

MEETING.-12th NOVEMBER 1913.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council, Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 12th November 1913.

Present:: -Mr C. H. Peacocke, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs M. Gaugh, M. Doyle Junr., R. A. Rice, P.O'Neill, Patrick Rossiter, M. Cloney, James Codd, Mark Codd, M. Doyle Senr., John O'Conner, Lord Stepford, T. L. Esmonde, and J. T. Mayler.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Old Bridewell-Enniscorthy Courthouse.

Under date 5th November, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 56907-1913, Wexford County):-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 6th ultimo, relative to the application of the Reverend R. Fitzhenry, Administrator, Enniscorthy, for a lease of the old bridewell adjoining the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, for the purpose of a Boys' Club, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they now learn from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, that the tenancy of that body is only an annual one, and it appears to the Board therefore that the Council are unable to transfer a satisfactory interest in these premises to the Committee of the Boys' Club.

In the circumstances, the Local Government Board would suggest that if the premises are not required by the Council for the purpose of any of their powers and duties they may do well to surrender them to the owner Lord Portsmouth, and the Committee of the Club would then be in a position to deal with Lord Portsmouth."

In connection with this matter Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, forwarded copy of the following letter which he had forwarded Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Agents to Lord Portsmouth, owner of the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, and to which he had received no reply.

reply:-

"I am much obliged for your letter of the 2nd inst., re the Courthouse premises in Enniscorthy.

I am now directed by the County Council to ask you would Lord Portsmouth see his way to grant the Council a Lease of the premises, Court House, Old Bridewell, and all the premises included in the present holding, for which I think they pay £15 per annum, so as to enable the Council to make a Sub-Lease of the Old Bridewell portion to the Committee of the proposed Boys' Club for Enniscorthy, in order to enable the Committee to have a suitable Club erected on the site of the old Bridewell.

I do not say anything as to the term of a Lease as perhaps Lord Portsmouth may have some rule as to that."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the Solicitor to the Council-Mr Elgee."

Increased Salary.-Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 6th November 1913, the following letter (No. 55934-1913, Wexford County) was read:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 21st ultime, relative to the proposal of the Council to allow Mr Paddle, Assistant County Surveyor, a sum of £5 per annum for his services in connection with Tara Hill Quarry, and with reference thereto, the Board direct me to state that they will raise no objection to the proposed allowance to Mr Paddle, on the conditions set forth in the Council's resolution contained in the Minutes above referred to."

In connection with the proposed increase to Mr Paddle, the following letter, under date 8th November 1913, was read from him:-

"In reference to my recent application for some remuneration for checking the returns at the Weighbridge at Tara Hill Quarry. It would appear from the report of the Council Meeting in the Press in reference to same, that I applied for an increase of my present salary. This is not so, I simply applied for some remuneration for what I consider extra work.

It would also appear that the conditions under which the above duties have to be carried out, especially during the Winter period are not very well understood by this Council.

I can assure them that it is anything but a pleasure to stand by the weighbridge during a winter's day, without a roof or a fire or a place in which one might partake of a bit of lunch with any degree of comfort, which latter must of necessity be partaken of cold, and in the open.

It would be a convenience if I had the use of the forge, but the men partake of their repast there.

I would not trouble the Council again in the matter, but I believe had they known the circumstances under which the duties have to be performed, they would have acted more generously.

I believe I am not asking for any concession, only what I think in justice I am entitled to.

I would gladly prefer to be relieved of the duties.

I thought the Council would not have allowed a less sum than £10."

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the letter from Mr Paddle be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee."

Rate Collection.

Under date 6th November 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 58396-13 Wexford Co.,) as follows:-

"With reference to the return showing the condition to the 31st ultimo of the collection of the poor rate in Wexford County, for the current half year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that the Collectors should be urged to proceed with all due diligence with the collection of the second moiety."

"The Secretary stated he had sent a copy of the Local Government Board's letter to each of the Rate Collectors."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the progress of the Rate Collection for the current half-year be specially dealt with at next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Rate Collection District No. 2.

Under date 28th October, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 56189-13 Wexford County) as follows:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them the replies to queries respecting the appointment of Mr Gregory Rossiter,

as Poor Rate Collector in Wexford County, and I am to state that the Board have approved of this appointment on the terms set out in the query form returned, herewith, which should be carefully filed for future reference.

The Board presume that the County Council are satisfied that the fact that Mr Rossiter does not reside within the collection district will not prevent him from discharging efficiently the duties of Collector.

I am to add that the bond of Mr Rossiter should be submitted for the Board's inspection in due course."

Marked "Read"

Members of Co. Councils & Department of Agriculture Schemes.

In connection with the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (A.13000-13, under date 1st October 1913) relative to disqualification of County Councilors who, as Members of County Committees of Agriculture have derived financial benefit from County Schemes, the Department wrote (letter No. A.22162-13, under date 23rd October 1913) forwarding copy of Memorandum on certain points which have arisen in connection with the Department's letter.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we direct the Department's attention to the resolution of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of 30th October 1913."

New Member.-County Committee.

