

BORD SLAINTE AN IARTHAIR

WESTERN HEALTH BOARD

Merlin Park Hospital,  
Galway.

20th July, 1971.

To: Each Member of the Board.

Re: Sale of Commonage attached to Letterfrack  
Dispensary Residence

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Dear Member,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, and Section 89 of the Health Act 1947, I hereby give you notice that it is proposed to sell the commonage, particulars of which are given hereunder, which is **not required** for the purposes of the Board's powers and duties:-

- (1) Land -  $\frac{1}{18}$ th share of Commonage of 892 acres 3 roods 27 perches at Baunoge, near Letterfrack, Co. Galway.
- (2) From whom acquired -  
Legal Personal Representatives of Mrs. Bridget McLoughlin, Bayview, Letterfrack.
- (3) Person to whom it is proposed to be sold -  
The Minister for Lands, Dublin 2.
- (4) Consideration in respect of sale -  
£75.00.
- (5) Other considerations and covenants in connection with the sale -  
The Purchaser to be responsible for all costs in connection with the transfer of the property.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next ordinary meeting of the Board which will be held after the expiration of ten days from the date of this notice.

Yours sincerely,

*J. O'Leary*

J. O'Leary,  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Board held on Tuesday the 3rd August, 1971, at 4.00 p.m. in Merlin Park Regional Hospital, Galway.

Present: Mr. T. King - Chairman - who presided.

Other Members: Mr. J. G. Browne, Miss M. P. Byrne, Messrs. T. R. Cahill, E. Carey, P. Concannon, Mrs. M. Croffy, Messrs. J. Cullen, M. J. Dyar, M. J. Egan, P. Flynn, B. J. Forde, E. Haverty, P. D. Joyce, J. D. Kennedy, M. D. Lyons, J. M. Mannion, P. J. Morley, M. Mylotte, T. O Baoill, P. O Cathain, J. P. O'Donnell, D. O'Rourke, M. Ryan, and J. R. Shea.

Apologies: Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs. P. C. Bresnihan, P. D. Power and H. M. Weir.

In Attendance: Mr. E. Hannan, Chief Executive Officer.  
Dr. H. T. Hitchcock, and Miss D. Casey, Matron, Merlin Park Regional Hospital.  
Miss A. Breathnach, Messrs. C. Crowley, J. O'Reilly, and J. Fitzmaurice, Staff Officers, and J. O'Leary, Secretary.

Opening Prayer: The Chairman recited the opening prayer in Irish.

Minutes: Minutes of monthly Meeting of the Board held on the 5th July, 1971, in St. Joseph's District Hospital, Ballina, copies of which had been circulated, were adopted on the proposal of Mr. Carey seconded by Senator Lyons and then signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Browne thanked the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Staff for congratulating him on his appointment as Chairman of the Mass Radiography Board.

Sale of  
Commonage at  
Letterfrack  
Dispensary  
Residence:

Pursuant to Statutory Notice issued to each Member on 20th July, 1971, it was proposed by Senator J. M. Mannion, seconded by Councillor P. D. Joyce, and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to the sale of the Board's one-eighteenth share of Commonage, 892 acres 3 roods, 27 perches in area, situated at Baunoge near Letterfrack, Co. Galway, to the Minister for Lands for the sum of £75, the purchaser to be responsible for all costs in connection with the sale."

Loan - £5,000  
Inishboffin  
Dispensary:

It was proposed by Councillor P. D. Joyce seconded by Councillor Miss M. Byrne, and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £5,000 to meet the cost of erecting and furnishing a new Dispensary on Inishboffin Island."

Grant in aid of  
Board for the  
employment of the  
Blind:

Having considered Department of Social Welfare Circular A.D. 173/64, H.A. 10/71 of the 8th July, 1971, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Croffy, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan and resolved:-

"That the Board authorises the payment of an additional non-repayable Grant of £3,160 to the Board for the Employment of the Blind, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health."

Disabled  
Persons and  
Infectious  
Diseases  
Maintenance  
Allowances:

S.I.No. 207  
of 1971  
S.I. No.208  
of 1971.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Carey, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, and resolved:-

"That the Board authorises the payment of additional expenditure of £65,200 to meet the cost of increased allowances payable under the Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations, 1971, and the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations 1971, from the 1st August, 1971, at an estimated extra cost of £62,200 for Disabled Persons and £3,000 for Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances in the year ending 31st March, 1971."

Staff: (1) Creation of additional office of Physiotherapist:

It was proposed by Councillor E. Carey seconded by Mr. J. G. Browne and resolved:-

"That the Board consents to the creation of one additional wholetime office of Physiotherapist.

(2) Abolition of office of Medical Superintendent,  
Merlin Park Regional Hospital:

It was proposed by Mr. J. G. Browne, seconded by Councillor B. J. Forde and resolved:-

"That the office of Medical Superintendent, Merlin Park Regional Hospital, be and is hereby abolished."

Progress  
Report from  
Chief  
Executive  
Officer:

The Chief Executive Officer reported that:

(1) Welfare Homes:

The Minister for Health had sanctioned the sites for Welfare Homes at Claremorris, Westport and Ballina.

(2) Pathologist, County Hospital, Castlebar:

A temporary Pathologist had taken up duty at the County Hospital, Castlebar, pending the making of a permanent appointment.

A report on laboratory facilities required would be submitted for approval to a future meeting.

(3) General Medicine - Merlin Park:

General Medical cases were being directly admitted to Unit 9 in Merlin Park. The Unit was being supervised by the Medical Consultants in Galway Regional Hospital and Merlin Park. ✓

Kidney Unit  
- Merlin Park:

The following motion in the name of Councillor P. Concannon, notice of which was duly given, was considered:

"That the Kidney Unit in Merlin Park, Galway, be extended to cater for all patients within the region."

The Chief Executive Officer informed the Meeting that the Unit was opened in July 1970, and six patients were being treated in it at present. There were three beds and three machines in use. There was capacity to treat three additional patients weekly. The National Centre at Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin, which assigned patients to the Unit, had been informed and as suitable patients became available, they would be treated in Merlin Park.

The Unit was designed to take six beds. With its full bed complement, and twelve machines, it had an ultimate capacity to treat thirty-six (36) patients.



The patients treated were these suffering from complete failure of kidney function while awaiting transplant. With the appointments of a Urologist and a Nephrologist more general work could be undertaken in the Merlin Park Unit.

Mr. Concannon instanced patients from Roscommon who were obliged to attend at 9.30 a.m. at Jervis Street Hospital every few weeks. He withdrew his motion, on the understanding that Jervis Street Hospital would be written to about the hours of attendance. Chief Executive Officer stated that a further progress report would be made in six months.

Dental Services:

It was agreed to place a resolution on the Dental Services, adopted by the North-Western Health Board on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Congratulations:

Councillor B. J. Forde, seconded by Mr. J. G. Browne, congratulated the Board on securing the services of Mr. James Moran, Roscommon County Accountant, as Finance Officer.

Visit to Merlin Park Regional Hospital:

The Chairman, (Mr. T. King), thanked Dr. Hitchcock, and Miss Casey, Matron, for their attendance and for conducting the Members on a tour of the Hospital Block and Unit 9 prior to the Meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Certified correct.

Signed: John J. Sheehy  
Secretary.

Confirmed and adopted at Meeting of the Western Health Board held on 6th September, 1971.

Signed: Michael J. Lyons  
Chairman.