

Meeting held 13th December 1900.

A meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber Court House Wexford, on December 13th 1900.

Present - In the Chair: Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde, Bart Ch^r and subsequently Mr Edmond Hore, vice chairman.
Other Councillors - Messrs Daniel Dempsey, James C. Mayler, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, Myles Smyth, William Whitty, Patrick O'Connors, Daniel Power, James B. Hearn, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, Charles A. Peacocke, Laurence Murphy, John F. Walsh, Patrick Ryan, M. J. Redmond, Michael Hickey, James Codd, Owen Doyle, Captn T. J. Walker, Captn L. A. Bryan, Lord Maurice Fitzgerald, and C. M. Doyne.

The Secretary to the Council (Capt Pigott) County Surveyor (Mr Webster), and the Solicitor (Mr Elgee) were in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were read & signed.

The Secretary read letter no 70.597. 1900 from the Local Government Board, which stated that they saw no reason to dissent from the proposal made by the County Council to fix the salary of the new coroner at £125 a year.

Sanctioning Coroners Salary
The election of coroner in the room of the late Dr Cardiff was then taken up.

Mr Hore proposed and Mr Cummins seconded.

"That the candidates be proposed and seconded"

A show of hands was taken on the proposition and it was found that 11. were in favour and a similar number against, the chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the proposal and declared it carried.

Appointment of Coroner
Applications for the office were read from the following Dr H. Bogan, Elmfield Wexford. Mr Peter French. Mr P. Harpoonblun, Mr J. J. Healy solicitor Wexford, and Dr Walsh New Ross.

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the election of Mr Healy.

Mr Hearn proposed and Capt Bryan seconded, the election of Dr Walsh.

Mr French was proposed by Mr Hore seconded by Mr Cummins

O^r Bogan was proposed by Mr Peacocke and seconded by M^r O'Connor
First Poll.

O^r Bogan
 Pat^k Ryan
 m. J. Redmond
 L. Murphy
 M. Smyth
 C. H. Peacocke
 Jas^t Donohoe
 P. O'Connor
 M. Hickey
 J. A. Doyle
 Sir Thos Comonde

10.

M^r French
 Jas^t Mayler
 Owen Doyle
 E. Hore
 Capt Bryan
 James Codd
 J. Cummins
 D. Power

7.

M^r Healy
 John Bolger
 M. Browne
 J. F. Walsh
 D. Dempsey
 Lord M. Fitzgerald
 J. Sinnott
 W^m Whitty

O^r Walsh
 Capt Walker
 C. M. Doyne
 J. B. Hearn

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Second Poll.

Patuck Ryan
 m. J. Redmond
 L. Murphy
 Capt Walker
 C. M. Doyne
 M. Smyth
 C. H. Peacocke
 J. Donohoe
 P. O'Connor
 M. Hickey
 J. A. Doyle
 Sir Thos Comonde.

12.

James Mayler
 Owen Doyle
 Edmond Hore
 Capt Bryan
 James Codd
 John Cummins
 D. Power
 J. B. Hearn.

Final Poll.

Pat^k Ryan
 John Bolger
 M. J. Redmond
 L. Murphy
 Capt Walker
 C. M. Doyne
 M. Smyth
 C. H. Peacocke
 J. Donohoe
 D. Dempsey
 P. O'Connor
 M. Hickey
 J. Sinnott
 J. A. Doyle
 Sir Thos Comonde.

James Mayler
 Owen Doyle
 Capt Bryan
 J. F. Walsh
 E. Hore
 M. Browne
 James Codd
 Lord M. Fitzgerald
 W^m Whitty
 John Cummins
 D. Power
 J. B. Hearn

12.

Chairman. - Gentlemen, I beg to declare Mr Bogan duly elected to serve as coroner for South Wexford.
The following is the application of the successful candidate
Elmfield, Wexford

Dec^r 12. 1900

To the Members of the Wexford County Council.
Gentlemen

I beg to apply for the position of coroner for South Wexford. If you think me worthy of your support and elect me, I shall endeavour to perform the duties pertaining to the office satisfactorily.

I am,

Gentlemen
Yours sincerely
J. H. Bogan.

