |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| £2,123 11s. 4d. | Nil | £28 6s. 0d. | £40 10s. 0d. |

During the Quarter ended 31st March, 1930, in addition to £2,123 11s. 4d. recommended for payment as above, the sum of £4,739 0s. 6d. was certified to the Finance Committee as follows:—Trunk Roads, £1,002 9s. 2d.; Link Roads, £1,617 0s. 3d.; County Roads, £2,001 16s. 2d.; Grants, £117 14s. 11d.

Work has been commenced at all the steam rolling improvement works for which Grants are being given by Government.

Tarring has already commenced, but is delayed owing to wet weather.

I am submitting a revised list of charges for crediting to our machinery account which I would ask you to adopt.

I am informed that the L. G. Department will not consent to the cost of a Temporary Bridge for the widening of Droichead Nua Liffey Bridge. I am at present preparing an alternative scheme with a view of maintaining the traffic throughout the work. I cannot yet say, however, if this will be approved by the Department.

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN RORKE, County Surveyor.

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(9907.)

RESIGNATION OF COLLECTOR CONFREY.

A letter dated 26th May, 1930, was read from Collector Confrey resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector on the grounds of old age and ill health as he could no longer discharge his duties with efficiency, and requesting the Council to grant him any pension his services entitled him to.

The Council accepted his resignation with regret, owing to its cause, but postponed the question of a pension to a future meeting.

(9908.)

APPOINTMENT OF COLLECTOR.

Owing to the necessity of having a successor to ex-Collector Confrey appointed as soon as possible the Council directed the Finance Committee to fix the terms and conditions of appointment and to issue advertisement for same, appointment to be made on day of Annual Meeting, the 27th June, 1930.

(9909.)

COLLECTOR FIELD'S SURETY.

Collector Field submitted the name of Mr. James Kelly, The Grange, Kilcock, as his Surety in place of the late Mrs. Kelly.

The Council approved of Mr. Kelly, and the Secretary was directed to instruct Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, to prepare the Bond.

(9910.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

(9911.)

HIRE OF MACHINERY.

The following supplementary report was read and the Council approved of the recommendations made therein:—

Re Our Machinery Rates

Dear Sir.—In connection with above the following were the rates in operation up to the 1st instant:—

- No. 1 Traction Engine—5s per hour (effective).
- Fordson Tractor—5s per hour (effective).
- No. 1 Roller—5s per hour (effective).
- No. 2 Roller—5s per hour (effective).
- No. 3 Roller—5s per hour (effective).
- No. 4 Roller—5s per hour (effective).
- No. 5 Roller—5s per hour (effective).
- No. 6 Roller—5s per hour (effective).
- and 1s 6d per hour for non-effective time.
- Levlend Lorry—5s per hour (effective).
- Morris Lorry—3s per hour (effective).
- Tar Boilers (all)—1s per hour (effective).

Since the date mentioned above, however, I have found it necessary to increase the rate per hour in respect of the following units of Machinery:—

- No. 1 and No. 5 Engines (or any other engine) driving Granulator or Stone Crusher from 5s to 6s 8d per effective hour.
- Levlend Lorry from 5s to 6s per hour.
- Morris Lorry from 3s to 4s per hour.
- 2 Stand-by Tar Boilers and 6 Municipal Boilers from 1s to 1s 6d per hour.

(9912.)

DROICHEAD NUA BRIDGE.

The Secretary reported that Messrs. Thompson and Son, Limited, had not completed their Bond for the reconstruction of Droichead Nua Bridge and read letters from Mr. Cosgrave and Messrs. Thompson as follows:—

Dear Sir,—I duly wrote to Messrs. Thompson and Son, Ltd., Carlow, in reference to delay in returning me draft Contract and Bond which I sent them on the 3rd ultimo. I enclose you copy of their reply which I received this morning.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT A. OSBORNE.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your favour of the 20th instant re above and in confirmation of my telephone conversation with you some weeks ago, we found it necessary to confer with the County Surveyor in connection with the proposed control and curtailment of the traffic, and in consequence a proposal was put forward to construct a temporary bridge so that the traffic might be completely diverted off the present bridge. This matter is still under consideration I understand, and as soon as it is cleared up we will immediately get in touch with you.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS THOMPSON & SON, LTD.

On reading the correspondence, also the

paragraph in County Surveyor's Report dealing with the matter, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. Phelan:—"That a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. Colohan, Conlan, Smyth, Gannon, Henderson and J. J. Bergin be appointed to confer with the County Surveyor and to deal with the whole question and report to the Council.

(9913.)

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

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

A Chara.—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, and I am to state that he is no longer prepared to sanction payment of poundage at the maximum rate to those Collectors who have failed to comply with the requisite conditions. The intention underlying the differentiated scale of remuneration adopted for the County was the encouragement of special effort to secure substantial interim lodgments of Rates and the payment of the Collectors in accordance with the efficiency shown. This intention has not up to the present been realised. The repeated concessions previously granted to Collectors who had not qualified in accordance with the prescribed conditions have not resulted in the improvement to be expected.

