

ANNUAL MEETING.- 17th JUNE 1918.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 17th June 1918.

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

Also:- Messrs J. Redmond, T. Asple, M. Doyle, Sir T.H.G. Esmonde, Bart., J. J. Kehoe, P. Keating, J. J. Stafford, J. A. Doyle, W. Thorpe, P. O'Neill, P. Whelan, A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, James Codd, P. Quigley, and N. J. Fowler.

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.

Representatives of Rural District Councils.

Communications were read from the Clerks R. D. Councils, that the following would represent the Councils on County Council for year:-

Enniscorthy.-Mr James Lynch, Gorey.- Mr N. J. Fowler,  
New Ross.- Mr William Thorpe, Wexford.- Mr N.J. Cowman.

Messrs Thorpe and Fowler attended and subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Mr P. O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted nem con:-

"That Mr John Bolger be appointed Chairman of this Council for year 1918-19."

Mr Bolger returned thanks for his election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Sir T. H. G. Esmonde:-

"That Mr Michael Doyle be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Council for year 1918-19."

Mr Doyle returned thanks for his election.

Proposals and Finance & Roads Committees.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the



following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Proposal and Finance & Roads Committees be composed of Committees of the "whole house".

Re-appointment Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical

-----Instruction.-----

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Whelan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be hereby formally re-appointed to hold office for such time as the present County Council remains in power."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 30th May 1918, the Commissioners of National Education forwarded names of new School Attendance Committee for Gorey Rural District, to serve for three years as from 1st June 1918:-

Appointed by County Council:- Messrs Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, Gorey, N.J.Fowler, Camolin, James Kavanagh, Garrynew, Killenagh, John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, Robert Spencer, Kildermot, Gorey.

Appointed by Commissioners of National Education:- Rev N. Mernagh, P.P., Ballyoughter, Ballycanew, Gorey, Rev J. Ashton, Hollyfort, Gorey, Rev J.N.Clarke, Inch, Gorey, Rev J. O'Grady, C. C., Riverchapel, Gorey, Rev P. Browne, C.C., Askamore, Carnew."

Financial Relations Co Council & Wexford Urban District.

Under date 27th May 1918, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the County Council:-

"In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., I have read the Provisional Order of 1903, and also Section 71 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and it would appear to me, that from Sub Section (1) of said Section, that at the end of fifteen years, either Council may if they allege that the relations are inequitable and satisfy the Local Government Board that there is reasonable ground for that allegation, the Board may inquire into the circumstances and if they think it just so to do may by Order alter the financial relations, but such Order where it alters the provisions of any Local Act or Provisional Order shall be a Provisional Order.

The Section does not say anything as to what is to be done if neither party apply to have the relations varied and such being the case



in my opinion the existing arrangements would continue for another fifteen years."

"No Order"

University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with Syllabus of University Scholarship Scheme, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde:-

"That Latin, Greek, or approved modern language be an optional and not a compulsory subject in the syllabus for award of University Scholarships, in order to meet the cases of Engineering and other students who are not obliged to take Latin as a Compulsory subject for matriculation."

The following applied for award of University Scholarships:-

- 1.- Carty, James- North Main Street, Wexford.
- 2.- Cunningham, John M- Latimerstown, Wexford.
- 3.- Kehoe, Ellen Teresa- Moor, Mulrankin.
- 4.- McGrath, J. K- George Street, Wexford.
- 5.- O'Neill, Patrick- John Street, Gorey.
- 6.- Sinnott, Peter James- Newtown, Clonevan.
- 7.- Sullivan, Gerard- 40 Selskar Street, Wexford.

Proposed by Mr Fowler, Seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and adopted:-

"That the foregoing applicants be allowed to compete for University Scholarships as we believe they comply with the provisions of section 10 (2) of the Irish University Act 1908."

Audits of Accounts.

Under date 30th May 1918, (No. 24233-1918) the Local Government Board forwarded the following report of their Auditor-Mr C.D.Barry, B.L., on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford County Council for half-year ended 31st March 1918:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended March last, and I forward herewith a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a most satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part. The Books of account, especially the ledger with explanatory tables, were prepared and written up in an exceptional manner by the



Accountant, Mr T. A. Frizelle."

