

ANNUAL MEETING.- 12th JUNE 1913.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 12th June 1913.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) Presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs John O'Connor, M. Doyle Junr., Patrick O'Neill, R. A. Rice, T. L. Esmonde, J. J. Stafford, Patrick Rossiter, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, James Lynch, M. Gough, D. Sinnott, J. T. Mayler, M. Cloney, M. Hickey, T. Asple, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Senr., A. Kinsella, James Codd.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance,

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Lynch.

Mr John Bolger was elected Chairman for 1913-14.

Mr Bolger returned thanks for his election.

He then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Asple,

Mr C. H. Peacocke was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 1913-14.

Mr Peacocke returned thanks for his election.

He then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Proposal Committee.

Proposed by Mr Doyle Senr.,

Seconded by Mr Rossiter,

"That the Proposal Committee be a Committee of the "whole house".

Passed.

Executive Committee under Diseases of Animals Acts 1894.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Hearn, and adopted:-

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be appointed the Executive Committee of the County Council as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894".

Finance & Roads Committee.

On the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following were appointed as the Finance & Roads Committee:-

John Bolger.	M. Cloney.
C. H. Peacocke.	J. T. Mayler.
J. S. Hearn.	P. O'Neill.
M. Doyle Junr.,	James Codd.
J. J. Stafford.	John O'Connor.
James Lynch.	T. L. Esmonde.
P. Rossiter.	R. A. Rice.
M. Hickey.	A. Kinsella.
Sir T. Esmonde.	P. J. Fanning.
T. Asple.	Lord Viscount Stopford.

Chairmen etc., of Rural District Councils.

The Secretary stated he had received communications from the Clerks of the Rural District Councils, that representatives on the County Council had been appointed as follows:-

Enniscorthy:- Mr James Lynch.

Gorey:- Mr P. J. Fanning.

New Ross:- Mr M. Hickey.

Wexford:- Mr P. Rossiter.

Messrs Lynch, Hickey, and Rossiter, attended and signed the usual declaration of office.

Notice of Motion.

Mr Cloney moved the following resolution of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Surveyor make an annual inspection of the Piers & Harbours which are vested in the Wexford County Council, and present a report thereon to the Council, and where repairs are required an Estimate of the cost of same".

The motion was seconded by Mr Rice, and adopted nem con.

Ferry carrig Bridge.

The Council having heard a statement from the County Surveyor the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we authorise our Solicitor, Mr Elgee, to offer Mr Robert Colhoun, Contractor for Ferry carrig Bridge, a sum of £1,210: 7: 11d in full settlement of his claim on foot of his contract for the erection of Ferry carrig Bridge, and of all extras thereon. Should Mr Colhoun agree to accept this amount, the County Council are prepared to forego any claim they may have against Mr Colhoun with respect to delay or otherwise. This offer to be made without prejudice."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Broadway, and Mr Gerald Flood, Castleboro, Clonroche, applied for the position of Assistant Surveyor, vacant through the resignation of Mr Michael Howlin.

Mr O'Neill proposed, and Mr. Lynch, seconded the appointment of Mr Gerald Flood, as Assistant Surveyor.

proposed,
Mr M. Doyle Junr. / Mr J. J. Stafford seconded the appointment of Mr V. R. Doyle.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Flood:- Messrs Asple, Cloney, M.Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Sr., T. L. Esmonde, M. Gough, M. Hickey, James Lynch, P.O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, D. Sinnott, and the Chairman-14

For Mr Doyle:- Messrs James Codd, M. Doyle Junr., J.S.Hearn, A.Kinsella, J. T. Mayler, John O'Connor, P.Rossiter, J.J.Stafford.-8.

Mr Flood having obtained a majority, was declared elected by the Chairman.

Mr Flood returned thanks for his election.

The following is Mr Flood's application:-

"I beg to offer myself as Candidate for the position of Assistant Surveyor for No.2 district as advertised.

