

MEETING.- 4th APRIL 1917.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4th April 1917.

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

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, N. J. Cowman, P. Keating, J. Lynch, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, Mark Codd, J. T. Mayler, Lord Courtown.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Striking of Rate.

Proposed by Lord Courtown, Seconded by Mr Lynch, and adopted nem con:-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1917-18, as agreed to at the meeting of the County Council on the 7th February 1917, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said rate being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being, as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished by the Commissioner of Valuation, that the allowance for said rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books, signed by the Chairman and two Members present at this Meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the County Council, and Countersigned by the Secretary."

"That the Warrants of the Rate Collectors to collect the said Rates be sealed and signed in the same manner as the Rate Books."

"That the Demands of the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amount demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for credit items, being:-

District.	Co.Charges.	UnionCharges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	654. 13. 7	714. 0. 6	27. 10. 3	1396. 4. 4
New Ross	673. 11. 4	1027. 18. 2	45. 2. 4	1746. 11. 10
Wexford	1345. 14. 0	1380. 6. 7	58. 1. 6	2784. 2. 1

Audits of Accounts.- County Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditors on audit of Accounts of the following:-

County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, County Wexford Infirmary, Wexford Board of Guardians and Rural District Council, Enniscorthy Board of Guardians and Rural District Council, New Ross Board of Guardians and Rural District Council; all in respect of the period ended 30th September 1916.

Marked "Read"

Waste Food, Waste Paper, Etc.,

Under date 21st March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 53/M/ 1917, Miscellaneous, calling attention to the necessity of utilising at present time waste food, waste paper, cardboard, etc.,

A further letter No. 60 M. 1917, Miscellaneous, under date 31st March 1917, was read from the Local Government Board.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary communicate with the firms using waste paper as set out in letter of Local Government Board and find out from them if they supply sacks for the packing of waste paper, their prices and arrangements for carriage etc., and bring before next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee the information he receives."

Boyce's Bay Contract.

Under date 30th March, the following letter was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of 24th inst., relative to the decree obtained by the Wexford County Council against Mr H. P. Gahan, in respect of his contract to build a storm wall at Boyce's Bay. I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that according to the minutes of proceedings of the Co Council on the 21st ultimo, the resolution passed by them on the 7th ultimo, in relation to this matter was rescinded, and therefore there is no proposal of the County Council before the Board on the subject."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following

recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the Solicitor to the County Council be directed to have the Magistrates' Order against Mr Gahan and his Sureties relative to contract at Boyce's Bay immediately put into operation."

Government Grants.

Under date 31st March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding Pay Order for £885. 1. 5d in respect of the expenditure incurred for medical and educational purposes by the Board of Guardians of the County for the year ended 30th September 1916.

Owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under section 58 of the L. G. Act to meet the sum to be paid out the Lord Lieutenant had deemed it necessary to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums payable having regard to the insufficiency.

Under date 31st March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding Pay Order for the sum of £89. 17. 10d balance in respect of amounts paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts for the year ended 30th September last.

As in the case of the payment for Medical and Educational Expenditure an abatement had been made by the directions of the Lord Lieutenant, owing to the insufficiency of amounts paid into the fund being sufficient to discharge liabilities.

Marked "Read"

Sheep Dipping Order (County Meath)

Under date 13th March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote, forwarding the Sheep Dipping (County Meath) Order of 1917, altering so far as that County is concerned the dates of beginning and termination of the Summer Dipping Period.

"No Order".

Illness of Mr Newsom, V.S.

Under date 13th March 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 635-17) asking what arrangements had been made as regards a substitute for Mr Newsom, Veterinary Inspector, for the D. E. Division of Moyacomb.

The Secretary stated, that this letter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 21st March, when the following

recommendation was adopted:-

"That the consideration of the letter of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction under date 13th March No. 635-17, V. B., be postponed until the meeting of the County Council in 4th April next. In the meantime that our Secretary request the Department to furnish information as to the nature of the illness of Mr Newsom, and its probable duration."

