

Quarterly Meeting, Nov. 13th 1899
 A Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on November
 13th 1899

Present Edmond Store Vice Chairman presiding
 also.

James Donohoe Esq
 Daniel Dempsey Esq
 James Codd Esq
 C. A. Peacock Esq
 William Whitty Esq (Jr)
 James T. Doyle Esq
 J. Cummins Esq
 Myles Smith Esq
 J. J. Walsh Esq
 C. M. Doynne Esq
 James E. Maylie Esq
 L. Murphy Esq
 Patrick Ryan Esq
 M. J. Redmond Esq
 M. Browne Esq
 D. Power Esq
 Cap^t J. J. Walker
 Lord Maurice Fitzgerald
 M. J. Hickey Esq
 Owen Doyle Esq
 Lord Stoppedford

Cap^t Pigott, Secretary, M^r Webster County Surveyor and M^r
 R. M. Elger Solicitor, to the Council were also in attendance
 The minutes of last meeting were read & signed

Asylum Loan.

With reference to the application of the District Asylum
 Committee for a loan of £6,000. it was decided on the
 motion of M^r Donohoe, seconded by M^r Dempsey that
 the Board of Works be requested to recommend the
 Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to issue
 this loan on the same terms as the last loan issued
 by them to the Asylum viz., $2\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

Kilmore Pier Committee

The minutes of the Kilmore Pier Committee were
 read and approved. In connection therewith M^r Browne
 handed in the following notice of motion

I beg to give notice that at the next quarterly
 meeting of the County Council I will propose that

Kilmore Pier, and all the other Scheduled piers of the County, be made County Charges"

Explosives officers

In connection with the claim of the Inspectors of Explosives for compensation, Counsel's opinion was read & considered, in committee. In addition to the opinion of Counsel, the Council considered a statement of Mr O'Connor Solicitor for Mr Michael Kavanagh one of the Officers, and which was to the effect that the matter be left to the decision of Senior Counsel

Mr Doyle proposed - That we agree to Mr O'Connor's suggestion that the matter be referred to the decision of Senior Counsel nominated by Mr Elgee

Mr D Power seconded this resolution which was adopted

Mr O'Connor, on being informed of the decision of the Council, said that unfortunately his client would not agree to it

Mr Browne then proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to take no action on the claim of the Explosives Officers, be confirmed

Mr Donohoe seconded the resolution

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald proposed that the Council again go into Committee to re-consider the matter, was not seconded

Public Library.

Mr Browne resolution was then put, and passed

The following letter from Surgeon Major Stafford, Brookside Hill Sandhurst, Berks, to Sir Thomas H. G. Comonde Bart. M.P. Chairman of the County Council was read. "I have no doubt that the County Council of Wexford, which County is always to be found in the van of progress will in due time establish a public library for the good of the people; and I write to you as being the Chairman of the Council to say that when its formation has been approved, I shall be glad, with the permission of the Council to present to the Library, a complete set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I shall keep the volumes 24 in number, with the index and book-stand in my possession until I hear from you that I may send them on to Wexford, and you will let me know accordingly"

Mr Walsh proposed. That the Wexford County Council accept Mr Stafford's kind offer, and return him its best thanks therefor.

Mr Donohoe seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously

Erected Tenants Restoration Committee

Mr Browne proposed, Mr Peacocke seconded and it was passed "nem con." That we beg to draw the attention of the members of County Councils in Ireland to the attempt now being made by the Erected Tenants Restoration Committee under the direction of His Eminence Cardinal Logue and Lord Plunket to make a final settlement of the problem.

The circular has our full approval, and the County Wexford Convention, which consists of delegates from every public body in the County, summoned for the purpose of considering the case of the Erected Tenants, has passed resolutions also approving of the means and policy adopted by the new committee. A county committee in Wexford consisting of four members of the County District, Urban Councils, and Board of Guardians, has been appointed to co-operate with the Dublin Committee and to collect funds, and we earnestly suggest that the members of all county councils in Ireland, who wish to see a pacific and satisfactory settlement brought about, will take steps to aid in what seems to us the most hopeful solution of the problem."

