

Bunaíodh Comhairle Chontae na
Gaillimhe 120 bliain ó shin.

Galway County Council,
established 120 years ago.



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Tuairisc an Tuam Herald, an 15 Aibreán 1899, i ndiaidh an toghcháin

*Tuam Herald,
15 April 1899,
report following
election.*

'... a fair representation of property, profession and politics. It contains a landlord, a Unionist Catholic barrister and writer, three solicitors, a college professor and medical doctor, three merchants, an auctioneer, and seventeen or eighteen tenant farmers. The 10 chairmen elected by the district councils and the nominated grand jurors with the co-opted men should make and will, we are sure, a very respectable body for Galway as good as any in Ireland we should be inclined to say ...'.

An 1st
Chomhairle...
agus eile!

1st Council...
and others!



Aibreán/ April 1899

Baill Thofa agus Chomhthofa

Elected & Co-opted Members

Rúnaí an Chontae /Co. Secretary:
Walter Gordon Seymour,
1899 - +1925

Cuntasóir:/ Accountant:
Fogarty, W.G. 1901? –1925
(ardú céime go dtí Rúnaí/ promoted to
Secretary).

- Burke, D.F.
- Carr, Patrick
- Connolly, J.J.
- Connolly, Michael
- Conroy, John C.
- Conroy, Lawrence
- Corbett, Thomas
- Daly, Col. J.A
- Dervan, John
- Dillon, Honable K. E.
- Fahy, Thomas
- Glynn, Jos. A.
- Joyce, Michael
- Kelly, P.J.
- Kenny, Andrew
- Kenny, Patrick J.
- Lohan, John
- Lynsky, Thaddaeus
- McDonnell J. C.
- McDonagh, Martin
- McDonagh, Thomas
- McDonagh, T. J.
- Murphy, Henry M.A
(elected Vice-Chair)
- Nevin, Michael
- **Nolan, Col. John P.
(elected Chairman)**
- Nolan, John
- Nolan, T.F.
- O'Malley, P J
- Pye, Joseph P.
- Smyth, John
- Sweeney, Peter
- Thomas Byrne,
- Trench, Charles O'Hara
- Walsh, Michael

Chairman elected 22 April 1899

17 votes for Col. Nolan
16 votes for Prof Pye

Chairman of the County Council

W^m J. A. Glynn P. } "That Professor Dye be elected
W^m J. J. Hod. McDonough S. } Chairman of the County Council"

W^m P. Kelly P. } "That Colonel Nolan be elected
W^m Thos. Byrnes S. } Chairman of the County Council"

The Council divided and these voted:-

For Colonel Nolan 1st
" Professor Dye 1st. and
Temporary chairman declared Col. Nolan elected
when upon Col. Nolan signed the Statutory
Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the
Chair.

Colonel Nolan in the chair:-

W^m J. Conroy P. } "That W^m Murphy be elected
" J. J. Connolly S. } Vice-Chairman of the County
Council"

W^m Lawrence Conroy P. } "That W^m Thos. Byrnes be elected
W^m P. J. Kelly S. } Chairman of the County Council"

An Choirnéal/
Col. John P Nolan
(1839-1912)

An 1ú Cathaoirleach/
1st Chairman
1899-1901

MP 1872-1895, 1900-1906



An 1ú
Chathaoirleach Mná

1st Female Chairman

Connie NíFhatharta
2000-2001



Rún an Rialtais Dúchais/
Home Rule resolution:

'...pledge ourselves to the principal of Home Rule and earnestly urge on Her Majesty's Government the necessity of granting legislative independence to Ireland in order to enable the Irish People to make their own laws...'.

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Wrd Byrne Proposed

That we the County Council of the County of Galway at this our first meeting do pledge ourselves to the principal of Home Rule and earnestly urge on Her Majesty's Government the necessity of granting legislative independence to Ireland in order to enable the Irish People to make their own laws and manage their own affairs in harmony with the wishes of the great majority of the population.

That we only regard the Local Government Act as an instalment of justice to prepare our people for the larger and more comprehensive measure of autonomy which is the only scheme that will ever satisfy the hopes and aspirations of our people and make us a happy, prosperous and contented nation.

J. A. Glynn, seconded — Passed.

Rún na Gaeilge

Irish language resolution

*'...express a hope that the
Commission of National
Education now sitting in
Dublin will not separate
without making proper
provision for the teaching
of the Irish Language in
the National schools...':*

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J. A. Glynn proposed.

That the County Council of the
County of Galway express a hope
that the Commission of National
Education now sitting in Dublin
will not separate without making
proper provision for the teaching
of the Irish Language in the National
Schools - now most inadequately provided
for, and we declare ourselves in entire
sympathy with the movement for
the preservation of our language.

That this Resolution be sent
to the secretary, Commission of
National Education, Dublin.

An *Tuam Herald*,
tuairisc i ndiaidh
an 1ú cruinniú

Tuam Herald,
report following
1st meeting



“...first chapter of what promises to be a new era in the administrative life of this country. For good or ill, for better or for worse and we believe it will be all for the better, the new bodies are launched upon the hitherto stormy sea of Irish life and it is to be hoped that from a sense of patriotism if from no other consideration, the Councils now commencing their careers will by all classes and at all hands be so accorded a fair trial neither condemned beforehand for inefficiency nor unduly commended for dishonesty but given a full, unprejudiced and honest trial. It is the interest of no man anxious for the welfare of the country and for its reputation before the world for common sense and practical patriotism to embarrass and hamper the working of these new boards. Throwing unnecessary difficulties in their way means incurring costs upon their administration and making their honest and well means attempt to do their duty an expensive and troublesome task. The new bodies deserve every consideration and fair play and while we are sure from every experience may not be allowed on the opportunity of taking part in they will in every way indirectly...”.

John C. Conroy (1861-1911?)

Aturnae, comhalta
de Chomhairle na
Gaillimhe/
**Solicitor, member
of Galway Council**

1899-1911



John C Conroy
Member of Galway County Council 1899-1911
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An tOllamh /Prof Joseph P Pye (1846-1920)

Comhchathaoirleach ar
Anatamaíocht & Fiseolaíocht i
gColáiste na Banríona, Gaillimh
1877-1920.
Comhalta de Chomhairle
Chontae na Gaillimhe
**Combined Chair of Anatomy &
Physiology in Queen's College
Galway 1877-1920.**

**Member of Galway County
Council 1899-1905**



(íomhá le caoinchead OÉ,
Gaillimh/I
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Miontuairisci an
Choiste Airgeadais,
An 1ú chruinniú an
16 Bealtaine 1899.

Ar fáil ar líne ag
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Finance Committee
Minutes,
1st meeting
16th May 1899.

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www.galway.ie/digitalarchives

Minutes of Proceedings of the
Finance Committee of the

Galway County Council

at a meeting held on the 16th day of
May 1899

J. C. MacDonnell Esq.^{PC}
in the Chair

William Fogarty

Cuntasóir CCnaG/
GCC Accountant
1901-1925

Rúnaí an Chontae/
County Secretary
1925-1927



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