

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-3rd DECEMBER 1913.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd December 1913.

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

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle Junr., James Codd, M. Gough, R. A. Rice, J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, Patrick Rossiter, M. Cloney, J. T. Mayler, Michael Doyle Senr., T. Asple, James A. Doyle, T. L. Esmonde, Mark Codd.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Killabeg Quarry.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the question of proposed purchase of Killabeg Quarry, be placed on agenda paper for next meeting.

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Rice,

the following dates of half-yearly meetings of Councils were agreed to-
Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-Tuesday, 7th April 1914, at 11 a.m.,
Gorey R. D. Council, Friday, 3rd April 1914 at 11.30 a.m.,
New Ross R. D. Council-Wednesday 8th April 1914, at 11.30 a.m.,
Wexford R. D. Council, Saturday, 4th April 1914 at 10.30 a.m.,
Proposal Committee-April 15th 1914 at 10.30 a.m.,
Co Council Quarterly Meeting.-11th February 1914, at 10.30 a.m.,
Co Council Half-yearly Meeting.-6th May 1914 at 11 a.m.,

Mr G. Rossiter, Rate Collector.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 24th November 1913, (letter No 61875-1913, Wexford County) approving of fidelity guarantee bond of Mr G. Rossiter, Rate Collector.

County Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 21st November 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 55175-1913, Wexford Co.,) forwarding copy of letter which they had addressed to Col G. Tottenham, D. L., with reference to the expenditure incurred in the maintenance of the County Infirmary.

"No Order"

Road Maintenance.

With reference to the maintenance of roads which are placed in charge of the County Surveyor, the following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That in future we recommend the County Council when placing roads untendered for in the County Surveyor's hands, that they insist upon the full tonnage being placed upon such roads and that all work prescribed in the Specification be carried out."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, it was decided that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor, for his observations."

Proposed Purchase of Steamroller.

The following resolution from Enniscorthy Rural District Council, was submitted:-

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

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

"The County Council having fully considered the question of the purchase of steamroller, in conjunction with figures submitted by the County Surveyor, are of opinion that, for the present, it would be more advisable to hire Steamrollers."

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Clerk of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several proposals for payment from the Proposal Committee and from the four Rural Districts of the County, as appearing on

Forms 22 with the modifications and alterations noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman, be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several Proposals for New Works and for Maintenance of Works formulated by the Proposal Committee, and by the four Rural Districts of the County, as appearing on Forms 20, with the modifications and alterations noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman, be and are hereby approved."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

Under date 1st December 1913, the following letter No. 5556-13, V.B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your reply of 14th ultimo, to this Department's communication, No. 5377/13, of the previous day, and to previous correspondence, I have hereby to convey the Department's approval of payment at the following rates by your Local Authority to their Veterinary Inspectors in connection with duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913, for the six months ended 30th Ultimo, viz:-

Mr R. Malone M.R.C.V.S., £123 per annum.

Mr W. J. Doyle " 90 "

Mr James Malone, " 69 "

Mr F. W. Taylor " 42 " and

Mr A. Dobbyn, " 54 "

The question of sanctioning further like payments at these rates will be considered in the light of a Return-to be furnished at your Local Authority's convenience- showing to what payments the Inspectors concerned would have been entitled had the suggestion of payment by fees, made in the Department's letter of 12th August last, been adopted.

I have also to express the Department's approval of the Council's proposal to pay the Clerk of the Local Authority a sum of £15 in respect of extra duties under the Tuberculosis Order, for a year from 1st June last."

"The Secretary stated he would furnish the Department with the Return they required."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

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

"That the several amounts of compensation for slaughter of animals under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, as appearing on Schedule submitted by our Secretary and amounting to £18. 2. 6d be approved for payment.

That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to procure the amounts paid at this meeting for compensation under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, from the Treasury as soon as possible and have same lodged to the credit of the Wexford County Council."

Auditor's Report-Cp.Council Accounts.

Under date 27th November 1913, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 62950-13, Wexford County) forwarding the following report of their Auditor (Mr C.D. Barry) in connection with the Accounts of the County Council for half-year ended 30th September 1913:-

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

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read".

Harbour Master etc., - Kilmore.