Under date 24th March 1917, the Department wrote (letter No. 743-17) that when communicating with the Council on the 13th inst., they had supposed that Mr Newsom had apprised the Council regarding his illness. Presumably he had overlooked doing so, and he had now been written on the point by the Department.

Under date 24th March, Mr Newsom wrote that he had been laid up for the previous fortnight, and might not be able to get about for about three weeks. If any reports should come for Moyacombe district he would be obliged if the Council would get someone to look after them until he was able to resume duty.

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

"That in the event of any veterinary reports being received from Moyacombe District Electoral Division, during the illness of Mr Newsom V.B., our Secretary be instructed to forward same to Mr James Malone, V. S., Gorey for attention."

County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee.

Under date 19th March 1917, Mr J. S. Hearn wrote resigning his position as a Member of the County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee, as he found it impossible to attend the meetings.

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

"That Mr J. J. O'Byrne, be appointed a member of the Co. Wexford War Pensions Local Committee, vice Mr J. S. Hearn, resigned."

Increased Capitation Grant.-Industrial Schools.

Applications for increased capitation grants were received from the following Industrial Schools--

St John's, Birr, St Joseph's Tipperary, Fishery School, Baltimore, Co.

Cork, Greenmount, Cork, Boys' Limerick, Girls, Kilkenny, St Joseph's Tralee, Artane, St Kyran's Rathdrum, Salthill, Galway, House of Charity, Drogheda, St Kevin's Reformatory Glensree:-

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

"That no increase be granted in the future in the Capitation Grant to Industrial Schools, unless to those Schools which, up to the present have received capitation grant of 2/- per week only."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Magazine Store Licences.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Magazine Store Licence under the Explosives Act issued to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, in respect of Tara hill Quarry be cancelled, and that it be re-issued to Mr John Lannen, Foreman, Tara hill Quarry, provided the Constabulary Authorities offer no objection."

Camolin Road Contractors.

Under date 20th March 1917, the following letter was read from Camolin Road Contractors:-

"Place this before the Chairman at the next Council Meeting. We the undersigned road contractors of Camolin District beg to apply for all travelling expenses excluded in connection with the travelling of the Council stonebreaker.

We already find it hard enough to carry out our Contract without putting more expense on us to make preparations for a man with only one day breaking as I see by the County Surveyor's forms its to be signed for two days.

There is not room enough in Clologue quarry for the Contractors to break, each man breaks in the most suitable place to his contract, at the way they are arranged for breaking there is not a mile distant between each contract material, and each and every man aims to be ready to break together."

(Signed) B. McDonald, T. Hinch, A. Murphy, M. Kelly, W. Murphy,
J. Brennan, Mary McDonald, T. Kehoe, P. Leary.

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

"That the Camolin Road Contractors be informed that if they prepare

all their road material at the one time and provided no delay is caused, the Finance and Roads Committee will recommend the County Surveyor not to make any charge for travelling expenses."

Censorship of Cinema Films.

Under date 19th February 1917, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, forwarded by instructions of His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant copy of circular letter which had been issued by the Home Office to Local Authorities in England and Wales with copy of model conditions for insertion in Cinematograph Licences for the consideration of the Council.

The Circular letter from the Home Office pointed out that the question of the establishment of a Central Censorship should be postponed until there was opportunity for legislation and until then, the licensing authorities should exercise the full extent of the powers vested in them under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and that accordingly they should insert the model conditions in all licences granted under the Act.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted--

"That we approve of the model conditions attached to the Home Office letter of the 24th January 1917, No 312397/151."

Coast Erosion

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

"That the attention of the Chief Secretary be called to the resolution of this Council adopted on 6th December 1916, as to Coast erosion in connection with the Dublin & South Eastern Railway. We desire to point out that since the adoption of this resolution this Railway line has been twice blocked from the same cause to the great inconvenience of the Agricultural and trading communities of the Counties Wicklow and Wexford."

Kiltealy Quarry.