Copies of reports of their Auditor, Mr Cyril E. Browne, were forwarded by the Local Government Board, as to his audit of the Accounts of the following bodies for the half-year ended September 1917:-

Enniscorthy District Asylum, Wexford Union and R. D. Council, New Ross Union and R. D. Council, Enniscorthy Union and R. D. Council."

"No Order"

Sanction Mr James Kirby, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 8th May 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (20006-1918, Wexford County) approving of the appointment of Mr James Kirby, as Assistant Surveyor, at a salary of £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £120.

Under date 16th May 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 21, 999-1918, Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to allow Mr Kirby a sum of £5 a year for his work in connection with Tara Hill Quarry.

"No Order"

Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

Under date 14th May 1918, the following letter (21869-1918, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution of the Wexford County Council of the 8th instant, in which they express the opinion that the Boards of Guardians should be the local supervising authority under the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, and that the Local Government Board should arrange that the powers of the County Council should be delegated to them accordingly.

In reply the Board desire to state that they have no power to alter the provisions of an Act of Parliament. They would call the attention of the Council to the last paragraph of Section 16 of the Act which enables them to delegate any powers or duties conferred or imposed on them by or in pursuance of the Act to a Committee appointed by them and consisting wholly or to the extent of two thirds or more of members of the authority and including at least two women.

The Board desire to add that in no other portion of the United Kingdom are Boards of Guardians the local supervising authority over midwives."



The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That no order be made on the letter of the Local Government Board (No. 21869-1918, Wexford County) in connection with the administration of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918."

Finance & Roads Committee.-Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Sir T. Esmonde,:-

"That the Meetings of Finance & Roads Committee be held on first and third Tuesdays of each month, for the ensuing twelve months."

"Passed"

Sealed Orders.

Under date 8th May 1918, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 7,768-1918, for improving the sewerage system and maintaining same at Courtown Harbour, Gorey Dispensary District to be the area of charge.

Under date 30th May 1918, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 21499-1918, for improving sewerage system at Coolgreany and maintaining same, Coolgreany Dispensary District to be area of charge.

"No Order"

Printing Parliamentary Etc., Register.

Under date 6th May 1918, Mr H.E.Pitman, Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office, Custom House, Dublin, wrote that tenders of Messrs English & Co., Walter Hanrahan and Free Press, Wexford, had been accepted for printing of the Voters' Lists and Registers for the County Wexford.

Roads & Works.-New Ross Rural District.

Under date 22nd May 1918, the following letter No. 22587-1918, Wexford County., to the County Surveyor, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th inst., relative to the action of the New Ross Rural District Council in deciding not to consider or approve of any of your recommendations for proposals for the renewal of contracts expiring on the 30th June next, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to suggest that the Rural District Council might be requested to hold a special meeting to deal with the matter.

In the event of the Rural District Council failing to take the



necessary steps, the County Council can appeal to the Local Government Board to exercise their powers under Section 82 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

"The Secretary explained that the New Ross R. D. Council had held a meeting on 25th May 1918, at which they had agreed to proposals etc.,"

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the several proposals for Roads appearing on Form 20 from New Ross R. D. Council and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby adopted."

#### Appointment Inspectors Sheep Dipping.

Applications for the positions of Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping Order of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, were received from Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, (for Rural Districts of Gorey and Enniscorthy) and Mr George Brett, Tannerhill, Ballycogley, (for Rural District of New Ross & Wexford).

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

"That Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and Mr George Brett, Tannerhill, Ballycogley, be appointed Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping Order of the Department for the year 1918, the former to deal with the Rural Districts of Gorey & Enniscorthy, and the latter with the Rural Districts of New Ross & Wexford, at an exclusive salary of £26 each to cover Summer and Autumn Dipping, and also all travelling and out-of-pocket expenses, appointment to be determinable by a fortnight's notice in writing on either side."

In connection with Sheep Dipping Order Mr Joseph Deacon, Camross, Foulks mills, wrote stating that he intended charging 2<sup>d</sup> per head for Summer dipping and 3<sup>d</sup> per head for Autumn dipping.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Stafford, a resolution was adopted approving of the use of Mr Deacon's dipping bath at the prices named in his letter of 17th June 1918."

