

Special Meeting 10th March 1909

A special meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 10th March 1909.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, (Vice-Chairman) presiding
Other Members, Messrs John J. Kehoe, J. J. Hearn, Patrick O'Neill, A. A. Ennis, M. Brown, M. Doyle, John Cummins, M. Hickery, M. Codd, John Bolger, Thaddens Bolger, J. E. Mayler, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Fanning, A. Kinsella, G. Walsh, James Codd, P. Fortune & Doyle

The Secretary and Mr. R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council were in attendance.

Acknowledgement Note of Sympathy.

The following letter from Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Bart, M. P. Chairman of the Council was ordered to be inserted on the minutes on the motion of the Chairman

"I am sincerely grateful to the County Council for the vote of condolence on my brother's death, which they have been kind enough to pass, and particularly to Mr. Peacocke, and Mr. Ennis, who were so good as to propose and second it. Will you please to convey my best thanks to the Council at their next meeting"

The Question of the County Surveyorship

Under date 6th March 1909 the following letter was read from Mr. T. B. Moffat, Solicitor, Ennisworthy, on behalf of Mr. H. Webster County Surveyor.

"Mr. Webster has consulted me in relation to what took place at the meeting of the County Council on the 17th February.

The report of the Local Government Board having been read Mr. Webster was asked if he intended to resign, and said no. The County Council then passed a resolution abolishing the office of County Surveyor for the County and substituting two offices of 20 Surveyors for two divisions of the County fixing their salaries at £400

Mr. Webster was then asked if he would accept one of the new offices, which of course involved

his resigning his existing office. This he refused to do. He had previously refused to resign his existing office or accept the new salary. The newspaper report would read as if he refused to continue in his existing office, but it is plain that this was never intended by him, or understood by the County Council. To prevent misapprehension, I hereby on behalf of Mr. Webster give you notice that as stated at the meeting he never intended to resign his existing office and always has been, and still is willing to perform his duties as County Surveyor of the County of Wexford, and claims his right to do so.

Kindly let me hear from you on the matter. I am sending a copy of this letter to the L.G.B."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Moffat Solicitor to Mr. Webster, that the Co Council hold Mr. Webster's autograph resignation as County Surveyor of the County of Wexford, which was handed in by him at the meeting of the Council on 17th February.. was accepted by resolution and initialled "accepted" by the Chairman of the Meeting. - Mr. Edmond More."

Notices of Motion

The following motion by Mr. Browne, and of which he had given previous notice was considered:-

"That the resolution of the County Council of 17th February deciding to appoint two County Surveyors at salaries of £400 each per annum, be rescinded, and that one County Surveyor only be appointed, at a salary to be fixed by the meeting at which this Notice of Motion will be considered."

"Mr. Brown said he would move his motion so as to read as follows:-

"That the resolution of the County Council on 17th February deciding to appoint two County Surveyors at salaries of £400 each per annum, be rescinded."

Mr. Ennis seconded. Passed.

Appointment of County Surveyor.

Mr. Ennis moved:— "That this Council fill the vacancy that has been created in the office of County Surveyor by advertising for a competent engineer as a whole time officer, to fill the position at a salary of £500 per annum to cover travelling allowances and clerical assistance. Appointment to be made on the terms and conditions laid down in the Regulations prescribed by the Local Government Board.

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Mr. Cummins moved as an amendment:— "That we adhere to our former resolution of having two County Surveyors at £300 each, per annum."

Mr. M. Doyle seconded the amendment.

Mr. Brown moved as an amendment:— "That one County Surveyor be appointed at a salary of £500 per annum with £50 for services of a clerk."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

A vote was taken on Mr. Cummins amendment with the following result:—

For:— Messrs Walsh, M. Doyle, Cummins, and Hickey. — 4—

Against:— Messrs Kinsella, Hearn, Browne, O'Neill, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Kehoe, J. Bolger, Fanning, M. Codd, J. Codd, Fortune, Apple mayler, and the Chairman. — 16.