With reference to the question of the salary of Mr Webster County Surveyor, the following letter was read from messrs Thornton, Solicitors, Waterford.

We are instructed by Mr Henry Webster to request immediate payment by your County Council of the arrears of salary now due to him as County Surveyor at the rate fixed by the Local Government Board, viz: £300 from the 1st April 1899 to 30th September 1900. Your Council are of course aware that they have entirely failed in their recent proceedings against the Local Government Board whereby they sought to set aside the order of that Board fixing our client's salary.

We have to say in conclusion that unless provision is made at the meeting of the Council on the 18th inst. for immediate payment of the amount due legal proceedings will be taken against the Council "without further notice".

Mrs J. P. Murphy and W.H. Jones, Assistant County Surveyors' wrote applying for arrears of salary as due to them under the order of the Local Government Board.

Assist Surveyors' salaries

County Surveyor's salary threatening legal proceedings

The Finance Committee which had held a meeting earlier in the day had this matter before them and made the following recommendation thereon.

Instructions to Appeal

"That we recommend the County Council to give instructions to our solicitor to serve notice of appeal in the late cases against the Local Government Board, and authorize Mr Elgee to take the necessary steps in connection therewith."

The matter was discussed in Committee Mr Browne proposed "that the recommendation of Finance Committee be confirmed." Lord M. Fitzgerald proposed "That we pay Mr Webster, and request our chairman to bring this matter before the Irish Members, and do all in his power to remedy the abuse in the law."

This proposition was not seconded.

On a show of hands 17 voted in favour of the proposal to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and the chairman declared it carried.

Letter No 65,702 : 1900 from the Local Government Board under date 20th November 1900. with reference to the proposed grant of the County Council for the Irish language was read.

Grant for Irish Language

It was decided to inform the Local Government Board that the carrying out of the resolution agreeing to the grant had been committed to the County Technical Instruction Committee.

Loan of £370.

Letters No 68,394 : 1900. under date 27th November 1900. from the Local Government Board and 16,232.00 from the Board of Works under date 4th December 1900. with reference to the proposed loan of £370. for the purchase of land from the Portsmouth estate for the Enniscorthy Asylum were read.

"Mr Dohohoe said he would give the usual notice of motion in connection with this loan."

Loan of £1500.

The following resolution from the Committee of Management of the Asylum, which was forwarded to the Secretary of the Council on the 27th ult. and adopted by the Committee on the 21st ult. was read.

That the County Council be requested to procure a loan of Fifteen Hundred Pounds (£1500) from the Treasury for completing the

'repairs, and alterations, and some new works in contemplation'

The Finance Committee recommended the Council to request the Board of Works to grant this loan immediately as it is required for payment of works, which have already received official sanction, with the exception of a very small sum for new works, and as the contractor is waiting for most of the amount, the works for alterations and repairs having been completed.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

On this matter the following letter was read from the Asylum contractor, Mr William Fortune, under date 12th December 1900.

Asylum contractor applying for payment

I beg leave to draw your attention to the fact that there is an account due me by the Board of Governors of the Enniscorthy Asylum amounting to £1101. 3. 9. and I am led to believe that the above Board have not money in hands to pay this balance until the County Council apply for, and receive a loan from the Treasury. This state of things has been going on with regard to large sums of money being due me for the past two years, and I have had to pay during that time interest on overdrafts which amount to nearly £100, which interest I have made application for to your Council on a previous occasion and applied also to the Board of Governors but without success, although both meetings admitted the justice of my claim.

I would respectfully suggest to the Council at their meeting on the 13th that they advance this £1101. 3. 9 out of some other account and recoup themselves when they receive the loan from the Treasury. I would also again suggest that they pay me back the interest which I have paid on the overdrafts on all monies due me by

the Board of Governors and if you have not law or power to do so I would ask you to apply to the Local Government Board by a resolution and backed up by a strong recommendation from your council."

"No action was taken on this letter"

Approval of appointment of Coll. Lennon.

Letter No 69776: Wexford County under date November 29th, 1900 from the Local Government Board, approving of the appointment of Mr Andrew Lennon as Poor Rate Collector was read.

The Secretary said that Mr Lennon was having his bond perfected.