Applications were received from the following for the position of Harbour Master, etc., Kilmore Quay:-

John Cousins, Kilmore Quay.

John Kehoe, Do.,

Walter Kehoe, Do.,

Albert Porter, Ballygeary.

Patrick Power, Kilmore Quay.

Fredk Spanner, Do.,

John Walsh, Do.,

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Walsh:- Messrs J. Codd, Gough, Peacocke, Rossiter, Cloney, and

Mayler.-6

For Patrick Power:-Messrs Stafford, M. Doyle Senr., M. Codd.-3.

For W. Kehoe:- Messrs Rice, James A Doyle, and the Chairman.-3

For John Kehoe:- Messrs Lynch, and Asple.-2.

Messrs Cousins, Porter, and Spanner, were not proposed.

Mr Esmonde was not present, and Mr M.Doyle Junr., did not vote.

A vote was taken as between Walter Kehoe, and Patrick Power, as to which of them would remain in for second poll.

There voted for Walter Kehoe:- Messrs M. Doyle Junr., J. Codd, Gough, Rice, Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Mayler, Asple, and the Chairman.-9.

For Patrick Power:- Messrs Stafford, Peacocke, Lynch, Rossiter, M. Doyle Senr., and M. Codd.-6.

Patrick Power then fell out and the final poll was taken between Walter Kehoe, and John Walsh, with the following result:-

For Kehoe:- Messrs M. Doyle Junr., Rice, Lynch, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Senr., M. Codd, Asple, and the Chairman.-8

For Walsh:- Messrs James Codd, Gough, J. J. Stafford, Peacocke, Rossiter, Cloney, and Mayler.-7.

The Chairman declared Walter Kehoe elected.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Harbour Master at Kilmore Quay according to the terms of the advertisement.

Please bring under the notice of the County Council the fact that I am a practical seafaring man, having been engaged at sea for over twenty years. I live at Kilmore Quay, and I am free to give all the time that the duties of Harbour Master require.

I have pleasure to enclose letters of recommendation from my Parish Priest-the very Rev Canon O'German- who has known me since a boy, and Father Crean, Kilmore Quay, to whom both can testify to my steadiness and general good conduct.

I also enclose letters of recommendation from Capt Monaghan, who is the eldest sea Captain trading to the Port, and Captain Grant, of the Barrels Reek Lightship, both of whom can testify as to my qualification as a general seaman.

If elected I will leave nothing undone to give every satisfaction to the County Council, in carrying out the duties of the Position!"

The applicant was recommended by:-

Very Rev Canon O'German, P.P., Kilmore.

Rev E. Creane, C. C., Kilmore Quay.

J, Monaghan, Kilmore Quay.

J. W. Grant, Bridgetown.

S. W. Boxwell, Sarshill, Kilmore.

James Kehoe, Kilmore Quay.

Sheep Dipping Order.

Sergeant Cullen, Ballywilliam, and Constable Meany, Kilmore Quay, reported several persons in their districts for breaches of Sheep Order.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That instructions be given to the Royal Irish Constabulary to prosecute sheep owners who have failed to dip their animals within the prescribed period."

Irish Journalists Association.

The following resolution was received from the Irish Journalists Association:-

"That we request the Local Government Board, in all cases of Inquiry in this County, to appoint as official note-taker a local working Journalist."

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Leave of Absence.

Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, writing under date 2nd December 1913, applied for leave of absence for one week from Monday 22nd to 29th inst.,

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch:- "That Mr Treanor Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted one week's holidays at Christmas during the dates mentioned in his application of 2nd December."

Tender for Coal.

Mr J. Ffrench, Custom House Quay, Wexford, tendered to deliver Powell's Best Red Ash Newport Coals to the County Courthouse, at 29/- per ton.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the

tender was accepted."

Exemption from Rates.

The following claims for exemption from Rates were laid before the Meeting:-

Collector N. O'H. Walsh:- Nos. 155 Aughwilliam, 122,216, 103 Carrick, 3, 133, 137 Forth, 62, 78,236 Rathaspeck, 142, 73, Taghmon, 107,289, 334, 17, 157, Wexford Rural.

Collector N. Moore:- No.117 Ballymitty.

Collector P. Rossiter:- Nos 272, 294 Rosslare.