Resignation Assistant Surveyor V. R. Doyle, &

----- Appointment of Successor.-----

The following extract from the Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of 5th June 1918, was submitted to the Meeting:-



"The County Surveyor Reported:: - (As directed by the Council I beg to report on the manner in which Mr Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, has been carrying out his duties since his re-appointment. I am sorry I cannot give a satisfactory report. At the early period Mr Doyle sent in his weekly reports regularly and attended promptly to my instructions. He also appeared to be making a systematic effort to get contractors to attend to their roads. Recently, however, he has failed to send in his reports regularly, and has been careless in attending to my instructions. I have asked him to be in attendance at your meeting and give a personal explanation.)

"Under date 3rd June 1918, Mr V. R. Doyle, wrote:-

(I herewith beg to tender my resignation as Assistant Surveyor to your Council).

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we accept resignation of Mr V. R. Doyle, as Assistant Surveyor. That our Secretary be directed to advertise for Assistant Surveyor for No. 2 District (Wexford-Enniscorthy) at a salary of £100 rising by annual increments of £5 to £120, appointment to be made at the meeting of the County Council on 17th June 1918."

On the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee accepting the resignation of Mr V. R. Doyle, and advertising for a successor were approved."

A telegram was read from Mr Curran, Ballinamuck, Dungarvan, that he had applied on Saturday (15th) for the position of Assistant Surveyor.

The Secretary stated that no application had been received from Mr Curran to the present.

Applications were read from Mathew J. Byrne, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Thomas Millar, 2 Allen Street, Wexford, and John J. Murphy, A. M.I.C.E., Watercourse, Mill Road, Cork.

Messrs Byrne and Murphy were in attendance.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Murphy:- Messrs Fowler, Kinsella, M. Doyle, Keating, Kehoe, Thorpe, Redmond, J. Codd, J. A. Doyle, Asple and Sir T. Esmonde.-11



For Byrne: Messrs Whelan, Stafford, O'Neill, Scallan, Quigley, and the Chairman.- 6.

The Chairman declared Mr Murphy elected and it was arranged for Mr Murphy to take up duty immediately on the determination of Mr V. R. Doyle's appointment.

Proposed Appointment Second County Surveyor.

At the meeting of the County Council on 5th December 1917, the following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That we are of opinion that one County Surveyor is not sufficient for the County, and we request the County Council to appoint two Surveyors-one for North and one for South Wexford."

It was decided at December meeting of the Council, that this resolution be adjourned to the Annual Meeting in June 1918, so as to allow the new system of dealing with roads and quarries as recommended by special Committee receiving a fair trial.

The following resolution adopted by New Ross Rural District Council on 5th January 1918, was read:-

"That we decline to approve of the resolution of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council recommending the appointment of a second County Surveyor, as we do not consider such appointment necessary, nor any additional County Surveyors, and we request the Wexford County Council to insist on their present staff on the roads giving more attention to the duties which they were appointed for."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolution from Enniscorthy R. D. Council relative to appointment of second County Surveyor be adjourned for a further six months."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Matthew Harpur, 23 North Main Street, Wexford, applied for a licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act. Mr Harpur held a licence to this year, but forgot to effect renewal within the stipulated period.

The following applied for renewal of their licences:-



Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitty, Mr Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey, and Mr Edward Brennan, Taghmon.

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

"That new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Matthew Harpur, 23 North Main Street, Wexford, and renewals of same to Mr Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitty, and Mr Edward Brennan, Taghmon."

#### Revisions of Valuations.

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

"That the various applications for revisions of valuations be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee, which is hereby empowered by this Meeting to deal with same."

#### Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

**Grouped Roads:+** The County Surveyor submitted for the confirmation of Finance & Roads Committee meeting grouping of a number of roads which are in his charge:- The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we approve of the manner in which the County Surveyor proposes to group, for the more efficient working, a number of the roads which has been placed in his hands."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

**Ballybrennan Quarry:-** Under date 20th May 1918, a letter was read from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy, stating that the men engaged at Ballybrennan Quarry had agreed to accept 25/- per week while engaged at day work, on the understanding that they received 3d per cubic yard of an increase bringing the rate from 1/9 per cubic yard to 2/-. The men stated that the County Council officials now refused to comply with the agreement.

