

Meeting 3rd June, 1899

At a Meeting of the County Council held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1899

Present. In the Chair Edmond Hore Esq

also present

J. J. Walsh Esq

D. Dempsey Esq

C. H. Peacock Esq

J. E. Mayler Esq

M. Bourne Esq

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald

R. M. Elgee Esq Sol<sup>r</sup> to Co. Council was also in attendance

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The following correspondence was read

Letter from L. P. B re transferring Grand jury money to Co Funds

no. 31193: 1899

Wexford County

Local Government Board

Dublin. 1<sup>st</sup> June 1899

Treasurership

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo requesting sanction to a proposal of the Co. Council of Wexford to transfer the amount standing to the credit of the former Grand jury of Wexford, with their Treasurer the Provincial Bank, to a new account to be opened with the National Bank in the name of the Co. Council, and in reply I am to state that the Local Government Board do not see any objection to the course proposed by the County Council with regard to the sums mentioned in your letter. Any claim on the balance of the account of the former Grand jury by both Co. Councils can be dealt with in the adjustment of accounts of these bodies

I am, Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Thos. A. Mooney

Secretary

Cheques were drawn for the amount to credit - viz: £4877 " 9 " 6 £71 " 10 " 4  
£11 " 17 " 2, £29 " 16 " 3,



Sessions House at Athurstown

Letter from the L.G. B. re building Sessions House at Athurstown, was read and referred to Finance Committee

N<sup>o</sup> 30959. 1899

Wexford County

Local Government Board

Dublin 29<sup>th</sup> May 1899

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst relative to a loan for the purpose of building a Sessions House in Athurstown, and in reply I am to state that article 22 (11) (B) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) order 1898 provides that the County Council may with the consent of the Local Government Board borrow for "purchasing any land, <sup>or</sup> building, and "building which the Council are authorized by any act to "purchase or build"

It is provided by section 59 of the Grand Jurors (Ireland) Act 1836 as adopted "that it shall be lawful for any County Council to resolve that such sum or sums of money shall be raised off such County as shall be necessary for "building, rebuilding, enlarging, repairing, altering, or fitting, up any court house or Session House therein."

I am Sir

your obedient servant

D. J. MacSheahan

Assistant Secretary

Coroners' Salaries.

Re Coroners Salaries: Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 1899

N<sup>o</sup> 28481. 1899 Wexford County

Referred to the Finance Committee

The following Resolution passed by the Co. Wicklow Co. Council was read & adopted -

Wicklow Co. Council

30<sup>th</sup> May 1899

Resolved: That recognising as we do the urgent necessity that exists for the establishing of a Board of Agriculture in Ireland in thorough sympathy with the Agricultural and Industrial interests of this <sup>country</sup> ~~County~~ and under popular control, we strongly disapprove of the bill for the establishment of



a Department of Agriculture, introduced by the Chief Secretary, as it in no way fulfils such conditions, - its provisions being entirely of an autocratic character, the suggestion of a popular voice in its working being altogether illusory.

We also condemn its financial provisions, which we cannot, but characterise as grossly unjust as we consider Ireland is entitled to have funds necessary for the administration of such a measure as this remitted to her out of the £3,000,000 a year, she is still being unjustly deprived of.

*in Parliament* We therefore call upon the Irish Representatives in Parliament to urge upon the Government such modifications of the measure as will satisfy the demands of justice, good Government and efficient administration.

That copies of this resolution be printed and forwarded to the Leader of the House, the Chief Secretary, Captain Donelan, Whip of the Irish party, and to each of the County and Borough Boards in Ireland, with a request to those bodies to adopt this or a similar resolution.

Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman,

### Grant to Industrial Schools.

The following letter received from the Manager of St Michael's Industrial School, Wexford was read and the matter reported on was referred to the Finance Committee.

St Michael's Industrial School  
Wexford 2nd June 1899.

Gentlemen,

Before ending in our account from 30<sup>th</sup> November 1898 for maintenance of County Wexford children in this school I would respectfully ask you to take, into your consideration the inadequate amount of the payment made to us, for the past few years, and to increase same to such an amount as will be equal to the rate per child per week, paid us by other Counties.

The original agreement made with us by the Grand Jury of this County was 2/6 per child per week, and on the faith of this agreement, we expended, very large sums in providing suitable accommodation for the children to be committed to our school.

This payment was however reduced from time to time, in face of our protests and for the children committed to us in this County for the past few years we only received 1/- per child per week, while <sup>for</sup> 11 or 12 old

Committees



committees we received only  $1\frac{5}{6}$  per week. Although this reduction was made in case of the County Wexford, Industrial Schools the Grand Jury continued to pay  $2\frac{1}{6}$  per week to Artane and other Schools outside the County. We have children here from many other Counties in Ireland; from the County Kildare we receive  $2\frac{1}{6}$  per child per week.