Collector Joseph Cummins:-No. 21 Ballycarney.

Collector Pierce Redmond:-Nos. 17 Edermine, 121 Kilmallock.

Collector Laurence Lacy:-Nos. 33, 250, Ballyvaldon, 177 Bolaboy, 148 150, Castle Ellis, 175,206, 240, Castle Talbot.

Collector Patrick Nolan:- Nos. 5 Ballyoughter, 22, 38 Ballyellis, 62, 117 Ballybeg, 207, 300, 301 Kilcomb, 52 Monaseed, 144 Rossminogue,

Collector J. C. Smith:- Nos. 17, 111, Ardamine, 108 Ballycanew, 160, 162, 234, 292, 351, 394, Courtown, 14, 35, 49, Gorey Rural, 72 Kilnahue.

Collector R. Earle:- No. 17 Killenagh.

Collector E. J. Murphy:- No. 73, 191, New Ross Rural.

Collector Edward Cummins:- No. 134 Kilmokea.

Collector John Banville:- Nos. 118, 135, Carrigbyrne, 80 Horetown, 18 Kilgarvan.

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Nos. 19 Dunmain, 21, 175, 203, 204, 248, 346, Tintern.

Collector James Cogley:- Nos 235, 236, Ballyhack.

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

"That the Poor Law Amendment Act 1890, be applied to those cases, and that they be exempted for the period stated, on the grounds that the premises have been vacant and empty."

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

The Minutes of the Committee of Management appointed under section 5 of Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, for Meetings held on 21st October, and 24th November 1913, were submitted.

The Committee appointed Mr Bolger, Chairman of the Council, to be their Chairman, and Mr C. H. Peacocke, Vice-Chairman of the Council

as their Vice-Chairman.

Resolutions were adopted to advertise for Site for Central Tuberculosis Dispensary and Home for Advanced Cases.

Referring this matter and the drafting of report as to maintenance charges under Scheme for dealing with Tuberculosis adopted by the County Council on 29th January 1913, to a Sub-Committee.

Also instructing Dr O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Officer, to endeavour to secure premises for branch dispensaries.

On the consideration of report from the Sub-Committee the following resolutions were adopted by the meeting of the Committee of Management held on 23th November:-

"That we confirm the resolution of the Sub-Committee at meeting of this date, relative to the acceptance of offer of four acres of plot opposite Convent of St John of God at £350. That the Committee agree to the condition mentioned in the letter of the Rev Mother of the 24th November, as to the Community being placed in charge of the Nursing arrangements at Sanatorium provided these arrangements meet with the approval of the Local Government Board and the Committee of Management.

That we request Mr Frizelle, to act as Clerk to the Committee for a period of six months at a salary calculated at the rate of £52. That we recommend the County Council to sanction this arrangement.

That we request the County Council to direct Dr O'Connor, Chief Tuberculosis Officer to draft advertisement for Chief Tuberculosis Nurse at a salary of £75 per annum, with £25 per annum to cover travelling expenses.

That the details of Scheme for maintenance as drafted by the Sub-Committee be and are hereby approved.

That we request the County Council to sanction this proposal.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded to the Local Government Board, copy of the resolution of the Management Committee relative to proposed purchase of four acre plot from the Community of St. John of God, and in reply the Local Government Board had written, under date 1st December (letter No. 63476-1913) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, relative to the proposed arrangements for the establishment of a Tuberculosis

Dispensary for County Wexford, and, in reply, I am to observe that in view of the head rent to which the site at Barntown Road is subject, the price of £37. 10. 0 per acre seems high. If the County Council are unable to obtain more favourable terms, they will do well to consider the advisability of reducing the size of the plot to be acquired by them as a site for the Dispensary.

As regards the appointment of Nurses, I am to state that the Board consider that a nurse in charge of a County Tuberculosis Dispensary should be a "trained" nurse, which term they have defined to mean "any person who has resided for not less than two years in a general clinical or other hospital recognised by them, and who, after examination, has obtained from such hospital a certificate of proficiency in nursing." In addition it would be desirable that she should have a special course of training in nursing tuberculosis cases in a modern and up-to-date sanatorium or Tuberculosis Dispensary."