The following was submitted:-

"Being appointed to arbitrate in the matter in dispute about the quarry on Mr T. McCarthy's land at Kiltealy, and the County Council, we visited the quarry yesterday (29th March 1917) and found Mr McCarthy had great cause for complaint.

The quarry is in a most dangerous condition, and he has not put any cattle on the field for a considerable time.

consider fair.

On the understanding that the County Council will have no further claim on the quarry or land, and that Mr McCarthy will take^{it} over as it stands without any further expense to the Council we fix the sum of Twenty Pounds as a fair amount to be paid him, and also to pay Mr O'Flaherty his Costs, and which he agrees to accept.

We also wish to state that in our opinion this quarry should have been properly paled in before commencing work, and recommend that in future, all such Quarries should be fenced before commencing work in them."

Mark Codd.

Patrick O'Neill.

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

"That the report of the arbitrators as regards Kiltalea Quarry be accepted and acted on, and that the Solicitor to the County Council agree to have £20 compensation and Costs made a rule of Court at next Sessions."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

The following letter under date 2nd April 1917, was read from Mr George Sharpe, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy:-

"As I have to quarry and prepare from two to three thousand Cubic Yards of road material for contractors, and as wages and materials have advanced to such an extent, I beg to make application for an advance of money, say about £100, to enable me to carry on the work, and so enable me to get the work done early.

Kindly put this application before your County Council on Wednesday next, 4th inst. Hoping it will meet with their kind approval."

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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to make as frequent payments as possible to Mr Sharpe for work and labour at Cherryorchard Quarry."

RESOLUTIONS.

Ireland at Peace Conference.

The following resolution was received from Limerick Co Council:-

"That viewing the condition of our country after her struggles of centuries for freedom, and now, as is admitted by all the Great Powers

concerned in the gigantic war being wages "for the rights of Small Nationalities" that Ireland with a heritage as old as any in Europe, both in race and language, asserts its inalienable right to participation in the great Peace Conference that is to take place when Peace is restored.

That delegates representative of the national will of this country shall be recognised there with the object of putting forward the just claims of Ireland "a small Nationality" to the full and due consideration of her rights of nationhood, such as she has never relinquished, and that her sons have ever made enormous sacrifices in pursuit of.

That the selection of a delegate or delegates be left to a Convention composed of three representatives of each County and County Borough Council in Ireland."

On the same subject the following resolution was read from Kilkenny County Council:-

"That we, the Members of the Kilkenny County Council strongly approve and endorse the demand that Ireland should be entitled to representation at the Peace Conference which is to assemble after the War. That we claim the same rights of administrative and financial liberty for our Country that is claimed by the other small Nations, and that we appeal to the other County Councils of Ireland and the Irish people to take combined action with the view of asserting the rights of Ireland at the Conference."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Mark Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We consider the present Irish Parliamentary Party fully capable of looking after the interests of Ireland at the Peace Conference."

Exportation of Food.

The following resolution was read from Dublin Corporation:-

"That as the famine prices now being demanded for food are largely ascribable to the continued and excessive exportation of Potatoes and Foodstuffs, this Council, representing all shades of opinion, enter an emphatic protest against any further exportation of Food required for the Irish people, and, we request the Government and the Public Boards of the Country to take immediate steps to prevent exportation, hoarding, or withholding from market, Food required for the Irish people, and to

safeguard a regular supply of food at prices within reach of the working classes, we are of opinion that all Food produced in the Country should be reserved for Home use."

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

Summer Time.

The following resolution was read from Newcastle Rural District:-

"That from our knowledge and experience, we believe that the adoption of the Summer Time Act is unsuitable to the conditions of the country and would unnecessarily affect Agricultural, Educational, and other interests, and is calculated to create confusion in the Social, Civil, and Religious life of the country.

We hereby protest against its application to this country and call on our Parliamentary Representatives to oppose it."

"No Order"

Restrictions on Liquor Trade.

The following resolution was received from the Grocers' & Vintners' Assistants' Association:-

"That this meeting of workers in the licensed and allied trades enter our emphatic protest against the ruinous restrictions about to be imposed on one of the few industries which have survived in Ireland, that we believe these restrictions are harassing, vindictive and unnecessary, and from the point of view of the country's food supply entirely ineffectual for securing the alleged desired objects.