"That copies of this resolution be sent to all public bodies in Ireland"

Mr Smyth proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Dempsey, and passed unanimously. That Sir Thomas Comonde, Mr Redmond, Mr Cummins, and Mr Browne be appointed to represent the County Council on the Erected Tenants Committee.

Extension of Time - Rate Collection.

The following letter was read from Messrs James L Doyle James Barron, John Barville, Michael McGath and Alexander Barron, Poor Rate Collectors in the New Ross District.

Gentlemen

We would ask that you kindly

grant an extension of time with our collection until the 22nd December. The work we had to perform was new to us, so we had to move cautiously, which occasioned delay.

The District being changed were strange which we found to be troublesome, and the weather for the past month has been most severe, and unsuited to our business. In the cases of a large number of small occupiers we have double labour, having served the demand notes on the owners they are being largely returned, and we have to serve them on the occupiers.

For these and other reasons we ask that you kindly consent to this application and we faithfully promise to close by above date. In our next collection we will know to whom to apply for the rates and will also know our districts better so we feel confident we will not trouble you asking extensions of time."

M^r Owen Doyle proposed that the Collectors get until the 10th December 1899 to close their collections.

M^r Dempsey seconded the resolution which was passed

Collector Brislawn's compensation.

The following resolution was proposed by Lord Stopford,

Seconded by M^r Cummins, and passed unanimously

"we request the Local Government Board will re-consider their decision with regard to refusing compensation to Collector Brislawn, as he acted under a misapprehension, and that the Local Government Board send down for signature by the Chairman of the County Council, Forms A. & C. the same as in collector M^r Donald's case, as they consider that they are similar cases, and consider that a grave injustice would be done if this collector were refused compensation"

Co. Court Keepers' Salary.

Applications for increase of salary in the cases of M^rs Richards Court House Keeper Usserford, & M^r Fretton Court House Keeper New Ross, were referred to the Finance Committee

The following resolution sent from the Limerick County Council was proposed by M^r Peacocke, seconded by M^r Browne and adopted:— "That this council feel that a very serious injustice has been perpetrated on the people of this county owing to the decision come to by the Royal Commission

on Local Taxation having abandoned their sitting in Dublin substituting London instead, thereby depriving the representatives of the people from giving evidence otherwise than by incurring serious inconvenience through loss of time and heavy expenditure and that our Representatives be asked to bring the matter before Parliament."

And that copies of this Resolution be sent to all the other County Councils throughout the country and to the M. P's of our County and City."

D. Mr. M. Kelly. Strip of land at Rosbercon.

With reference to a communication received from Mr Samuel J. Shannon, Chief Engineer of the Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford Railway Co., proposing to acquire a small strip of land at Rosbercon, Mr Walsh proposed that the application be postponed until Mr Shannon supplies Mr Webster County Surveyor, with plan & sections showing the road as it would be when completed."

Capt Walker seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously

Arthurstown Courthouse

With reference to the proposal to build a sessions house in Arthurstown, Mr Cummins proposed that the Solicitor to the Council be instructed to make a search for the lease of the present courthouse in the Registry of Deeds Office Dublin

Mr James A. Doyle seconded the resolution which was carried without dissent

Herring Fisheries

The following resolution received from Mr J. J. Joy, Arklow member of the Wicklow County Council was proposed by Mr Browne, seconded by Mr Donohoe and adopted—

(1) That the fact of their not being an authorised Government brand for cured Irish herrings is a serious detriment and drawback to the development of the fishing industry in Ireland.

(2) That the quality of the herrings caught on the Irish coast being equal to that of Scotland and England, which have long enjoyed the privilege of a Government brand, a certificate of quality which means increased price and consequent remuneration to the fishermen—it would in the opinion of this Council assist most materially this very promising

Irish industry which gives such large and much-needed employment, if the Irish fishermen were placed on the same footing as the Scotch and English, by being granted the privilege of a brand for Irish herrings at Dunmore and such other large fishing stations as may be deemed useful and advisable.

