

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Minute Book

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Item level Description

Cork City and County Archives

Identity Statement

Reference Code:	IE CCCA/AMAI/M
Title:	Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Minute Book
Dates:	1913 - 1959
Level of description:	Item
Extent:	c.300pp plus enclosures

Context

Creator(s)

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland (Cumann Bailte Chomhairle na hÉireann)

Archival History

Deposited with Mallow Town Council records in 2011

Administrative / Biographical History

The AMAI was established on 11 December 1912 at a conference held in the Mansion House, Dublin, which was attended by delegates from 55 city and town councils from all over Ireland. The driving force behind the establishment of the AMAI was Robert Finlay Heron (1852-1923) who was the Town Clerk of the then independent Urban District Council of Blackrock, County Dublin. The first President of the AMAI was Alderman Lorcan Sherlock (1974-1945), Lord Mayor of Dublin, while Finlay Herron became its first Secretary (a position that was replaced by that of Director in 2004).

The purpose of the AMAI was to represent the interests of all the municipal authorities in Ireland, of which there were then 124, and in order to do so effectively, it was though necessary to avoid bringing party politics into its proceedings, in order to avoid Unionist-dominated authorities in Ulster refusing to become involved as had already happened with the General Council of County Councils. The AMAI were successful in this aim, and

in 1915 the Unionist Lord Mayor of Belfast, Sir Crawford McCullagh (1868-1948) became the second President of the AMAI. It was to remain an all-Ireland association until Partition (Source: www.amai.ie)

Content & Structure

Scope & Content

Minute Book containing record of proceedings of meeting of the executive committee of the AMAI.

Includes:

(22 Apr 1913) Letters from J.J. Clancy KC, MP, re. proposed delegation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the grant for Municipal housing schemes.

(29 Dec 1914) Resolution regretting the resignation of the Lord Lieutenant, stating that '...the withdrawal of Lord and Lady Aberdeen would be highly detrimental to the interests of the country...'

(1 Feb 1920) Circular to be sent to Northern towns, urging the importance of retaining the Association

(2 Feb 1922) Deputation to the Minister of Local Government concerning housing.

Conditions of Access & Use

Access: Open by appointment to those holding a current readers ticket

Language: English

Finding Aids: List

Allied Materials:

Related Material:

CCCA:

Various Town Council records; Records of Cork County Council; Records of Cork City Council.

Rules or Conventions Used:

ISADG

Tags/ Index Terms

Local Government Records ; Local Representation ; Urban Development ;

Archivists Note:

References:

www.amai.ie

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