Under date 4th November 1913, the following letter was read from Mr R. G. Wordsworth, Duffcarrig, Gorey:-

"Understanding that I am not permitted to be a Member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture any longer, as I have a Stallion that is registered, will you kindly hand in my resignation, with my regret.

Thanking you for your kindness and courtesy to me from the very beginning."

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr Rossiter, Mr H. H. Moore, Knockbawn, Gorey, was elected a member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr Wordsworth, resigned."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary convey to Mr Wordsworth our expression of regret on his resignation as a Member of the County Committee owing to Memorandum of disqualification issued by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Insurance County Council Employees.

In connection with circular letter (No. 160 M. 1913 X B.,) from the National Health Insurance Commission, as to Insurance of Employees of public bodies, the Secretary stated that he had written to the Commission that in view of Section 1 of the Union Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Act 1865, (28 & 29 Vic., Cap 26) the permanent officials of County Councils were not compulsory insurable.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, concurred in this view.

The opinion of Mr Elgee in the matter had been furnished the Insurance Commission, the Secretary of which had written as follows, under date 7th November (letter No. 53211-13 Misc.)

"I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, and enclosures, and with reference thereto, I am to state that the Commissioners concur in Mr Elgee's interpretation of the application of the provisions of the Special Order under Section 6 of the National Insurance Act to the employees in the service of the Wexford County Council."

Proposed by Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr J. Codd, and passed. Mr M. Doyle senr., dissenting:-

"That in view of Mr Elgee's opinion as to insurance of County Council Employees, and to letter of the National Health Insurance Commission, under date 17th November 1913, (No. 53211-13 Misc) our Secretary be instructed as from this date to allow the Compulsory Insurance (under the National Health Insurance Acts) to lapse as regards the permanent officials of the County Council whose whole time is devoted to their service."

Poundage fees - Late Mr A. Lennen.

Under date 30th October, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 55,934-1913, Wexford County) as follows::

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the

Wexford County Council on 21st instant, relative to the payment of poundage fees on the amount of rate collected by the late Mr Andrew Lennen, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they will defer the consideration of this matter until the balance of the first moiety has been lodged to the credit of the Council."

Marked "Read"

Post Office at Ramsgrange.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 49543-1913, as to undertaking to pay to the Postmaster General a sum not exceeding £7 for seven years as from the 23rd August 1913, in connection with telegraphic business at Ramsgrange Post Office.

Marked "Read"

Proposed Purchase of Steam Roller.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"That we request the County Council to purchase a Steam Roller for the Enniscorthy Rural District."

"It was decided that this matter be postponed to the meeting of the Council on 3rd December 1913."

Motor Car Act 1903.

Under date 23rd October 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 104-M-1913 Misc) that by the expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1903, which received the Royal Assent on the 15th August 1913, the Motor Car Act 1903 was continued until the 31st December 1914.

Appointment of Food & Drugs Inspectors,

Under date 7th November 1913, the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford, wrote, recommending the appointment of the following as Ex-Officio Inspectors, under the Food & Drugs Acts:-

Sergeant Patrick White, Wexford, for Wexford Petty Session District.

Sergeant Peter Ruane, Taghmon, for Taghmon and Duncormick Petty Sessions Districts.

Sergeant Henry Murphy, Oulart, for Oulart Petty Sessions District.

Acting Sergeant John Moynihan, New Ross, for New Ross Petty Sessions District.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergeants Patrick White, Peter Ruane, Henry Murphy, and Acting Sergeant John Moynihan, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, for the following districts respectively, viz:- Wexford, Taghmon & Duncormack, Oulart, New Ross."

Death of Harbour Master, Kilmore.

The Secretary reported the death, on November 1st, of Mr E. O'Flaherty Harbour Master, Kilmore. The remuneration paid late Harbour Master was as follows:-

As Caretaker or Harbour Master of the Pier £15 per annum.

For Burial of Carcases £4 per annum., and for lamplighter £6 per annum. Total £25.

A letter was read from Mrs O'Flaherty, asking the County Council to allow her to have the work performed until the end of the year.

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

"That we tender to Mrs O'Flaherty, Widow of Mr E. O'Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore, our sincere condolence in her bereavement. By the demise of Mr O'Flaherty, the County Council have lost a faithful and loyal servant.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished Mrs O'Flaherty."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mrs O'Flaherty be appointed as Harbour Master as from present date to 31st December 1913."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Harbour Master be appointed at the meeting of the Council on 3rd prox., at a salary of £15 per annum as Harbour Master, as Official for burial of carcases washed ashore in Kilmore District £4 per annum, and at £6 per annum as lamplighter. Commission to be paid at the rate of 5% on amount of dues collected. Appointment to be determinable on a month's notice at either side."

Transfer of Loans.

Proposed by Mr Cloney,

Seconded by Mr M. Doyle Junr:-

"That the sum of £5,000 loan for Deeps Bridge Contract, and of £520 £460, and £720, loans for the purpose of steamrolling roads in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively, be transferred to the Subsidiary Account, to enable payments to be made from time to time on foot of Contracts for these works."

Passed.