The Chairman declared Mr. Cummins amendment lost. On Mr. Brown's amendment being put, the Chairman declared it lost.

The Chairman then put the resolution of Mr. Ennis as the substantive motion which was carried.

Under date 25th February 1909 the following letter (No. 31868-1909) from the Local Government Board, was read for the meeting.

"With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the County Surveyorship of Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, copies of the Boards Memorandum respecting such office, together with a copy of a Model Advertisement which the Board recommend for adoption by the Council when advertising for applicants"

The Secretary stated that the Model Advertisement forwarded by the Local Government Board had been

Considered at the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 6th March and adopted with the following alteration. - 5th line from bottom "Standing Orders of County Council of Wexford" - to read "Orders and Resolutions of County Council of Wexford."

Mr. Innis proposed, Mr. Kehoe seconded and it was passed "That applications for the County Surveyorship be received up to and including the 31st March, and that the Election take place on 4th May."

It was decided that the following Advertisement be inserted in the "Irish Times", "Freeman" and "Independent" and to receive three insertions

County Surveyor wanted

The Wexford County Council will at their meeting to be held on 4th May 1909 at 10 o'clock A.M., proceed to the election of a properly qualified Engineer as County Surveyor for the County of Wexford, at a salary of £500 per annum (inclusive).

Applications will be received up to 31st March 1909 by the Secretary of the County Council Courthouse, Wexford, who will give full particulars as to the appointment."

Assistant Surveyors

Notice of Motion

Mr. Innis moved the following, of which he had given previous notice: - "That should the County Council, ^{consider} it desirable an additional Assistant Surveyor be appointed at a salary to be fixed by the County Council on consideration of this Notice of Motion."

Under date 8th March the following was read from Mr J. J. Ryan Assistant Surveyor: -

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the C Council.

With your usual kindness will you allow me to lay the following before you for your just and kind consideration. When out on my inspection last week I was travelling over 141, and I noticed the material had shrunk greatly since I measured it in September, so much so that I measured small part of depot, and found that it had shrunk two inches, and if all the depots on this road shrunk two inches, and if all the depots on this road shrunk two inches, it would bring my measurement and Mr. Innis's out equal.

I feel greatly aggrieved that I was not let know when Mr. Innis was going to check the measurements

on those roads, as I would have known how much the material had shrunk between the time I had measured them and Mr. Ennis's measurement. You are all aware that the depots have been freshly levelled, and the stones sank down in the clay that was used for levelling. I would also have known if the depots had been tampered with, or any material removed from them as it is rumoured, and I believe true, that the stones have been moved on some of those roads, as the contractor of no 299 and 176 has told me, and others, that the stones were taken off his road not by himself, but he missed them. If the County Council wish to give me fair play, what I would suggest is that they give me an extension of time, the same as they did to my colleague, Mr. Brennan, and ask Mr. Ennis if he would be kind enough to measure the material on those roads that he had measured on the same date that I would measure them when they are put out fresh from the Quarry, and let them lie in the depots for the same length of time as they were left last time, between the time I measured them and the time Mr. Ennis checked them, and then the County Council will know how much the stones will shrink in the depots. I had to measure this material when put out fresh in the depots, and it is really unfair to hold me accountable for the shrinkage and other losses that may happen those depots. I admit, I was not able to finish my measurements in time, as I left one day's work undone which was done by Mr. Brennan, for which he was paid out of my salary. I could have finished the work if I had cycled over my district, but I did most of my work by car."

The Secretary submitted the draft advertisement for the position of Assistant Surveyor, and which was approved by the Meeting of the Finance Committee on 6th March

Mr. Ennis in moving his motion gave the following, extracted from the Diaries of the Assistant Surveyors for the Year 1908:-

Assistant Surveyors Attendances for a year.

	Total	On Roads	Other Duties
T. Paddle	229	161	68
T. J. Ryan	186	169	17
A. Brennan	160	145	15
John Kehoe.	136	133	3
W. H. Jones	119	94	25

Mr. Ennis in dealing with his motion said he did not wish to allocate the new Assistant to any district but that he should be placed in charge of all important special works in the County.

