

\* Meeting - 15<sup>th</sup> November 1907.

A meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November '07.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P. (Chairman) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs E. Houe, W. Dempsey, J. E. Maylor, M. Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, Alexr. Kinsella, Thomas Asple, Mark Codd, J. B. Hearn, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, E. H. Peacocke, Matthew Doyle, John J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, Michael Hickey, Thaddeus Bolger, John Sinnott, M. A. Ennis, James Codd.

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

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> August, 16<sup>th</sup> October, and 24<sup>th</sup> October (special meetings) were read and confirmed.

The late Dr. Murphy - Coroner for North Wexford.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the following letter be inserted on the minutes :-

Larkfield, Killarn.

"Mrs Murphy, begs the members of the County Council to accept her very sincere thanks for their vote of condolence on the exceptionally sad death of her husband. Their kind sympathy, and that of so many thoughtful friends help to lighten to some extent the heavy trial she and her children have been so unexpectedly called upon to bear."  
November '07.

Election of Coroner for North Wexford.

Applications for the position of Coroner were received from Dr. Wm. C. Lawler, Medical Officer, Newtownbarry Dispensary District; Dr. P. Kinsella, Medical Officer Killenagh and Wells, Dispensary District; Dr. Alexr. B. Stephenson, Medical Officer Gory Workhouse Infirmary, and Dr. Thomas J. Brooke-Kelly, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, and 11 Rowe Street, Wexford.



The Chairman read the applications of candidates and testimonials, and lists of qualifications submitted by them.

Mr. Cummins proposed - D. Stephenson, Mr. Hearn seconded.

Mr. Kehoe proposed - D. Kinsella - Mr. Dempsey seconded.

Mr. James Sinnott proposed, and Mr. J. Bolger seconded the election of D. Lawler.

Mr. Hickey proposed, and Mr. Kinsella seconded the election of D. J. J. Brooke Kelly.

The following was the voting on the first poll:-

For D. Kinsella:- Messrs Mayler, Dempsey, Browne, Hore, Ennis Peacocke, Kehoe, N. B. Murphy, James Codd, J. Asple, and Mr. Doyle - 11.

For D. Lawler:- Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, M. Codd, James Sinnott - 5

For D. Stephenson:- Messrs J. B. Hearn, J. Cummins, J. A. Doyle, J. Donohoe, A. Kinsella, and the Chairman - 6.

For D. Kelly:- Mr. Hickey - 1.

#### Second Poll.

For D. Kinsella:- Messrs Mayler, Dempsey, Browne, Hore, Ennis, Peacocke, Kehoe, N. B. Murphy, J. Codd Asple, and Mr. Doyle - 11.

For D. Stephenson:- Messrs Hearn, Kinsella, Donohoe, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, and the Chairman - 6.

For D. Lawler:- Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, M. Codd, James Sinnott, and Hickey - 6.

A poll was taken as to whether D. Lawler or D. Stephenson should fall out, with the following result:-

For D. Stephenson:- Messrs Kinsella, Dempsey, Ennis, Peacocke, Kehoe, Donohoe, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, Hearn, J. Cummins, and the Chairman - 11.

For D. Lawler:- Messrs Mayler, Browne, J. Bolger, E. Hore, N. B. Murphy, J. Codd, John Sinnott, Mark Codd, J. Asple, James Sinnott, J. Bolger, M. Hickey - 12.

#### Final Poll

For D. Lawler:- Messrs Hearn, Kinsella, J. Bolger, J. Bolger, Donohoe, John Sinnott, M. Codd, J. A. Doyle, J. Cummins, James Sinnott, M. Hickey, and the Chairman - 12.

For D. Kinsella:- Messrs Mayler, Dempsey, Browne, Hore, Ennis, Peacocke, Kehoe, Murphy, J. Codd, Asple, and Mr. Doyle - 11.



The chairman declared Dr. Lawler elected.

Dr. Lawler returned thanks.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> October 1907 the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 54107) approving of the salary of £125 per annum, proposed to be paid to the person who might be appointed to the office of coroner for North Wexford in the room of the late Dr. D. P. Murphy.

### Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

On the motion of the chairman the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

"That the four Sheep Dipping Inspectors be paid £14 each for the dipping period of eleven weeks instead of £11 as agreed on at the date the salary was fixed by the County Council."

### Proposed Purchase of Hulk at Duncannon.

The following report of Committee in connection with the proposed purchase of hulk at Duncannon the property of the Waterford Steamship Co., was laid before the meeting:-

The Committee appointed by the County Council, to visit Duncannon for the purpose of examining the hulk offered for sale to the Council by the Waterford Steamship Co., met on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1907.