Payments, - Urban Districts to be exempted.

With regard to the list of County at Large charges from which the Local Government Board considered Urban Districts should be exempted subject to variations defined in local acts, the Council agreed with the recommendation of the Local Government Board.

Mr Ryan and Mr Walsh dissenting as they pointed out that Wexford Urban District having a special Act should not be charged with their proportion of the salaries of the County Surveyor and County Secretary.

Kilmore Pier

Letter No 16211-00. from the Board of Works dealing with repairs to the breakwater at Kilmore Pier was read.

This letter had been before the meeting of the Finance Committee which recommended that the communication be referred to Mr Webster County Surveyor.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously confirmed.

Change of name of New Ross Rural Dist (no 1)

A letter was received from Mr P. A. Pope, Clerk New Ross no 1 Rural District Council, stating that his Council requested the sanction of the County Council to the change of the name of this District to that of "The New Ross Rural District".

On the motion of Mr Hearn seconded by the chairman it was decided that the request be granted.

Appointment on Committees

On the motion of the chairman seconded Mr Dempsey it was agreed that the name of Mr John Bolger, be substituted as

the representative of the County Council on the committees of the County Wexford Infirmary, and the Asylum, vice Mr Bryan Bolger, his brother deceased.

Maintenance - New Ross Bridge

No order was made on a resolution received from the New Ross Urban District Council with reference to the maintenance of portion of the New Ross bridge

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

*Fire proof safe for
to council office*

That the Council obtain a fire proof safe for the custody of the books etc of the Council tenders to be invited stating maker's name for the consideration of the committee, who are authorized to accept tender"

Storage of weights & measures

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

That the present arrangement as to storage of weights and measures in Wexford be allowed to continue."

On the suggestion of the chairman it was also decided that the balances etc referred to in the letter of Mr O'Neill J. Kelly D.J.R.I.B. be produced at next meeting for the inspection of the Council."

The Finance Committee recommended

Claim of Mr Pope & Mr Hopkins

That Mr Pope Clerk New Ross District Council, and Mr Hopkins Clerk Shillelagh District Council, be allowed £36 and £3. respectively, for bringing the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 into operation, and that the claims for loss of fees made by these officers be refused."

Mr Cummins proposed that the amount claimed for loss of fees, by Mr Pope be allowed. The sum would be levied as a District charge, and he considered as the New Ross District Council were in favour of paying the claim it should be allowed by the County Council.

Mr Hearn proposed, that the portion of the minutes of the Finance Committee, allowing Mr Pope

'£36 for bringing the Act into operation be confirmed and that the claim for loss of fees be referred to the Solicitor of the Council."

Mr Browne proposed and McCodd seconded.

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as respects Messrs Hopkins & Pope be confirmed"

On a show of hands 11 members which was a majority of those present at the time voted in favour of Mr Browne's motion which the chairman declared carried

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously confirmed.

*Main Roads - Enniscorthy
Urban Council*

"That an agreement be entered into with Enniscorthy Urban District Council to keep the Main Roads in their District in repair for 5/- per perch."

The following recommendation was also confirmed

*Security of lott: James
Barron.*

"That Mr James Barron, Rate Collector be allowed to submit another name as surety to replace Mr Donovan deceased."

The following resolution was adopted without dissent on the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by Mr Cummins.

*Agreeing to strike rate of 5/-
in £ for Technical Instn.*

"That the Council agree to strike a rate of a halfpenny in the £ under the Technical Instruction Act of 1889 and 1891. for the purpose of assisting agriculture and technical instruction in this County, and that the County Wexford Technical Instruction Committee be directed to draw up a scheme which will meet with the approval of the Department of Agriculture and to carry out No. 4 of the general Regulations of the schemes issued by the Department."

Standing Orders had been suspended to allow of this resolution being moved.

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The following were added to the County Technical Instruction Committee - Messrs John Deathe, Wordsworth

Duffcarrig, Nicholas Day, Garryhac, Daniel Dempsey, William Doyle, Martin Pearce Wexford, and Albert Davis, Enniscorthy.

It was decided that five members of the Committee form a quorum.