Mr. Janning seconded Mr. Ennis's motion

Mr. Browne moved: - "That the consideration of this question be postponed for a year.

Mr. Peacocke seconded the amendment

The following was the result of a poll being taken: - For the amendment: - Messrs Browne & Peacocke.

Against: - Messrs Walsh, Kinsella, Hearn, O'Seill, J. Bolger, Ennis, Kehoe, J. Bolger, Janning, M. Lodd, M. Doyle, James Lodd, Fortune, Apple, Lemmings, Hickey, Meyler, and the Chairman: - 18.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost

A poll was taken on Mr. Ennis's motion as follows
For the motion: - Messrs Kinsella, Hearn, O'Seill, Ennis, Janning, Hickey: - 6.

Against: - Messrs Walsh, Browne, J. Bolger, Peacocke, Kehoe, J. Bolger, M. Lodd, M. Doyle, James Lodd, Fortune, Lemmings, Apple, Meyler, and the Chairman: - 14.

The Chairman declared Mr. Ennis's motion lost
with reference to letter received from Mr. T. J. Ryan Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Brennan Solicitor appeared for Mr. Ryan and asked the County Council to give Mr. Ryan another chance for twelve months.

The Council declined to agree to Mr. Brennan's request on behalf of Mr. Ryan.

Subsequently the following was read from Mr. Ryan dated 10th March 1909. "I beg to tender your Council my resignation of my position as Deputy Surveyor. Will you kindly ask your Council to accept same."

Mr. Ennis moved: - That the draft advertisement

for Assistant Surveyor be approved, and that the election be held on the 4th May. All applications to be lodged on or before 15th April. That the Local Government Board be requested to hold an examination at such a date as will allow of the Council being informed of what candidates have qualified under it, on, or before the date of election 4th May.

That the Secretary insert a short advertisement as to the vacancy for Assistant Surveyor in the "Freeman" & "Independent" three insertions.

The resolution of Mr. Norris was seconded by Mr. Kehos and unanimously adopted.

Courtown Harbour.

Report of Special Committee.

The following report of Special Committee in connection with Courtown Harbour, was read for the meeting:-

We the undersigned members of the Committee appointed by the Council for the purpose visited Courtown Harbour on 25th Feb.

We there met and received valuable information and assistance from Lord Stopford, the Hon Capt Stopford, Mr. Oliver, Engineer to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, Mr. Padole Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Stapleton, Harbour Master.

We beg to report as follows:-

Our instructions being:-

- (a) To suggest the best method of dealing with the constantly recurring siltage, and the mouth of Courtown Harbour
- (b) To examine the present condition of the discharging coal boats the property of the Council and to enquire into and suggest what alteration if any in the present system of discharging coal cargoes at Courtown Harbour may be desirable

We first directed our attention to the question of Siltage on Courtown Bar

On the date of our visit we observed three fishing boats coming from seaward, and each drawing about five feet cross the bar without difficulty, and

enter the harbour on a falling tide, which had ebbed about two feet, at the time the boats passed through the Channel.

We therefore feel justified in assuming that at high water on that day the draft on Countown Bar was 7 feet. We are of opinion that if this draft of 7 feet could be permanently maintained the County Council would reasonably fulfil its obligation to maintain this fishing Harbour in a fair navigable condition for the service of the light-drafted fishing fleet belonging to the Port.

We do not believe that the expenditure upon pier extension of the utmost amount which under the existing law the Council could devote to the purpose, or even a much larger sum if possible, could have the smallest advantageous effect in the direction of deepening the Channel, and in this view we have the support of Mr. Oliver's opinion strongly expressed, that money spent upon pier extension a means of deepening the fairway would be money practically wasted.

We regard Systematic sluicing or Systematic dredging or a combination of both methods as the means best calculated to afford satisfactory results.