There were present:- Messrs M. A. Ennis, and J. Cummins, the County Surveyor was in attendance; also the local Committee with their chairman, - Rev D. Murphy C.C. Duncannon.

An employee of the Waterford Steamship Co., attended to answer any questions which might be asked by the Committee.

The Committee inspected the hulk, and found that the vessel was composite built of  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch iron plates, length 55 feet 9 inches, and breadth 18 feet.

She is moored with four anchors, with two 90 fathom cables, two 75 fathom cables, spare cable with a quarter stud link, 75 fathoms on deck, and with four shorter mooring chains about 20 to 30 fathom. The length of the gangway is 44 feet and width 10 feet. Shortly after being placed in position at Duncannon the



hulk sustained damage to some of the plates. These were temporarily stayed with oak beams etc., which remain there still.

She has apparently been let run down a good deal and would require her decks caulked, and a thorough scaling and painting; with various minor repairs. The gangway appears to be in rather a dilapidated condition and will require considerable repairs.

The Committee assuming that Mr. Elger ascertains that the Council would have legal power to purchase, recommend that an offer of £25 be made to the Waterford Steamship Co., for the hulk.

(Signed) M. A. Ennis  
John Cummins  
members of Committee

The following document was handed to the Committee, by the local Committee:-

"At a meeting held at Duncannon on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> 1907.

The Rev Denis Murphy B. C., in the Chair.

The following were present:- Messrs John Cummins, M. C. C., Aiden Devereux, B. C., Laurence Hury, John Gunnip, and J. B. Wallis.

It was proposed by Mr. Aiden Devereux, and seconded by Mr. John Gunnip, and passed unanimously:- "That the attention of the Deputation from the Wexford County Council (who are to visit Duncannon on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> inst.) be drawn to the great advantage it would be to the people of Duncannon, Kilbide, Fethard, and the Hook district, if the hulk at present at Duncannon was kept there for the use of the steamer now about to ply between Duncannon and Waterford.

These districts would be at a great disadvantage if the steamer could not call at Duncannon at all states of the tide, and would be therefore unable to attend their market.

We therefore on behalf of the districts mentioned, pray the County Council to come to our aid, and if possible buy the hulk as she now lies from the Waterford S. S. Co.

(Signed) Denis Murphy B. C.  
Chairman



John Cummins, M. C. C.

L. Heery

W. A. Wallis

A. Devereux, D. C.

J. B. Wallis

John Gunnip

Michael Browne

Robert Finlay

John Doyle

Daniel Nolan

Thomas Stokes

James White

Wm Ward

Walter Breen

Philip Maher

Alfred White

John Furlong

Peter Walsh

James Sherry

John Keating

E. M. Legge

P. G. Forrestal

Richard Doyle

Agnes Larkin

Mrs Reid

S. Todd

Mr. Legge said that he had taken the advice of Mr. J. Maloney, K. C., on the power of the County Council to purchase the hulk at Duncannon, the property of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners and Mr. Maloney had advised that in his opinion the County Council had no power to purchase this hulk.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board the County Council purchase a hulk for use at Duncannon, as the pier in the absence of the hulk for the accommodation of the public would be absolutely useless."

#### Resolutions from Proposal Committee

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolutions of the Proposal Committee were adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be allowed to prosecute the contractors mentioned in his report to the Proposal Committee, should he find it necessary."

#### Final Instalment - Poulduff.

"That the County Council take over from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction; Poulduff Pier, and that the final instalment be paid."

#### Lamp-lighters - appointment of.

"That Mr. <sup>Walter</sup> Breen, Duncannon, be appointed to attend to the care and lighting at Duncannon Pier, at a salary



of £6 per annum terminable by a month's notice on either side."

"That Mr. James Kent, Arthurstown, be appointed to attend to the care and lighting of lamps at Arthurstown Pier, at £4 per annum, terminable by a month's notice at either side."

"That Mr. Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be granted a sum of £6 per annum, for lighting and attending to the lamps at Kilmore Pier, office to be terminable by a month's notice at either side."

— Proposals for Payment. —

"That the several proposals for payments submitted by our Secretary in relation to matters other than public works be adopted, and Treasurer's Advice Note for same be signed."

— Variation of Standing Orders. —

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution, of which he had given previous notice was adopted:

"That the Standing Orders of the Council be varied as regards the consideration of Notices of motion, and that in future all Notices of motion be dealt with immediately after the reading of the minutes."

The remainder of the business was postponed.

*W. Jones*

3. 12. 1907