The Secretary stated that Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, informed him that no promise had been made to the men that the rate while on piece work would be increased by 3d per cubic yard. They were told they should make application to the County Council for the increase.

The following letter under date 3rd June, was read from Mr R. F.

King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy:-



"With reference to yours of May 23rd, I am instructed to apply to you to have the Ballybrennan Quarrymen's wages increased by 3d per cubic yard.

The men engaged were told to apply to the Council for this amount and the Trades Union have taken up the matter for the men.

I trust this matter will be arranged."

"Adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

**Tincurry Quarry:-**Under date 14th May 1918, Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy, wrote that the men engaged at Tincurry Quarry had no van to sleep in, and were in consequence obliged to walk five miles every morning and evening to and from their work. It takes one and three quarters hours to cover the journey each way. In most cases of this kind "walking money" was allowed."

The following report was read from Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, under date 31st May 1918:-

"As directed by Finance Committee at Meeting held on 22nd inst., I visited above Quarry 24th inst., in connection with claim made by men for "walking money", when they informed me that as they have to leave their homes an hour and a half before time for starting work and the same time in returning home in the evenings, they should be paid for this time.

I may point out this claim is only made by some of the men, others who have much farther to walk making no claim.

As an alternative to compensation for above claim they desire an increase in weekly wages.

Formerly these men had living van to remain in, but van is now out with Roller at Ferns."

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the application of Tincurry Quarrymen for "walking money" or in lieu for increase of wages be refused."

**Application-War Bonus-Temporary Clerical Staff:-** Eight members of temporary clerical Staff employed at writing up Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books, wrote applying for a War Bonus of 25 per cent on their earnings during the Session. They stated they were paid on the



same scale as in pre-war times, and all public bodies had granted War Bonus to their employees.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That as the work on which temporary clerical staff was engaged has concluded the Finance & Roads Committee are precluded according to the advice of their Solicitor, from considering a question of War Bonus of a retrospective character."

"Recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

**Extraordinary Traffic On Roads:-** As regards extraordinary traffic on roads caused by timber traffic, the following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to communicate with Road Contractors whose roads are being injured by timber traffic and ascertain from them names of persons responsible for timber haulage."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

**Holidays for Staff:-** The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the usual Summer holidays be granted to the Staff of the County Council engaged in County Council Office and County Surveyor's office, the Secretary and County Surveyor to arrange the holidays so as to suit the working conditions of each office. That a month's holidays be granted to the County Secretary and County Surveyor to be taken at intervals and as conditions of their Offices will allow."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

**Stationery for Petty Sessions Courts:-** Under date 22nd May 1918, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that they had been instructed by Mr Michael Kavanagh, Clerk of Petty Sessions Wexford, to issue a process against the Wexford County Council for £1. 14. 1d being the amount of his claim for stationery, pens, ink, and other materials, for use of the Magistrates at Wexford and Killinick Petty Sessions Courts, the County Council having refused payment.

"The Secretary stated he had since the date of the above letter been served with a Civil Bill process for the amount."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads



Committee:-

"That Mr Michael Kavanagh, C. P. S., be offered £1. 7. 1d in settlement of his claim for supply of stationery, pens, and ink, for Wexford and Killinick Magistrates' Courts, as 7/- of the amount is statute barred according to the Local Government code."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

**Explosives for Quarries:-** In connection with explosives for Quarry work the following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we approve of the arrangements suggested by the County Surveyor as regards explosives at Tara Hill Quarry. That in connection with the use of explosives by Road Contractors who provide their own material, and, who require explosives in very limited quantities only for this purpose, we suggest the County Surveyor should interview the County Inspector, R. I. C., with a view to having explosives up to 5lbs stored in local police barracks, and which can be released to the Contractor to be used under Police supervision."

"The County Surveyor stated that he had seen the County Inspector R. I. C., on that day and the latter informed him that he had been authorised to make arrangements by which a small amount of explosives could be kept at the local police barracks and used under police supervision."

The Recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

**Tara Hill Workmen:-** The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we approve of the proposal of the County Surveyor to employ the men working at Tara Hill Quarry at 6d per hour when engaged in clearing quarry face in preparation for work with Rock Drill."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Application Reduced Tonnage on Roads.