- (3) That this council most earnestly desires to impress on His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary for Ireland in the strongest possible manner how urgently needed a brand for the Irish herrings is, and the invaluable assistance it would be to the Irish fishing industry, and further that this Council respectfully asks His Excellency and the Chief Secretary to use their powerful influence with the Government to remove the disability under which our fishing industry has so long laboured, and grant the boon of an authorised brand to the Irish fishermen.
- (4) That Councillor Moy be authorised to communicate with the Peers, members of Parliament, and councils asking them to use their influence with the Government in securing this desirable requirement.
- (5) And that the Secretary be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Old age Pensions.

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr Donohoe seconded and the Council adopted the following resolution
 "That the attention of the Government be drawn to the fact that the greater portion of the population of Ireland is composed of agricultural and labouring classes, and that the relative capacity of Ireland, to contribute taxes is much less than that of Great Britain; that we consider the time has arrived when Parliament should construct some practical scheme, whereby money should be provided for Old Age Pensions by direct taxation."

Compulsory Education (I) Act.

The following resolution from the New Ross (No 1) District Council came up for consideration

Proposed by Mr Cummins J. P. Chairman

"That it is advisable to put the Compulsory Education (Ireland) Act into force immediately in New Ross Rural District, and we ask the County Council of

Wexford County for their sanction. Seconded by Mr D. M. Gath. 26.
and passed without dissent.

Mr Cummins proposed that the County Council comply with the wishes of the New Ross District Council. Lord Stopford seconded the proposition.

Mr Broune proposed that the matter be deferred for further consideration.

Mr Mayler seconded this proposal.
A poll was taken & the following were found in support of the amendment - Messrs Broune, Smith, Owen Doyle, Ryan, Mayler, Whitty, Codd, Dempsey, Capt Walker, and the Chairman - 10

Against - Messrs Walsh, Dayne, Redmond, Murphy, Cummins, James A Doyle, Power, Hickey, Peacocke, Donohoe, Lord Maurice Fitzgerald, & Lord Stopford - 12.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost. He then put the original resolution which he declared carried.

Mr Walsh proposed and Mr Dempsey seconded the following resolutions which were passed without dissent.

Resolved, That the several proposals sent up by the Proposals Committee to the County Council, as regards expenditure chargeable to the County at Large, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders ^{noted} thereon, and initialled by the Chairman.

Dist. Councils Proposals for Payments etc

Resolved - That the several proposals sent up by the District Councils of the several Rural Districts to the County Council, as set forth in schedules C. F. G. H. be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

Contagious Diseases (A) Act Committee

Lord Stopford proposed that in future the meeting of the Committee of the Council entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Act be held on the fair day of Wexford in each month at half past two o'clock p.m.

Mr Owen Doyle seconded the resolution which was passed without opposition.

Labourers Cottages - Rents.

Mr Peacocke proposed - That this Council strongly support the Wexford District Council in their resolution to reduce the rents of the labourers' cottages in the

Wexford Union to 9^d per week, and we request the Local Government Board to give their sanction to that resolution.
 Mr Cummins seconded the resolution which was passed.
 Am. Cor.

Barbed wire - Fences.

In connection with the report of the County Surveyor read at the first meeting of the Proposals Committee and in which he called attention to two instances in which he considered barbed wire was a nuisance Capt Walker proposed - That the County Surveyor be directed in all cases where barbed wire has been erected on the roadsides in the County Wexford contrary to law to take the necessary proceedings where he thinks it necessary.
 Mr Owen Doyle seconded the resolution which was put and declared carried.

A resolution from the Waterford County Council regarding the procedure of County and District Councils was on the motion of Mr Donohoe referred to the General Council of County Councils Association.

Telephone - Co. Council Offices.

Mr Donohoe proposed that the County Council instruct their Finance Committee to consider the propriety of placing a telephone in the County Council Offices.
 Mr Walsh seconded the resolution which was passed.