I am to inquire what has been the result of the detailed examination of the Collectors' Returns required by Article 102 of the Public Bodies' Order, 1929. Drastic disciplinary action should be taken in the cases of those Collectors whose accounts are not yet closed, and there should be an immediate issue of Form 60 to a number of selected ratepayers shown in arrear.

With regard to the five Collectors who have now closed a statement should be prepared as indicated on the Form attached herewith and submitted to the Council for their considered recommendation as to the poundage to be paid.

Misc le Meas,

J. HICKEY,

Assistant Runaidhe.

The Secretary,

Kildare County Council.

A statement in accordance with the last paragraph of the Department's letter was submitted in respect of each Collector whose poundage was not already paid.

The Council unanimously decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage at 8d in the £ to the Collectors, as owing to the impoverished state of the County it was extremely difficult to collect the rate, and requested the Minister to use his influence with the Irish Land Commission and Court Authorities to pay the rates in proper time.

(9914.)

WHEAT GROWERS AND MILLERS.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Henderson, and carried unanimously:—"That we approve of the principle of wheat-growing contracts between Millers and Growers, and we hereby record it as our opinion that there is ample room for a remunerative price being paid to the Irish wheat-grower without increasing the cost of the loaf. That we ask the Government to see that the Contract System of growing wheat for millers is embodied in any Scheme that may be prepared in connection with flour milling, as such a Scheme would stabilize the price and safeguard the market and thus give the grower the confidence in his industry which is essential to a successful wheat-growing revival."

(9915.)

MR. STEPHEN BYRNE.

A letter dated 27th March, 1930, from Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, stating that the rates due on Mr. Stephen Byrne's holding at Hallahoise for the years from 1921 to 18th November last amounts to £138 2s 7d, and that the Judicial Commissioner allowed the rates from 31st March, 1928, to 18th November last for which Land Bonds will be issued, and the Official Assignee it not prepared to pay rates for the other years.

The Secretary reported that Land Bonds Certificate for £23 0s 0d was received in respect of this holding.

As Collector Gannon had lodged up the full amount of the rates to the credit of the Council, the Council decided to transfer the Bonds to the Collector concerned.

(9916.)

HOUSING GRANTS.

There were 28 applicants for Grants under the Council's Housing Scheme some of whom had already received Certificate of approval from the Appointed Officer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The Council provisionally approved of the applications subject to their carrying out the conditions of the scheme, as follows:—

HOUSING SCHEME.**LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS.**

(A.)—Brien, Andrew, Mulgeth, Johnstownbridge; Byrne, Patrick, Brockagh, Robertstown; Erogan, Jane, Derry, Donadea; (A) Confey, John, Mucklon, Johnstownbridge; Dempsey, Frank, Newtown, Donore, Naas; Duine, Katie, Allenwood

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Middle, Robertstown; (A) Farrell, Jas., Johnstownbridge, Enfield; Fitzgerald, Peter, Friarstown, Kildare; Ford, William, Kildoon, Nurney Demesne, Kildare; (A) Fulton, James, Conkeeran, Carbury; Gallagher, Matthew, Lunmurray, Kildare; Garry, Thomas, Concealment, Rathangan; (A)—Grogan, Patrick, Knockanally, Donadea; Hanniffy, Michael, Derrycrib; Donadea; Hendrick, James, Hortland, Donadea; Hill, Anne, Arthurstown, Naas. (A) Hughes, James, Johnstownbridge, Enfield; (A) Langan, Mary, Dunferth, Johnstownbridge; (A) Marsh, Rose, Kilmurray, Johnstownbridge, Melia, Jas., Concealment, Rathangan; (A) McCabe, John, Kiltaghan, Rathangan; McManus, James, Johnstownbridge, Enfield; Morrissey, Michael, Davidstown Upper, Castledermot; Nolan, John, Ironhills; Suncroft; Nolan, William, Blackditch, Nurney; (A) Ryan, William, Johnstownbridge; Owens, John, Nicholastown, Athy; (A) Walsh, Patrick, Kilmurray, Johnstownbridge. Total number of applicants 28.

(9917.)

SALARY OF MISS LEE.

Miss Julia Lee applied for an increase of £39 in her salary as Caretaker of the Naas Courthouse. Her present salary being £10 as Courtkeeper, £10 for offices of Committee of Agriculture and £32 as Caretaker of County Council Chamber and Offices.

The County Registrar, Mr. J. Barry Brown, appeared before the Council in support of the application, also the County Surveyor.

It was unanimously decided to increase her salary by £26 per annum as Caretaker of the County Council Chamber and Offices to include all offices in the Courthouse, making her remuneration £58, with no alteration in her salary as Courtkeeper or for offices of County Committee of Agriculture.

(9918.)

COLLECTORS' CHECKING DAYS

Collectors Joseph O'Connor, Dowling, Bell and Gannon applied to have the day appointed for checking their accounts changed from Thursday to Friday. The Council granted the application.

(9919.)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Council proceeded to consider the Secondary Scholarship Scheme for year