A letter was read from Terence Hinch, and six other Road Contractors from Gorey Rural District asking the Council to allow a reduction of 20 Cubic yards in the 100 yards off their contracts which they have to get from Cloogue Quarry on account of no blasting



material being got. It is impossible to get the material owing to the hardness of the rock. The Council should make some concessions to cover the extra hardship, labour and expense."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr Hinch be informed that as the Authorities are arranging to allow small quantities of explosives to be kept at local police barracks the contractors will not be put to any inconvenience or expense in this matter."

#### Payment of Weekly Wages to Employees.

Under date 23rd May 1918, Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, National Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy, wrote stating he had been requested by the members of his Union in the employment of the County Council to ask the Council to pay their wages weekly in future as the fortnightly arrangement was not at all suitable.

The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That a sum of £200 be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor to be used by him as an imprest account for payment to men in quarries etc., failing the adoption of this procedure to provide for weekly payments, the services of skilled quarrymen and road surface men will be lost to the Council."

#### A. Nolan, Rockdrill Operator.

The County Surveyor brought before the meeting an application from Mr A. Nolan, Rock Drill Operator, for an increase in his wages of £1. 12. 6d per week.

"Postponed to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

#### Steamrolling Gang.

An application under date 30th May 1918, for increase in wages from 25/- to 30/- per week, was read from steamrolling gang employed by the County Council.

"Adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

#### Arrears Rate Bantry Commons.

A long communication was received from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, under date 21st May, relative to his position in



regard to refund of arrears of Rate on Bantry Commons. The letter appears in full on Minutes of Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 5th June, and at which meeting the Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That copy of letter of Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, under date 21st May, be furnished the Local Government Board, and that they be asked to re-consider their decision refusing to allow of arrears of Rates on Bantry Commons being made Mr Murphy in view of the circumstances explained in his communication."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

#### Coal Consumption in Ireland.

The following letter under date 14th June 1918, was read from Mr H. G. Burgess, Director of Cross Channel Transportation & Coal Controller Department, 19 Westmoreland Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to my Circular letter T.M. 990/32/20, regarding the very serious shortage of Coal.

I shall be much obliged if you will let me have, as early as possible, particulars of the total amount of coal and coke, separately used by your Council, for Public utility during the year 1917, specifying the nature of the work, the weight used under each heading, the percentage it is estimated that such consumption can be reduced by, and the Stock on hands at date.

If the Coal be received per rail, please furnish particulars of the station or stations to which consigned for you and the number of tons received at each station separately, and if you import direct, the same particulars are required for each Port, also state name of firm or colliery from which your supplies are obtained.

The matter being very urgent it is desirable you should bring it under the notice of your Council at once, so that the essential information will be furnished to me as early as feasible, I am sure that in view of the critical position, you will appreciate the object of my enquiry is to get information which will enable me to provide, in the best way possible, supplies of coal for Public utility purposes, Industrial concerns, etc.,"

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following



resolution was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor and Secretary furnish (so far as they possibly can) the particulars of the Coal Consumption etc., of the Council."

War Pensions Committee.

Under date 13th June 1918, the following was read from Mr P. Horan, Secretary Co. Wexford War Pensions Ebb., Committee:-

"At the meeting of the above Committee held on the 12th inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Secretary report to the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 17th instant, the proposal of the War Pensions Committee to appoint a Secretary at £150 per annum."

Will you kindly bring this resolution before your Council meeting on Monday next."

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation

"That County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee be recommended to advertise for a Secretary to carry out all the work of the Committee at a salary of £100 per annum."

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Kehoe.

Deported Irishmen.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we protest against the attempts of the English Government to blacken the cause of Ireland in the United States of America and Neutral Countries by a "Bogus" German plot, and we call upon the Government to bring the deported Irish leaders to trial at once, or otherwise to issue orders for their release."

Stonebreaker.

The following under date 17th June 1918, was read from Mr Alfred Haughton, Røckspring, Ferns:-

"Would you kindly allow the County Council Breaker to break stones on my hill before it leaves us. I want those stones and clippings.

I have given already about 80 cubic yards to the road contractors in our district.

I'll pay the Council for the use of the Breaker."



On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the request of Mr A. Haughton for use of Breaker be acceded to and that the County Surveyor arrange for use of same."

(Signed) Michael Doyle  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1918.