Typewriter - Co. Council Offices.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke the question of providing a typewriter for the offices of the Secretary of the County Council was also referred to the Finance Committee.

Compensation - Deputy Cess Collectors.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were then considered.

In connection with the claim of Messrs C. Nolan, John Doran, James Neville, William Parker, and John Leary, Deputy cess collectors, who through mistake had not returned the full length of service.

Mr Walsh proposed - That the recommendations of the Finance Committee which had gone fully into the claim be confirmed. The recommendation proposed to allow the following sums to these collectors, - Nolan £9 " 11 " 2. Doran £19 " 13 " 10. Neville £5 " 10 " 8. Parker £9 " 5 " 4, and Leary £6 " 9 " 10.

Mr. Dempsey seconded the resolution which was passed
Inebriate Homes.

With reference to the circular from the Lord Lieutenant in connection with the establishment of Inebriate Homes, on the motion of Mr. Donohoe it was decided that the matter be referred to the General Council, and that the Secretary of that body be asked to place the question on the agenda paper for next meeting.

Co. Surveyor's Claim

With regard to the claim of Mr. Webster County Surveyor under Article 17. of the Transitory Provisions Order amounting to £141 " 1 " 0, Mr. Peacocke proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee allowing Mr. Webster £67 " 6 " 0, be confirmed. Mr. Dempsey seconded the resolution which was passed.

Mr. Webster expressed his dissatisfaction and announced his intention of appealing to the Local Government Board.

Petty Cash a/c.

On the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Walsh the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Secretary be granted £100 for the petty cash account was confirmed.

Permanent Staff.

On the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Smyth it was decided that no change be made in the permanent staff or their salaries pending the settlement of the question of salaries by the Finance Committee. It was decided that this meeting of the Finance Committee be held on the 22nd Nov. 1899 at 10.30. a.m.

R. Malone v.S. Salary.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee that the salary of Mr. R. Malone v.S. Wexford, be increased from £50. to £70. per annum was approved of. on the motion of Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Smyth.

Dollard's a/c. for printing.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Codd it was decided that the printing bill of Mr. Joseph Dollard, Dublin for supplying the necessary books in connection with the Local Government (Ireland) Act be paid.

Asylum Balance

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe seconded by Mr. Dempsey it was decided that the balance of £2966 " 9 " 5 due the Enniscomorthy Lunatic Asylum Committee, and amounting to £966 " 9 " 5 be paid.

District Councils & Guardians demands.

On the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Browne it was decided that the various boards of Guardians and District Councils in the County be paid their demands in full up to the 31st and that with respect to the Wexford Guardians a sum of £1,205, which is lying to the credit of the guardians and which from a letter received by the Board of Guardians from the Local Government would ultimately pass to the credit, be also given, or a sum in lieu thereof as the guardians had calculated in making out their estimate that this amount would have been adjusted before this date.

Endors. etc On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Dempsey the tenders accepted by the different District Councils and the Proposals Committee with reference to the maintenance of roads &c. were approved.

Jurors Lists - Remuneration to Clerks etc

On the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Browne the bills received from clerks of Unions and rate Collectors for remuneration under the Jurors Act and Representation of the People Act were ordered to be paid, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Exp for Printing Jurors Lists

On the motion of Lord Maurice Fitzgerald seconded by Mr Cummins, it was decided that the bill from the Free Press newspaper for printing of the Jurors Lists for Enniscorthy & Wexford Unions amounting to £23 be paid.

New Ross Bridge.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke it was decided that the Secretary correspond with the Secretary of the Kilkenny County Council with regard to the Kilkenny Council keeping their half of the New Ross bridge in repair.

With regard to the claims of Mr John J. Rochford Assistant Clerk New Ross Union and Mr Hopkins Clerk Skillelagh Union for compensation, the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Council take no action was approved.

Clerks - Rate Books.

On the motion of Mr Walsh it was decided that the Secretary be empowered to employ what extra clerks he considered necessary in order to prepare the Rate books for the next half year.