On the motion of Mr Doyne it was decided that the Secretary write to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, and find out what date it would be possible for Professor Campbell to attend.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke it was decided that a meeting of the County Technical Instruction Committee be held at two o'clock on Wednesday, the 19th inst for the purpose of considering the draft scheme.

Protest against change of train time

On the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Lord Maurice Fitzgerald the following resolution was unanimously adopted.-

"That we the County Council of Wexford protest against the contemplated change of the 10.15 a.m. train from Wexford to Dublin to a later hour in the day, and we would suggest to the Board of Directors the advisability in fact the necessity of Wexford being represented on the Board of Directors in order to pay attention to the interests of the travelling public of this end of the line and to point out that both the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow are represented on the Board by more than one representative, which is a strong argument in favour of at least one Director from Wexford, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Directors of the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Co".

Tenders - a yearly abstract

For the printing of the Half yearly Abstract of Proposals etc thru tenders were received - B. Hughes at £8. John M. Walsh at £9. 12 " 6. and Martin White at £11. 10/-

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Walsh the tender of Mr Hughes was accepted.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cummins the following motion of which ~~he had given~~ previous notice was given by the proposer was adopted

"That the printing of the quarterly schedules be discontinued owing to the Secretary

"under Article 21 of the Procedure of Councils
Order, having to publish a half yearly
Abstract of Proposals etc."

The following motion of which he had given previous notice
was moved by Councillor Cummins but failed to find a
seconder. -

Malicious Injury Claims

"That the resolution of the County Council
"directing their solicitor to appear in all
"claims for malicious injury be rescinded
"in so far as the New Ross District is
concerned and that the matter of
appointing a solicitor to oppose such
"claims be left in the hands of the Dist-
"rict council."

Courthouses. - Patriotic Assurance Co.

Twenty tenders of the insurance of the courthouses of the
County was received. All quoted the same rate 1/6 per cent

On the motion of Mr Bolger, seconded by Mr Cummins
the tender of the Patriotic Assurance Co. was accepted

Scale of Expenses. - Elections

With reference to the portion of the scale of expenses
(postponed from a former meeting) of returning officers
for conducting the elections of guardians in Urban Dis-
tricts, the Finance Committee recommended-

"That the returning officer be allowed
three guineas for personal expenses,
and that the printing of notices etc. be
paid for as per actual cost a sum of 5/-
being allowed for every additional 1,000
electors in the town, and a reduction
in proportion to be made where no poll is
taken either in a ward or town."

Case of Mr John Kehoe

Letter No 70.597. : 1900 Wexford County under date 7th inst with
reference to the appointment of Mr John Kehoe as Assistant
County Surveyor was read.

The Finance Committee had made the following recommend-
ation:-

"To request the Local Government Board to
allow the council to temporarily retain
the services of Mr Kehoe as he is at present
engaged with the approval of the County
Surveyor, and trust the Local Government

Board will sanction his temporary appointment in view of the money due to him."

The recommendation of the Committee was confirmed
Writ - Council and Miss H. J. Proschwitzky

Mr Elgee brought before the meeting of the Finance Committee the question of writs served by the late matron of the Asylum, Miss H. J. Proschwitzky on the County Council for £5000. for injuries sustained at the Asylum, £50 for arrears of salary and £3,500. for wrongful dismissal.

The Committee recommended the Council to defend the writs and the decision of the Committee was unanimously approved.

Deepening river Slaney

A resolution from the Enniscorthy Rural District with reference to the deepening of the river Slaney was on the motion of Mr Dempsey postponed for six months.

Complaint about a Road

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers of the Gorey District with reference to the bad condition of the road leading from the Old Barrack at Limbrick to the Inch crossroads.

Mr Webster said he found it impossible to obtain a contractor to keep this road in repair, but he would do his best to have it put into good order.

Claim - Mr Lett, Terns.

A letter was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co. Solicitors Wexford on behalf of Mr Lett of Terns, asking for a cheque for £30 for injuries caused to a horse the property of Mr Lett through the subsidence of a road leading from Clonegall.

Instructions were given Mr Elgee to defend this case on the part of the Council.

The Bank Book showed a balance in favour of the Council of £ 3484. 6 " 7.

M. Halligan, Secretary.

5 February 1901.