

Statutable Half-yearly meeting.

The statutable half-yearly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 4th December 1911.

Present:- Mr. John Bolger Chairman presiding.
Other members:- Messrs Rice, Browne, Rossiter, Tanning, Mr. Doyle Sr., J. Asple, J. A. Doyle, John O'Connor, Mr. Doyle Junr., David Sinnott, Lord Stopford, Mark Good.

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

— Confirmation of minutes. —

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

— Appointment of clerk to County Surveyor. —

"On the motion of Mr. Doyle Senr., seconded by Mr. Rice, Mr. M. O'Leary, was appointed as clerk in the County Surveyor's office."

Mr. O'Leary returned thanks.

The following is the application of Mr. O'Leary:
"I respectfully beg to apply for the appointment of clerk in the County Surveyor's office. I am over four years clerk in this office, having been selected for the position from amongst 23 applicants, by your late Co. Surveyor - Mr. Webster - and I can state with confidence that I have during that time given entire satisfaction to my employers in the execution of my duties."

Should you do me the honour to appoint

me to the position I shall feel most grateful, and will carry out the work appertaining to the office in as efficient and attentive a manner as possible.

— The late Mr. J. B. Mayler. —

Under date 26th November, 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. John J. Mayler, M.B.C.:-

"I beg to acknowledge your letter conveying resolution with reference to the death of my brother adopted at the meeting of your Council on the 20th instant. May I ask you to tender on my behalf my sincere thanks to the proposer and seconder of the resolution and the other members of the Council for their thoughtful and kind expression of sympathy for which I feel very grateful.

Thanking you personally for your assurance of sympathy and regret."

On the motion of Mr. Doyle Senr., seconded by Mr. Doyle Jr., the letter from Mr. Mayler was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

— Sara Hill Quarry. —

Mr. Fanning read the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That it be an instruction to the Co. Surveyor from this date to deduct from the salaries of those contractors who draw their supplies from Sarastill Quarry the sums due for road metalling by those contractors in two equal half-yearly amounts instead of the total amount being deducted from one half year's pay as at present."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Fanning made his resolution to read as follows:-

"That it be an instruction to the Co. Surveyor from this date to deduct from the salaries of

those contractors who draw their supplies from all quarries owned by the Co. Council the sums due for road metalling by those contractors in two half yearly amounts, instead of the total amount being deducted from one half year's pay, as at present."

Mr. Rossiter seconded. Passed.

— Salary - Incoming County Surveyor. —

Under date 28th November, 1911, the following letter, No 61260, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 20th instant, relative to the office of County Surveyor; and they direct me to state that they have approved of the proposal to attach a salary of £500 a year to such office, this sum to include travelling and out-of-pocket expenses."

marked "Read."

— Road metalling. —

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to inform the Co. Council if a District Council has, as regards maintenance of roads the power to alter the quarry specified particularly in cases in which the County Surveyor specifies a quarry the property of the County Council."

— Road contractors' Sureties. —

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

"That we respectfully ask the chairmen of the Rural District Councils to make certain that sureties not only answer their names but actually complete their bonds at the meeting of the District Councils at which tenders are accepted."

— Works and Payments. —

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter.

Seconded by Mr. Fanning:-

"That the several proposals for new works as submitted from the Proposal Committee and the Rural District Councils of the County be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter

Seconded by Mr. Fanning:-

"That the several proposals for payments from the Proposal Committee and the several Rural District Councils of the County be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Passed.

— Dates of Half-Yearly Meetings. —

The following dates of half yearly meetings of County and Rural District Councils were fixed; on the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Browne.

Enniscorthy. Tuesday 9th April 1912

Gorey. Wednesday 10th " "

New Ross. Thursday 11th " "

Wexford. Saturday 6th " "

Proposal Committee. Wednesday 17th April 1912

Co. Council meeting. " 8th May 1912.

Drunk Road Scheme

The following resolution was received from

the Wexford Rural District Council :-

That we, the Wexford Rural District Council, protest against the action of the County Council in passing a resolution asking the Local Government Board to have legislation introduced vesting the proposed Trunk Roads in the County Council as against all democratic principles as those who pay for the roads should have the power of spending their own money in their own way, and, moreover, District councillors, owing to their greater number, have necessarily a more intimate knowledge of the needs of the roads throughout the County than Co. councillors could possibly possess.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Local Government Board and the County Council."

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

"That the resolution of the Wexford District Council be postponed pending the decision of the District Councils on the Trunk Road Scheme."

Application for Increased Grant to Infirmary.

In connection with an application from the Co. Wexford Infirmary for an increased grant, the following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Co. Council :-

"That the application from the Co. Wexford Infirmary be postponed until the Council have obtained from the Registrar a statement to account for the large increase in the cost of medicines during the past six months and showing approximately the

cost of medicines for intern and extern patients separately.

