

nearly as may be the manner above provided in regard to triennial and annual appointments of said members; the names and addresses of the said members so first appointed shall be intimated to the county clerk of Argyll who shall convene the first meeting of the joint committee, to be held at Glasgow, each of the members so first appointed by the said district committees shall, if he remains a member of the district committee appointing him, hold office till the month of December in the year in which the next election of county councillors, after the date of this Order, takes place, or until representatives of the said district committees shall be appointed for the then ensuing three years; and each of the members so first appointed by the said Town Councils shall, if he remain a member of the Town Council appointing him, hold office till the month of November in the year in which the next election of town councillors after the date of this Order takes place, when representatives of the said Town Councils shall be appointed for the then ensuing year.

#### *Quorum.*

(7).—The quorum of the Joint Committee shall, unless that Committee otherwise determine, be three. The Joint Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy or vacancies caused by insufficient appointment of members or otherwise, provided that a quorum exists.

#### *Annual Meeting—Election of Chairman, &c.*

(8).—A general meeting of the Joint Committee shall be held annually on such date in the month of December or January as the Committee shall determine. At that general meeting or some adjournment thereof the members shall elect one of their number to be chairman for the year then ensuing and another to be vice-chairman for the same period: provided that, at the first meeting of the Joint Committee convened, in terms of Article 2 (6) hereof, the members shall elect one of their number to be chairman for the period till the first annual general meeting in terms hereof, and another to be vice-chairman for the same period.

#### *Meetings and Powers of Joint Committee.*

(9).—The Joint Committee shall meet for the dispatch of business at such other times and at such place or places as they may from time to time fix. They shall have power (1) to make standing orders regulating their proceedings and business; (2) to fix the quorum for meetings; (3) to appoint such sub-committees as they may from time to time consider necessary; (4) to appoint a clerk (who may also be treasurer) and such other officers and servants as may be considered necessary, and to pay them such salaries as the Joint Committee may from time to time think proper; and (5) to delegate to the sub-committees and officers so appointed such of their powers as they may see fit.

(10).—The decisions of the Joint Committee shall not be subject to the review of any of the combining authorities.

#### *Finance—basis of Contributions—Requisition for Funds.*

Article 3 (1).—The whole expenditure incurred by or under the authority of the Joint Committee

in carrying out the regulations referred to in Article 1 hereof under deduction of the sums received by them from Government Grant and other sources, shall be defrayed by the combining authorities in the following manner, videlicet:—

(a) Expenditure incurred in the provision of accommodation and equipment as distinct from treatment at any institution and also any general expenditure not hereinafter specified shall be defrayed by the combining authorities in proportion to the populations of their respective districts according to the latest available Census Returns.

(b) Expenditure incurred directly in the diagnosis and treatment of cases shall be defrayed by the local authority of the district in which the patient is ordinarily resident: provided that where this cannot readily be determined or where the patient is not ordinarily resident within the district of any of the combining authorities the expenditure shall be defrayed as in the case of general expenditure hereinbefore referred to.

(2).—The Joint Committee shall, between the 15th day of May and the 30th day of June in each year, prepare an estimate of their expenditure under this Article during the year to the 15th day of May succeeding, and shall, not later than 30th June, transmit a copy of such estimate to each of the Combining Authorities, and shall at same time certify to each of such Combining Authorities the proportion of the total estimated expenditure falling to be defrayed by them.

(3).—The Joint Committee shall fix (a) the date in each year on or before which the proportions of the amount of the estimated expenditure for the year, or (b) the dates in each year on or before which instalments of the proportions of the estimated expenditure for the year, are to be paid to them by the several combining authorities; and shall intimate such date or dates to these authorities, who shall make payment of the amounts on or before the dates so fixed and intimated.

(4).—The joint committee shall make up and transmit to Us claims for any Government Grant in aid payable in respect of the expenditure incurred by them or under their authority upon the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Venereal Diseases, and shall receive such Government Grant in aid payable in respect of such expenditure.

#### *Accounts and Audit.*

Article 4 (1).—The provisions as to the preparation and audit of accounts of county councils, as contained in Sections 68 to 70 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1908, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the preparation and audit of the accounts of the Joint Committee.

(2).—The audited accounts shall show the sums payable during the year by each of the Combining Authorities under Article 3 of this Order. A copy of the audited accounts shall be transmitted to each of the Combining Authorities, and any necessary adjustment in the accounts between the Joint Committee and these authorities shall thereafter be made and intimation of the same shall be transmitted by the Joint Committee to these authorities. A copy of the audited accounts shall also be transmitted to Us by the Joint Committee.