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Lynch, the Minutes of the Committee of Management established under section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act in respect of meetings of 21st October and 24th November were confirmed."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:- That in respect of the letter of the Local Government Board, under date 1st December 1913, (No.63476) we desire to point out to the Local Government Board that in the opinion of our Chief Tuberculosis Officer it is necessary for the purposes of the Scheme of the County Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis to provide a plot of not less than four acres as it is the intention of the Council to erect a Sanatorium or Home for Advanced Cases on the Plot. That as the site is a building one adjacent to the town of Wexford, we consider the price offered for the plot by the Committee of Management, reasonable,."

That we request the Local Government Board to have the plot inspected, and the opinion of their Inspector as to its suitability conveyed to the Management Committee as soon as possible.

That should the Local Government Board approve of the plot, and when plans etc., has been prepared and agreed to, we request the Local Government Board to procure from the Treasury, as soon as

possible the capital grant provided by Parliament to enable the Committee to pay Contractors etc., without having recourse to the County Council funds.

That the administration of the details of the Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis be given in charge of the Committee of Management whom we also empower to accept suitable plans for central dispensary and Sanatorium, accept contracts for the erection of same, make payments on foot of these contracts, to negotiate with the Insurance Committee, and generally to perform all duties and powers necessary to put the Scheme into full operation."

Barrow Drainage Bill.

Rev E. O'Leary, P.P. Portarlinton, wrote forwarding circular letter in favour of the Barrow Drainage Bill, and asking the County Council to adopt a resolution in favour of it.

On the motion of Mr J. A. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Father O'Leary, P.P., Portarlinton, be informed that the Wexford County Council have already adopted a resolution protesting against any portion of the County being taxed for the purposes of the Barrow Drainage Bill."

Home Rule Demonstration-Rathdrum.

A letter was read from the Secretaries, United Irish League, Rathdrum, asking the County Council to attend a Home Rule demonstration to be held on 7th December.

"The Chairman said he hoped as many Members of the County Council as possible, would attend the demonstration at Rathdrum."

Footpath New Ross Bridge.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That we earnestly request the County Council to re-consider their decision refusing to have the footpath of the New Ross Bridge asphalted, and to take the necessary steps to have the work carried out, as it is very much needed."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter and adopted:-

"That this matter be postponed to next meeting."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

N, Taekaberry, Newtownbarry, applied for renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the renewal of the licence to Mr Thackaberry, was agreed to."

The late Mr E. O'Flaherty.

On the motion of Mr Gough, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following letter from Mrs O'Flaherty, Harbour Master, Kilmore, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Many thanks for your kind message of sympathy it is indeed a great sorrow and loss to me in my old age, and I thank you also for allowing me to keep it on until the end of the year.

You have always been very kind and good to my poor husband and he thought such a lot of you.

With reference to the dues on vessels discharging at the pier, you remember my daughter took in the dues of four cargoes, and that was the last and only dues to be paid, in fact one of those vessels are lying at the pier still, and there is not one penny to be paid as I'm sure you know what dangerous and meddlesome people are in this world, I am sending you in the books, the boats names are written down, but I did not give out the receipts or collect the money until I heard from you after the meeting.

If you will please send out the books as soon as audited I shall give out receipts and collect money soon as I possibly can. Again thanking you for your kindness."

Wexford Petty Sessions.

Under date 12th November 1913, the following letter was read from Mr M. Kavanagh, C. P. S., Wexford:-

"I am directed by Capt Herries-Crosbie, R. M., and the Magistrates presiding at Petty Sessions to-day, to say that they consider the Record Court in the County Court House, brighter and more suitable for holding the petty sessions court than the Crown Court where the petty sessions court has been held heretofore, and they will feel obliged if you will kindly ask the County Council to supply a heating stove for this Court as at present there is no fire place or stove

in it, also to have locks put on the desks under the bench, and a moulding about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high in front of desk to keep the Order Books from slipping off. Mr Barry, J.P., said the Gas Company are now in a position to supply Gas Stoves of considerable heating power and he thought one of these might answer the purpose of heating this Court. Of course if a Gas Stove is supplied it will be necessary to have a flue from it.

Hoping this application will receive the favourable consideration of the County Council."