The present sluice gates are and have been for a considerable time past in a defective and unsatisfactory condition, the roller-paths upon which they travel appear to have become worn and uneven, and the gates not fitting properly against the sill a serious wastage of water detrimental to efficient sluicing occurs. The machinery by which the sluice-gates are operated is also badly out of gear and deficient in power, and we consider it to be imperative that these defects should be remedied as quickly as possible.

We therefore recommend the Council to sanction the immediate expenditure necessary to put the sluice gates in thoroughly effective working order, and to provide efficient working appliances. This being done we further recommend that the Harbour Master should be instructed to carry out in future Systematic sluicing operations on at least three or four consecutive days during spring tides.

We anticipate very favourable results should these recommendations be faithfully carried into effect.

Should however experience prove later on that further measures are necessary in order to keep the Harbour mouth clear, then the Council must apparently face the consideration of supplementing the sluicing by dredging operations carried out either by a light-drafted suction dredger similar to that promised by the Vice President of the Department to a deputation from the Council on 21st September 1908, or in the alternative by a travelling crane dredger operated from the North pier. Either of these latter methods would undoubtedly entail a considerable annual expenditure, and although we would not hesitate to recommend this expenditure, should it be necessary for the protection of the fishing industry, we earnestly trust that the result of thoroughly effective sluicing may suffice to obviate any necessity for it.

With regard to the coal-discharging boats, we have carefully examined the four boats of this class, the property of the Council, and have satisfied ourselves that two of them are past repair and unfit for further use.

We have given very careful attention to the question of the advisability, or otherwise of a continuance of the present system with regard to the discharge of coal cargoes at Courtown Harbour, and although this system is not exactly one which we should recommend the Council to initiate, yet as it has been in operation for many years before the Council undertook control of the harbour and as its discontinuance might possibly have a prejudicial effect upon the coal trade of the little port which gives considerable local employment and which has to fight keen competition from Rail-feds and other depots, we are not prepared to recommend any change.

We therefore support the proposal of the Courtown Harbour Committee that tenders for two boats should be invited in Arklow and Wexford.

Signed: M. A. Davis

P. J. Fanning

Alexander Kinsella

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Lammie the report was adopted"

At their meeting of March 2nd the Courtown Harbour Committee recommended that Capt Hon B. B. Stopford be appointed a member of the Committee vice Rev. J. Ashton resigned.

"On the motion of Mr. Janning seconded by Mr. John Bolger the name of Capt. Stopford was added to the Committee vice Rev. J. Ashton resigned"

Notice of Motion - St. Bridget's Inebriate Home.

Mr. Ennis moved the following of which had given previous notice:- "That the County Council become Guarantors to St. Bridget's Female Inebriate Home, Wexford, at the rate of £6 per week, per patients committed from Wexford County. Mr. Cummins seconded, Passed.

Notice of Motion Wearing Collars by Dogs.

The following notice of motion given by Mr. P. J. Janning was read for the meeting and moved by him:-

"That the regulations made by the Council acting as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 to 1903, and the Dogs Act 1906, and prescribing and regulating the wearing by dogs while in a highway or in a place of public resort of a collar be withdrawn, as from the date of said meeting at which this Notice shall be considered and adopted."

Under date 8th March the following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture (Letter No 929-09)

In connection with your letter of the 2nd instant, transmitting a copy of a notice of motion by a member of the County Council, on the above subject, it is thought desirable to transmit, for the information of the County Council, the enclosed copy of some observations that have been received, bearing on the matter, from the Chief Inspector of the Department's Veterinary Branch.

The Department agree with the view to which these observations give expression, and would deprecate withdrawal of the regulations at present."

The observations of Chief Inspector of Veterinary Branch are as follows:-

"I have consulted the returns showing the number of sheep supposed to have been killed by dogs in each County in Ireland during the past three years, and as far as the County Wexford is concerned the figures are as follows:-

1906,	43
1907,	48
1908,	89

At the same time it is observed that the number of cases in which the owners of dogs have been discovered and made amenable are, for the three years only 4, 5, and 8, respectively. Under these circumstances I do not think that the time has yet arrived when any relaxation of the existing regulations, as regards wearing of collars by dogs would be judicious. The proposed resolution would probably tend to even more unfavourable statistics in the matter of the detection of owners whose dogs commit depredations."