If elected I hope to discharge the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the Council."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 30th May 1913, (No. 2418-13) the following letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, was read:-

"Adverting to this Department's Circular of the 16th instant, No. 2098/13, on the above subject, it is desired to forward herewith, for the information and guidance of your Local Authority and their Officers, copies of Memorandum which, as indicated in that Circular, the Department have had in preparation regarding various details of procedure in connection with the Order, together with specimen copies of the Forms referred to in the two closing paragraphs of such Memorandum.

Assuming that your Local Authority have not already done so, it will be desirable for them now to advertise the Order in the newspaper circulating in their district, and a copy of a form of notice which it suggested should be adapted for this purpose with a view of drawing attention to the leading provisions of the Order, will be found enclosed. Embodiment of the full text of the Order in the newspaper advertisement is scarcely requisite.

Claims for repayment from the Exchequer Grant-during the five years for which such Grant will be available- of half the net cost incurred for compensation under the Order in the district of your Local Authority should be furnished to the Department quarterly, the 30th June, 1913, to be regarded as the terminating date for the first statement of claim.

As the Local Authority will further be at liberty to claim repayment from the General Account of the General Cattle Diseases Fund of the remaining half of the net compensation, as well as half of any other duly authorised expenditure for the purposes of the Order, the circumstances will be favourable to an energetic enforcement of the Order and the Department trust that the results in checking the disease will be ^{of} marked benefit to the community generally and the stockowners in particular.

It is proposed to forward to your Local Authority before 30th June specimens of the proposed Forms of Claim. These will admit of being readily filled up from the Record (Form A) referred to in the final paragraph of the Memorandum."

Under date 7th June 1913, the Department wrote (letter No. 2436-13., V, B.,) as follows:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo, apprising the Department that your County Council, at their meeting on

the previous day had adopted a resolution as follows:-

"That as we believe the stock of this County to be thoroughly healthy, we do not consider it necessary to carry out the provisions of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913."

With reference thereto I have to state that the County Council as the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts are bound under Section 2 of the Act of 1894- to execute and enforce the Order, and they cannot ignore this obligation without serious disadvantage to stockowners in the County and indeed to the live stock trade generally.

I have, therefore, earnestly to express the hope that when the matter comes to be considered again, at the meeting which you indicate will be held on 12th instant, it will be decided duly to carry out the Order. Already notifications have been received regarding three cases within the county of cattle supposed to be affected as described in the Order."

Under date 9th June 1913, the Department wrote (letter No.2600-13, V.B.,) as follows:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter of 7th instant, in connection with the above matter and to state that a reply to your earlier communication of the 29th ultimo, is being forwarded separately to-day.

The Department would be glad to learn as soon as practicable regarding the action taken on behalf of your Local Authority in the cases to which the three notices mentioned in your letter of the 7th instant refer, and particularly in relation to the case of Mr Richards' four cows, which it appears desirable should be promptly dealt with."

Mr O'Neill proposed, and Mr Rice seconded the following:-

"That in view of the letters from the Department of Agriculture of the 30th May (No.2418), 7th June (No.2436), 9th June (No.2600) and of the statement of Mr William Malone V. S., their representative, who attended this meeting, we hereby agree (although we do not consider the Order necessary for County Wexford) to adopt the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

As an Amendment- Mr Codd proposed and Mr Rossiter seconded the following resolution:-

"That the question of the adoption of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, be postponed pending the examination of Mr Richards' four cows detained under the Order of the Department."

"On a show of hands five members voted for the amendment, and 12 against."

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and put the original resolution, which was passed nem con.

Transit of Animals.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote forwarding copies of their Orders² Transit of Horses, Asses, and Mules, (Ireland) Order 1913, and Animals (Transit & General) (Ireland) Order 1913

The Secretary explained the provisions of these Orders for the Meeting.

Marked "Read"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr James J. Stafford, South Main Street, Wexford, applied for license under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, and for renewal of licenses the following applied:-

Mr Edmund Doyle, Broadway.