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

"That no order be made on the letter of Mr Kavanagh, C. P. S., relative to the proposal to hold the Wexford Petty Sessions in the Record Court of the County Courthouse. The County Council consider that the Crown Court is quite suitable for the purpose."

General Resolutions.

A resolution was received from Galway County Council calling attention to the custom of collecting Tolls at Fairs and Markets and to the necessity existing for its amendment.

Marked "Read"

The Irish Pig Dealers Association asking for removal of detention period for pigs.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

A resolution was received from King's County Council that all lands purchased under the provisions of the Irish Land Acts where the judicial tenancy is an agreed-upon judicial tenancy should be inspected by competent valuers before the price to be paid shall be sanctioned by Estate Commissioners.

Marked "Read".

A resolution was received from Meath Farmers' Association, calling upon the Irish M. P's to bring pressure to bear on the English Board of Agriculture to remove the detention period on Irish Stock at the ports of arrival in England and Scotland.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle."

The following resolution as to committal of prisoners for trifling offences was received from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we direct the attention of the County Council to the existing anomaly in forwarding prisoners from Gorey to Dublin or Waterford prisons for trifling offences and non-payment of small fines at considerable expense to the public. An instance in point is the case of a prisoner sent from Gorey on Wednesday last for the non-payment of a fine of one shilling. His train fare together with that of the policeman accompanying him amounted to £1. 14. 9."

"No Order, as Crown is responsible for payment of transit of prisoners after conviction."

Oyster Fisheries.

Notice was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of their intention to hold an Inquiry as to Oyster Fisheries etc., in connection with the estuaries of Rivers Suir, Nore, and Barrow, at the old schoolhouse, Passage East on 13th January at 11 O'C., a.m.,

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 21st November 1913, the Local Government Board wrote Circular letter No. 123 M. Miscellaneous, stating that they had received a communication from the Road Board drawing attention to the fact that in several Counties in Ireland, little or nothing had been done by the County Councils to enforce the collection of the duties on licences for motor Cars under the Finance (1909-10) Act 1910.

The Road Board had notified the Local Government Board that it is their intention before making further grants in Ireland to satisfy themselves that the County Councils making applications were taking proper steps to collect the duties. The Local Government Board submitted certain suggestions which, if adopted, should materially assist the County Councils in ensuring an efficient collection, of the duties, and also enclosed a further copy of the memorandum issued by them in November 1911, and which contains a summary of the Statutory provisions and the procedure in relation to these duties.

The Secretary stated that the County Council had instructed Mr Elgee their Solicitor, to proceed against all owners of Motor Cars

who had not paid their licence duties.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke and adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be informed that the County Council are doing all in their power to collect motor licence duties."

Confirmation of Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were submitted:-

"Recommendation asking the Local Government Board to allow Contractor for the erection of the Deeps Bridge being paid out of the Subsidiary Account."

"Agreeing to lists of Irrecoverable Rates as submitted by the Secretary, with special recommendations as to allowance in certain cases in the districts of Collectors Edward Cummins, and James Cogley."

"Recommending that in future, all stores, etc., for Tara Hill Quarry, be apid direct from Subsidiary Account on the certificate of the County Surveyor, and not through imprest account in charge of Quarry foreman."

"With reference to report as to screenings having been taken from Doran's Hill Quarry, it was recommended that the matter be left in the hands of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

It was recommended that an advertisement be inserted in the local papers that prosecution would be instituted against persons found taking materials from County Council Quarries without special permission (in writing)."

"The County Surveyor was instructed to request an explanation from the New Ross Courtkeeper as to why he removed direction post from the Courthouse premises.

The question of injury to piles of Ferryarrig Bridge by steamers passing through was referred to the County Surveyor.

The question of several roads referred to as in bad repair was referred to the Co Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Council.

"Recommendation as to Rate Collectors displaying more energy in pushing forward their Collections.

Declining to make any recommendation as to letter of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, asking that a larger amount of remuneration should be allowed for his work at Tara Hill Quarry, that £5 per annum.

Recommended that Courtown Harbour Committee be empowered to purchase a hauling off warp cost not to exceed £1.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney, the various Minutes of the Finance & Roads Committee, were confirmed.

(Signed)

Wm Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 11th day of February 1914