Mr. Fanning's notice of motion was seconded by Mr. Kinsella. A vote was taken with the following result:-
For the motion:- Messrs Walsh, Kinsella, Stearn, John Bolger, Dennis, Peacocke, Fanning, James Lodd, M. Doyle, Mark Lodd, Fortune, Apple, Lummins, and Hickey. - 14 -

Against:- Messrs Brown, Kehoe, Mayler & the Chairman. - 4 -
The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Poor Rate Collectors' POUNDAGE

Under date 1st March 1909, the following letter No. 3/229 1909 Wexford County, from the Local Government Board, was read:-

With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to increase the rate of remuneration of Messrs Bogley, Lennon, and Sinnott, collectors of Poor Rate, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they would be glad to be informed of the Council's reasons for granting such increases."

Mr. Stearn proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

That the Local Government Board be informed that the reasons which operated with the Council in increasing the amount of poundage to the three rate collectors referred to in their communication were those set out in the collectors' application, also that these collectors had given great satisfaction in the discharge of their duties, and it is the desire of the Council to put them on a level with the other collectors, who are receiving 7d in the £

Removal of Wreckage.

Under date 25th February 1909 the following was read from the Department of Agriculture, (Fisheries Branch)

Adverting to your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the necessity for the removal of wreckage from the sea along the coast between Curracloe and Courtown, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department await a reply to my communication on this subject of the 17th December last

With regard to this matter, and to the raising of the anchors referred to in your letter of the 18th instant as well as the clearing away of the wreckage in Rosslare Bay, the Department will feel obliged if the County Council will be good enough to submit an estimate of the total cost involved and of the proportion thereof which they are prepared to provide"

The Secretary stated that the cause of the delay in replying to the letter of the Department was because the Board of Trade were in communication with Lloyds in connection with the matter. Under date 7th December 1908, the Department of Agriculture, had written that Mr Wm Armstrong, of 3 South main St Wexford, had asked permission to tender for the removal of the old wreckage at Curracloe and Blackwater, and if the Council agreed to arrange with Mr Armstrong, the Department would consider what contribution they might give towards the cost of the project, and that it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Board of Trade before commencing operations. On the 17th February 1909, the County Council passed a resolution, asking the Department of Agriculture to have the anchors at Courtown Harbour removed.

Under date 6th March 1909 the following letter no H 2634 from the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade was read:—

"With reference to previous correspondence upon the subject of certain wrecks lying off the coast of Wexford at Curracloe and Blackwater, I am directed by the Board of Trade to acquaint you for the information of the County Council, that the Board see no objection to the removal by the Council of the wrecks in question

The Secretary stated, that he had furnished the Department of Agriculture with a copy of this Communication.

The Board of Trade had not yet consented to the removal of anchors at Fourtown Harbour, or wreckage from Wexford Bay.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided:-
"That this matter be postponed until the Council receive the consent of the Board of Trade with regard to the removal of the wrecks from Rosslare Bay"

Appointment of Veterinary Surgeon.

In connection with the appointment of Veterinary Surgeon, for portion of the Gorey District, viz Mr. J. R. Webster. V.L. deceased, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, wrote as follows under date 20th February 1909 (Letter no. 693-09)

Your letter of the 18th instant containing the terms of a resolution adopted by your Council at a meeting on the previous day, respecting the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector in room of the late Mr. Webster. M.R.C.V.S., for the portion, (comprising eight electoral divisions) of Gorey Union for which he had acted, has been duly received.

In reply I have to state that no objection is offered by the Department to the Council's proposal to allow a salary of £20 per Annum in connection with such intended appointment. The name of appointee should be submitted for approval in due course."

The Secretary submitted draft advertisement for the position which had been approved by the meeting of the Finance Committee of 6th March.