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Mr J. J. Rochford, Secretary, New Ross School Attendance Committee, wrote under date 30th October 1913, that Mr M. Noonan, School Attendance Officer, for the Southern District had resigned as from that date, and the Committee had appointed Mr John Aspel, School Attendance Officer, for the Northern District, to do duty also in the Southern district for the coming six months, at a remuneration of £25 per annum. The Committee did not wish at present to make a permanent appointment.

On the motion of Mr M. Cloney,

Seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the arrangements made by New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee, as to inspection of the Schools of their District by Mr Aspel, and as set out in the letter of Mr Rochford, Secretary to the Committee under date 30th October."

Ballingly Quarry.

Under date October 28th 1913, Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had agreed with Mr Byrne, Ballingly, to give the County Council a right of way to Ballingly Quarry at £5 per annum.

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

"That the County Council agree to pay Mr Byrne, Ballingly, a sum of £5 per annum, for right of way to Ballingly quarry. That our Solicitor, Mr R. W. Elgee, be instructed to endeavour to arrange with Mr Byrne for purchase (in fee) of this right of way."

Ferrycarrig Bridge.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rossiter, it was

decided that the discussion of claim of Mr R. Colhoun, Contractor, for Ferrycarrig Bridge, for extras etc., in connection with his Contract, be dealt with in Committee.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, having submitted the figures in connection with the claim the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to endeavour to settle the claim made by Mr R. Colhoun, relative to extras on foot of Ferrycarrig Bridge, within a limit of £153 in addition to £1,210. 7. 11d due on foot of the Contract."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

At the meeting of the County Council on the 6th October, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the amount of fees or salary to be paid to the Veterinary Surgeons for the work performed by them under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, the Committee to be empowered to make recommendations to the County Council as to the fixing of a standing salary, as from 1st June 1913, in each case for this work.

That the Veterinary Surgeons of the County be requested to attend said meeting for the purpose of conferring with the Committee."

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th October.

Messrs R. Malone, James Malone, W. J. Doyle, and F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Inspectors, came before the meeting and discussed the various articles of the Order.

The Veterinary Inspectors stated they would not accept less than £150 as an addition to their salary.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Council be recommended to allocate for 12 months to the Veterinary Inspectors of the County as from 1st June 1913, for increased work caused by the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913, the following sums, viz:-

To Mr R. Malone £123, to Mr W. J. Doyle £90, to Mr James Malone £69, to Mr F. W. Taylor £42, to Mr A. Dobbyn £54, which amounts are calculated at the amount of fees suggested by the veterinary Inspectors in their letter which was read at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee under date 25th June 1913"

Under date 30th October, Mr Dobbyn V. S., wrote that he was not satisfied with the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendation was also agreed to:-

"That a sum of £15 be allocated for one year as from 1st June, 1913, to the Secretary of the County Council, as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts, for extra work imposed on him by the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

In connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, the County Council at a recent meeting appointed Mr R. Malone, V S., Wexford, to carry out bacteriological and microscopical examination of milk for the whole County, and procured an outfit for him for the purpose.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 15th October, was read from Mr F. W. Taylor, V.S.:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th I wish to say that I have my own Microscope and outfit, and have been examining the samples of milk myself since the Tuberculosis Order came in force.

I conclude in these circumstances that the County Council will have no objection to my continuing to do so, instead of sending the samples in to Mr Malone. Of course I would expect whatever fee is allowed by the County Council for such examinations."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Rice, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards the proposed increases to the Veterinary Inspectors and to the Secretary of the County Council as Clerk to the Local Authority were confirmed."

In connection with the letter from Mr Taylor, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that Mr Taylor be informed that the Co. Council had appointed Mr R. Malone V. S., to examine samples of milk etc., for the whole County, and the County Council could not see their way to interfere with that arrangement."

Courtown Harbour.

Resolutions thanking the Co Council for having agreed to raise by loan their share of the sum necessary to cover the cost of extending the piers at Courtown Harbour, were received from Gorey Rural District Council, and Courtown Harbour Committee.

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read from Sir C. Cameron, County Analyst:-

City Laboratory,

17 Castle St., Dublin.

24th October 1913.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30th September 1913.

51 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	19
Milk	9
Whiskey	7
Cheese	5
Rum	3
Port Wine	2
Margarine	1
Brandy	1
Buttermilk	1
Gin	1
Sherry	1
Ginger	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>51</u>

They were pure.

Two specimens of water analysed for the Enniscorthy Council, had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	<u>No.1</u>	<u>No.2</u>
Total solid matter,	14.000	15.400
Including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	0.003
Saline Ammonia	0.0025	0.000
Nitric Acid	3.250	3.250
Chlorine	2.580	2.580
Colour	almost colourless.	Colourless

Both good Waters.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

One specimen of water analysed for W. J. Toole, Esq, Curracloe, Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter,	26.600
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.015
Saline Ammonia	0.0035
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	5.160
Colour	Yellow.

Being a peaty water the large amount of ammonia is not serious, and on the whole the water was fit for use.

For Messrs Buttle, Bros., Ltd., Enniscorthy, one specimen of cotton seed oil was analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford one drug was analysed and was correct.

Total analyses.. 74.

Charles A. Cameron,

Marked "READ"

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3rd day of December 1913.