Mr George Stafford, John Street, Wexford.

Messrs John Lambert & Son, Enniscorthy.

Mr W. Keating, Taghmon.

Mr Martin Forrestal, Baldwinstown.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rossiter the above applications were agreed to."

Purchase of Stonebreakers.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rice, and carried unanimously:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to sanction the loan of £510 from the Road Board free of Interest, repayable in five years, amount to be devoted to the purchase of two stonebreakers."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch it was decided that the Chairman sign on behalf of the Council the draft undertaking to the Road Board for repayment of loan of £510."

Acquirement of Quarries.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be instructed to take the necessary steps to acquire the quarry at Ballingly, and the rights of^{way} thereto, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreements and Counterparts of leases of Quarries at Clolourish, Kyle, (Oulart), Palace, Tomgarrow, Newcastle (Murrintown) and Cherryorchard."

University Scholarship Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be requested to act as a Committee to draft the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme of the Council for 1914, in conjunction with representatives of the Gaelic League"

Motor Car Act.

Under date 8th May 1913, the Local Government Board (letter No. 18227) wrote forwarding for the information of the County Council copies of an Order which they had made relative to examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries, and the issue of travelling passes.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.

Under date 5th June 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 29069) forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Asylum in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1913.

Marked "Read"

Annual Holidays.

On the motion of Mr Hearp.

Seconded by Mr M Doyle Senr.,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the usual Annual Holidays be granted the Staff of the County Council. That the County Surveyor and the County Secretary arrange the dates of holidays to suit the convenience of the work."

Trunk Roads.

With reference to the resolution of the County Council, that Main or important roads should be placed in the sole control of the County

Councils, the Clerks of Gorey, and Wexford District Councils, wrote that their Councils had rejected the proposal.

"No Order."

Land Purchase.

A resolution was read from Louth County Council as to Compulsory Land Purchase, the purchase by the Government of untenanted arable land in Ireland fit for cultivation, providing holdings for 8,000 evicted tenants and their dependants, and also providing economic holdings for "landless" men.

"No Order"

Grant for Secondary Education.

A resolution was received from Cork Corporation pointing out that it would be a very serious loss to the country, if the annual grant of £40000 promised by the Treasury for secondary education in Ireland was not at once sanctioned.

A letter was read from the Hon Sec., of Secondary Teachers, (Ireland) Association, asking the County Council to adopt this resolution.

"Adjourned"

Revision of Valuation.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee are hereby empowered to at their meeting on the 25th June, deal with all applications for revisions of valuation."

Deeps Bridge.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter,

Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 19th of May 1913, to the raising by the Council of a loan of £5,000 for the purposes of defraying the cost of reconstructing the bridge at Deeps over the River Slaney-the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage to secure the sum of £5,000 now to be advanced by the National Bank Ltd., to the Council bearing interest at 3% per annum and repayment to be spread over a period of 25 years."

Irish Taxpayers Association.

Under date 24th May 1913, a letter was read from the Irish Tax-Payers Association, pointing out that Clause 14 of the Government of Ireland Bill repealed all Grants in aid of rates, which are now made to support local government in Ireland, and which last year amounted to £1,321. 12. 0d.

The letter also requested the Council to adopt a resolution in support of a proposal that a deputation should wait on the Lord Chancellor in connection with the matter."

"Adjourned to next Meeting,".

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Commissioners of National Education, that the Commissioners had appointed the following as their representatives on the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.:-

Rev Canon Macbeth, Killegney Rectory, Enniscorthy.

Rev A. Forrestal, C. C., Blackwater, Enniscorthy.

Rev J. N. Sinnott, C. C., Galbally, Bree.

Rev D. A. Kavanagh, C. C., Kiltaly, Enniscorthy.

Rev J. W. O'Byrne, C. C., Boolavogue, Ferns.

to hold office for a period of three years from 1st June 1913."

Marked "Read"

Detention of Lambs.