That we emphatically protest against any scheme of State purchase or control as being a damper on Irish enterprise, and detrimental to Ireland's industrial development, and we hereby call upon all workers and leaders of public opinion in this country to set their faces against such a revolutionary proposal which means nothing more or less than confiscation and a denial of our right to exist in our own country."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Letter from Count Plunkett.

Under date 17th March 1917, a circular letter was read from Count Plunkett, M. P., as to a meeting of representatives of Administrative Bodies, National Organisations, and other public men in Ireland on the 19th April 1917, and asking the Co Council to appoint delegates.

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

"That the letter from Count Plunkett under date 17th March, relative to convening a National Assembly be placed in the Waste Paper basket."

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

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

New Living Van:- "Approval of Proposal to be brought before Proposal Committee."

Diaphragm Pump:- "That the County Council be recommended to empower the County Surveyor to purchase two patent diaphragm pumps at a cost not exceeding £10 each."

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

Flagstaff at Courtown Harbour:- "That the County Surveyor be requested to have the flagstaff at Courtown Harbour repainted and replaced in position."

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

Kilmore Harbour:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have wall at Kilmore Breakwater at the four ends adjoining breaches repaired."

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

Clearing Snow:- "That the County Surveyor be recommended to pay £2 to John Doran, for clearing snow on roads as agreed to by Mr Flood."

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

Checking Collectors' Accounts:- "That if Mr Jasper Whitty, Enniscorthy, does not exercise more care in the checking of the Rate Collectors' Accounts this Committee will be obliged to recommend the County Council not to re-appoint him as Checker."

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

Advertising:- "That we recommend the County Council to enter in advertising contract for one year as from 31st March 1917 with the "Free Press", "The People" and "The Echo" Newspapers, at £115 each, to cover advertisements of the Co. Council and its Committees (except the advertisements of County Infirmary and Asylum Committees). That a proposal embodying this suggestion be brought before the next meeting of the Proposal Committee and County Council on 4th prox."

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

Deductions from Estate Duty Grant:- "That the Land Commission be requested to inform the Wexford County Council if, since the date of their letter of the 13th April 1916 (when they stated there had been only a sum of £5 unpaid during the 25 years) any money due by land purchase annuitants had been lost without hope of recovery."

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

Capitation Grant-Industrial Schools:- "that we recommend the Co. Council to agree (as from 1st January 1917) to an increase of 6d per head for children committed from this County to the Boys' Industrial School, Kilkenny, and Danesfort Industrial School, Upton, Co. Cork."

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

Direction Posts:- "that we gladly accept the offer of the Ford Motor Co., Manchester, to erect direction posts in the County Wexford. That the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, and on roads list of which he is instructed to furnish the Ford Motor Co."

We take this opportunity of expressing our gratification at learning that Mr Ford is about starting the manufacture of agricultural motors in Ireland, and we trust that his factory for this purpose will be established with as little delay as possible, as agricultural machinery of this character is most urgently needed now more than ever. That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr Ford."

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

Application Rate Clerks:- "That no action be taken as regards the application of temporary Clerks for an increase in their scale of wages."

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

The late Rate Collector Lacy:- "That a new Rate Collector be appointed vice, Mr L. Lacy deceased, no alteration to be made in the Collection district, and that the poundage fee be fixed at 7d in the £."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Yard in Enniscorthy:- "That the matter be further referred to Messrs O'Neil and Lynch."

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

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe:- "That the

several proposals for New Works submitted by the Proposal Committee on Form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe,

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee on Form 22 and as regards salaries, fixed items of expenditure and quarterly instalments to Public Bodies financed by the County Council, recommended for payment by the Finance & Roads Committee and by the Proposal Committee, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

"Passed"

Treasurer's Advice Note.

"Treasurer's Advice Note for £1962. 3. 1d was examined and signed.

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 2 day of May 1917.