On referring to the Inspector's last report on Industrial Schools in Ireland, the County Council will find that the actual annual cost of the maintenance of each child in this school was £19. 17. 6 so that a payment of  $2\frac{1}{6}$  per child per week, in addition to the Government Grant of 5/- per week, would still be under the actual cost.

Under all the circumstances and taking into account the fact that the money granted to our School is spent in the County, we venture to hope for a favourable consideration of our application.

Your obedient servant

M. A. Maguire  
Manager.

To the County Council  
of the County Wexford.

Payment to Asylum

The following letters from the District Lunatic Asylum were read and orders made thereon.

District Lunatic Asylum  
Enniscorthy Co Wexford

Dear Sir,

There is a sum of £2966. 9. 5 due by the Grand Jury for the maintenance of the Asylum for the six months from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> September 1899. I shall feel much obliged if you can send me a cheque before Friday as the Governors have been compelled to overdraw their Account.

Yours faithfully  
Thos. Drapes. R. M. S.



District Lunatic Asylum  
 Banascorthy Co Wexford. 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1899

Sir

I herewith enclose a copy of a resolution passed by the Committee of this Asylum and shall feel obliged by your bringing the matter under the notice of the County Council at the earliest opportunity

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

Thomas Drapes R.M.s

The Secretary  
 County Council  
 Wexford.

Copy of resolution passed

That the County Council be requested to take immediate steps to procure funds for the Asylum, this maintenance Account being at present overdrawn £750. 17. 0, and about £1000. is now due to Contractors and it is also recommended that the County Council apply to the Government for the Capitation Grant amounting to £4318. 4. 7 now due.

J Donohoe  
 Chairman

A true copy.

Thomas Drapes R.M.s

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke Seconded by Mr. Walsh

That £2000 be supplied to the Lunatic Asylum to meet their present demands. Passed

Proposed by Mr. Hore Seconded by Mr. Peacocke

That the Secretary write to the Local Government Board asking when Capitation Grant would be made. Passed



Additional Printing

Ordered: That the question of allowing Mr Hughes for the additional Printing done outside his contract be referred to the Finance Committee. Mr Hughes to furnish an Account of the amount claimed

Collectors Security

Notice of motion by Mr. Browne to rescind the resolution naming £500. as Security of Poor Rate collectors and their surties, and that the security be £300 each. was received.

Collectors Remuneration

Proposed by Lord Maurice Fitzgerald Seconded by Mr. Browne and passed That the Secretary write to the Local Government Board drawing their attention to the manner in which Poor Rate collectors would receive their remuneration as set forth in Article 12 of Local Government Order, N<sup>o</sup> 161 M. 1899, which states:

"Every collector of the Poor Rate shall be remunerated for his services according to the following scale. (1) On all moneys collected and lodged within four months after he shall have received his Warrant, such poundage rate as the County Council with the approval of the Local Government Board shall have fixed"

(2) On all moneys collected and lodged after the expiration of the above mentioned period but within the Financial Half year, one half the said poundage rate. and pointing that this scale of remuneration seemed to be unworkable for the reason that the Poor rate is collectable half yearly and considering that it would be 2 or 3 months after the beginning of each half year before the Poor Rate collectors would receive their collecting books, the collectors would have only the period from the date the date they would receive their Warrants, till the end of the Financial Half Year. which the collectors considered a great grievance as they could never earn the full amount of their poundage, and asking the Local Government Board to make such change as they deem desirable



Ordered:- That the matter of appointing 2 Poor Rate collectors instead of Mr. Donald in the "Euniscorthy Union" and Bnslawn in the "Gorey Union" who refused to act be referred to the Finance Committee.

Appointment of Accountant

Ordered:- That the applications for the position of temporary accountant be sent in before 15<sup>th</sup> and that applicants attend personally at Meeting of Finance Committee on that date.

Collectors Sureties

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke Seconded by Lord Maurice Fitzgerald:- That the Poor Rate collectors Sureties should attend before the County Council for examination as to their solvency. Passed

N<sup>o</sup> 37  
4470

Credit Receipt

The National Bank Wexford  
27<sup>th</sup> May 1899

£12023 . 13 . 6

Received from the Wexford County Council the sum of £12023 - 13 - 6 which is placed to their credit at our office here

For the National Bank Ltd

Entd. J. J. O'Hanlon P. Accountant

J. S. Connors P. Manager

J. H. Grattan Esmonde

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1899

J. H. Grattan Esmonde