Under date 29th May 1913, the following letter No. A.6294-1913, was read from Sir Sidney Oliver, Secretary Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, London, relative to detention of lambs exported from Ireland to ports in Great Britain:-

"I am directed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, to refer to your letter of the 8th instant, transmitting a copy of a Resolution passed at a recent meeting of your Council, in which it is represented that serious losses are inflicted upon the Irish Lamb trade by the requirement of 12 hours' detention at the Landing Place in Great Britain. I am to say, for the information of your Council, that the statement contained in the Resolution are not borne out by the reports of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Board in charge of the various landing places, which show that lambs do not deteriorate by reason of their detention at the Landing Places before proceeding to their destination."

They take food readily in the Landing Places, and in many instances improve appreciably both in condition and weight. Moreover, the number of lambs already landed in this country from Ireland during the current month, although not so large as the corresponding period of 1912, is considerably larger than in that of 1911.

With regard to the general question raised by the Resolution I am to refer your Council to the statement made by Mr Runciman in the course of a debate on the subject in the House of Commons, on the 5th inst."

"No Order"

Contract-Deeps Bridge.

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

"That the deed of contract between the County Council and the British Reinforced Engineering Concrete Co., London, in connection with the erection of Deeps Bridge, and counterpart thereof, be sealed with the Common Seal of the Council."

Proposed Live Stock Transit from Rosslare Harbour.

Resolutions from Forth Farmers' Association were read asking the Gt. Western Railway Co., of England, to immediately exercise the powers vested in them to run a cargo and cattle boat from Rosslare Harbour, and pledging support to the movement.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rice, it was decided that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Parliamentary Representatives of the County."

Arterial Drainage.

A resolution was read from Londonderry County Council, as to the County Councils of Ireland being created the authorities for the purpose of superintending and managing Arterial drainage, and requesting the Government to bring in an amending measure to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to carry out this proposal.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

Under date 28th May 1913, the following letter (No.24563) was read

from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on the 7th instant, inquiring when non-insured persons in the County suffering from Tuberculosis "can receive the treatment to which they are entitled", I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the matter is one for the consideration of the Co. Council.

So far as the Board are aware, the Council do not appear to have as yet made definite arrangements in regard to the provision of the ten Sanatorium beds included in their Scheme, but the Board presume that the Council will proceed to enter into an agreement with the authorities of the Royal Hospital for Consumption at Newcastle, as was suggested at an earlier stage of the consideration of their Scheme.

As regards Dispensary treatment, the Board note that the County Council are still in negotiation on the matter, but pending final arrangements, it would be competent for them, after consultation with Dr O'Connor Locum tenens, to make temporary provision for cases requiring Dispensary treatment."

"No Order".

Town Tenants' League.

A series of Resolutions was read from the General Secretary Town Tenants' League, relative to town purchase, Grant to Irish Agricultural Organization Society, organisation and finance of Town Tenants' movement restoration of Irish Industries.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Pilotage New Ross Bridge.

The following letter under date 19th May 1913, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, relative to pilotage for New Ross Bridge:-

"Referring to the letter of the 7th March last, from the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners as to a Pilot being on board Vessels when passing through New Ross Bridge, I write to say that as matters at present stand the Caretaker of the Bridge has no power to prevent vessels going through without a Pilot, as there is nothing in the Bye-laws authorizing the Caretaker to require a Pilot to be on Board.

If the Co Council wish the Caretaker to have such a power it seems

to me that they would have to make an additional Bye-Law which should be approved by the Lord Lieutenant in Council, and he probably would refuse to approve of it, on the ground that it should have been inserted in the Original Bye-Laws.

The recent Pilotage Act has nothing to say to the question in this case.

I return the three letters you sent me,."

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Peamount Sanatorium.

Under date 4th June, a resolution was received from the Cavan Board of Guardians, protesting against the attempt to invalidate the appointment of Dr McGrath as Tuberculosis Officer of Peamount Sanatorium after his election by the representatives of Bodies subscribing to that Institution.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 15th day of July 1913.