Mr. Janning proposed that the draft advertisement be approved, and the vacancy be advertised.

Mr. Keacocke seconded the motion which was passed.

Quarries in North Wexford.

Under date 24th February 1909 the following report from Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M.P. Chairman to Council, and Mr. P. J. Janning M.C. was read:-

Your Committee have the honour to report that we visited today, according to arrangement, in company with Mr. Webster, and Mr. Paddle, the Quarry at Slievebaun, and

having made a careful examination of it, we ascertained that there is a large quantity of excellent stones for road-metalling to be had there.

The Quarry is however difficult of access, and considerable stripping will be necessary before the rock suitable for road metal is reached.

In the circumstances the sum we feel justified in offering for two statute acres of this land, was not what the owner was disposed to accept.

We therefore came to no arrangement in the matter. We subsequently visited Ballythomas where we found that the owners of the Quarry had placed the matter in their solicitor's hands.

We therefore took no action in that matter.

In connection with Ballythomas Quarry the following letter under date 22nd February 1909 was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We are requested by Mr. Owen Bolger, Mr. Moses Walsh, and Alice and John Pierd to apply to you for payment of the sum of £50, now so long overdue for the purchase of the stones at Ballythomas Hill, pursuant to the agreement signed by all parties in reference thereto, and awaiting same."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Fanning the following resolution was adopted.

"That the report of Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr. Fanning with regard to Slievebawn and Ballythomas Quarries be received"

On the motion of Mr. John Bolger seconded by Mr. Ennis, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the acquirement of a Quarry at Slievebawn be again referred to Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Fanning to consider an offer from the owner (which the Council believed he intends to make) and that they report to the next meeting of the Council"

In connection with Ballythomas Quarry the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:- "That this matter be referred to Mr. Elger"

Assistant Surveyor Paddle

Under date 10th February 1909 Mr. Paddle Assistant

Surveyor applied for increment on his salary as from 1st September 1908.

The Finance Committee at the meeting of 6th March had adopted the following recommendation, in connection with the matter:-

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to the addition of increment of £5 to salary of Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor as from 1st September 1908"

Mr. Jorris proposed:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee agreeing to the increment of £5 to the salary of Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, as from 1st September 1908 be confirmed. Mr. Kinsella seconded the motion which was adopted.

Rate Collection

The Finance Committee at their meeting on 6th March decided that the Secretary be instructed to issue a Circular letter to the Rate collectors, stating that the Committee will refuse to ask the Local Government Board for an extension of time, in the case of any Rate collector of the County. It was also agreed that the Secretary write special letters to Messrs J. Mullett John Walsh and J. L. Doyle, pointing out to them that the Finance Committee will refuse to recommend the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board for an extension of time to close their collections, and in the event of their not closing their collections within the prescribed period will ask the Council to take serious notice of the fact.

Under date 8th February 1909. Mr. Lennon Rate Collector wrote as follows:-

"I beg to draw your attention, and that of your Council, to a matter of the utmost importance to me, viz:- an instance in Kilpatrick Division where I am now due four half years Rates, together with seven shillings expenses for obtaining a decree last August, amounting in all to £3:10:5½. There is nothing whatever on the holding, which is bought under the Land Commission. I will thank you to lay this matter before your Council, which I trust will see their way to recoup me for the loss I have sustained

In reply to a letter from the Secretary asking for information Mr Lennon stated that the case he referred to was Catherine Hanlon Kereight, on which he was owed rates amounting to £3.10.5¹/₂."

"The various Orders of the Finance Committee in connection with the state of the rate collection since the last meeting of the Council were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

With regard to the application of Mr Lennon, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J Bolger, seconded by Mr. Innis:- That Mr Lennon be informed that the Council have no power to make recompense, in the case submitted by him, and that his attention be called to the state of the law on the matter.

Lamps Ballyhack Pier

Under date 25th February the following letter was read from Mr J Allingham, Secretary, Waterford Harbour Board:-

Replying to yours of the 18th instant, I am directed by the Commissioners to say that they are in no way responsible for the opening near the old slip at Ballyhack Quay, and they cannot, therefore supply a lamp.

"On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of H. M. Inspector of Factories be directed to the necessity which exists for having a lamp erected at Ballyhack Pier, and that he be requested to ask the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to have same erected."

On the motion of Mr John Bolger, seconded by Mr Innis, the following resolution was adopted:-

That the County Council have no objection to Mr John Cummins erecting a shed at the end of Ballyhack Pier.

Advance of Law Costs.

Mr Innis proposed:-

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee, £150 be advanced to Mr Bolger in connection with Law Costs, with regard to the appeal of the Waterford

County Council against the findings of the Vic-Regal Commission relative to the erection of the new bridge at Waterford.

Mr Peacocke seconded the motion which was adopted.

New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee

Under date 23 February 1909, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, wrote that his Council had recommended the appointment of messrs Denis Cummins Rahen Adamstown, Michael Byrne Junior Ballinaberna, Ballywilliam, Wm Thorpe Knockrol, New Ross, Daniel Gaffney Aclare Campile, and Edward Cummins Meylerspark New Ross, as the Representatives of the Local Authority on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee.

Mr Peacocke proposed and Mr Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That the recommendation of the New Ross Rural District Council, that messrs Denis Cummins Rahen Adamstown, Michael Byrne Jr Ballinaberna, Ballywilliam, Wm Thorpe Knockrol New Ross, Daniel Gaffney Aclare Campile, and Edward Cummins Meylerspark New Ross, be appointed the representatives of the Local Authority on the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee be adopted. Passed.

Parnell Monument Committee.

The trustees of the Parnell Monument wrote asking the County Council to inaugurate a collection at an early date for the purpose of completing the monument.

It was decided that the Secretary bring this matter before the next meeting of the County Council.

Shelter of Courthouse for Recipients of Outdoor Relief.

Under date 17th February 1909 the following letter was read from Mr James P. Connor Under Sheriff; relative to the proposal of the County Council to allow recipients of outdoor relief in Wexford district to be afforded the shelter of the body of Wexford Courthouse while waiting for their payments:-

"I am directed by the High Sheriff to acknowledge

receipt of your letter of 11th inst. Personally I think some remuneration should be given to the Courtkeeper for the extra duty she will have if the proposed arrangement is carried out." Marked "Read"

Steam Wagon on County Roads.

Under date 19th February 1909, the following letter was read from messrs S. & A. J. Davis, St John's mill, Enniscorthy:-

"We have yours of 18th instant, and are obliged for information as to improvement of the roads, we have spoken to our engine-driver about steam wagon resting on crown of road bridges when taking in water, our driver says he avoids bridges altogether, as far as possible, but when he has to take water on a bridge, it is far better for a wagon to be exactly on the crown, it is a considerable length, therefore the wheels are altogether away from the crown." Marked "Read"

Deductions Land Purchase Acts.

Under date 22 February 1909 the following letter no. 30821-1909 mis., from the Local Government Board was read:-

"Adverting to their letter of the 6th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the County Council of Wexford, that they have now received copies of certificate from the Irish Land Commission and the Commissioners of National Debt showing the actual arrears in purchase annuities under the Land Purchase Acts of 1891, 1896 and 1903, and the Board are therefore in a position to inform the Council definitely that the amount which will be deducted in respect of land purchase liability from the Estate Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of next month is a sum of £891 "2. 10."

Marked "Read."

Water Supply, Sealed Orders.

Sealed Orders were received from the Local Government Board fixing New Ross District as the area of charge for water supply at Ballykelly and at Aghelare." Marked "Read"

Deepening River Slaney.

Under date 16 February 1909 the Department of Agriculture wrote letter (no. 1117-09 F.B.)

Adverting to your letter of the 12th instant, on the subject of the deepening of the River Slaney, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department's Engineer, Mr. Oliver, will attend the meeting of the Proposal Committee of the Council on the 15th April next."

marked "Read"

W. H. Keenan Esq.

15 April 1909.