The following letter under date 16th November 1911, was read from the Registrar, Co. Infirmary:-

"In reply to your letter of the 11th November I beg to inform you that I laid your communication before my committee on last Monday.

As only four members were present consideration of it was deferred to a larger meeting. In reply to query re approximate cost of medicines for extern and intern patients for period from 1st April 1911 to 5th October 1911, with the assistance of the apothecary, I have ascertained that the amount expended on medicines for extern patients for that period would be about £22. On intern patients, the amount would be about £44, and the balance, £10 odd, represents an amount expended on surgical instruments. The apothecary informs me that there is a good complement of medicines in stock in the compounding room.

My committee intend to discuss a means of reducing the number of extern patients at their next meeting and have instructed me to put the matter on the agenda for said meeting."

"Postponed to next meeting."

Dredging at Courtown

Under date 20th November, 1911, the following letter No. 9648-11, J. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 14th instant, embodying the following resolution passed by the Wexford Co. Council at their recent meeting:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send their Dredger."

from Arklow without delay to remove bank of sand outside the pier-head of Courtown Harbour."

I have to request that the Council will be good enough to state the amount of money which they are prepared to provide for the purpose in question.

It is assumed that the dredging could be carried out in about three days at a cost of some £35 or £40.

The Department would be prepared to contribute one-half thereof.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to accept the offer of the Department with reference to the dredging of Courtown Harbour, provided a report be received from Lord Stopford that the bank of sand still forms an obstruction to navigation."

Ballyhack Boat Slip.

The following letter under date 15th November, 1911, and No. 58603, addressed to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th inst., and to previous correspondence relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to take over a boat slip at Ballyhack in their County I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, as already pointed out in their letter of the 13th June last, they are not aware of any enactment which would enable them to make a provisional order empowering the Co. Council to take over this slip.

It appears to the Board, however, that

if the Boat slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of section 67 of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act, 1836, and were enlarged to any extent, however small, under that section, it would become public property under the following section, 68, and consequently be repairable by the County Council under section 18 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. The Board are not in a position to determine whether this boat slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of these ^{two} sections of the Act of 1836, so as to enable the County Council to expend money on enlarging it, and this is a question which must be decided by the Council, having regard to the nature of the structure and to its previous history."

Under date 13th November, 1911, the following letter, No. 9581-11. F. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack; and to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the Department will allow the offer contained in their communication of the 14th November 1910 to remain open until 1st March 1912."

"On the motion of Mr. Deely, seconded by Mr. J. A. Doyle, it was decided that the matter be postponed for the attendance of Mr. Bloney M.B.C. the Secretary, in the meantime, to furnish Mr. Bloney with a copy of the correspondence in connection with the matter."

— Confirmation of minutes. —

That the minutes of the various committees

of the Council since last meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

— Slievebawn Quarry. —

The Secretary stated that in connection with Slievebawn Quarry a sum of £37 had been paid for purchase and £10 had been set aside for its proper opening. The County Council had made an agreement with Mr. James Devine to quarry and break stones at 3/- per cubic yard, and it would be necessary for the Council now to fix the price at which contractors could obtain stones from the Quarry.

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Lord Stopford, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:—
That Road Contractors be charged at the rate of 3½ per cubic yard for stones supplied from Slievebawn Quarry for this year."

— By-Laws - New Ross Bridge. —

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter.

Seconded by the Chairman; and passed:—

"That the By-Laws for the opening of the Bridges across the Slaney, and those for the opening of New Ross Bridge, as respectively amended and approved by the Board of Trade and now laid before us by our Solicitor, be adopted and sealed and that the same be then submitted to the Privy Council for allowance."

— Sheep Dipping. —

Under date 13th November, 1911, the following letter No. 5245-11, was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:—

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your

letter of the 11th instant, containing resolutions of your local authority on the above subject which shall have the Department's attention.

In connection with autumn sheep dipping order, notice had been served by Mr. J. E. Iretton, Greagh, Gorey; refusing to dip his ewes. The matter was referred to the police in Gorey.

Under date 27th November 1911, the following letter was read from Constable O'Connor, Gorey:-

"I beg to state that, according to my instructions, the police cannot prosecute in this case without the consent of the Secretary of the County Council."

The Secretary stated that he had, on receipt of this letter, written the following to the Co. Inspector:-

"I enclose for your perusal, file re refusal of J. E. Iretton to dip sheep. I wish to direct your attention to letter from Constable O'Connor Gorey, and would be glad if you would inform me if it is held by his authorities, that the constabulary cannot prosecute in this and similar cases unless they have received the previous permission of the Co. Council."

The County Inspector had replied as follows:-

"In reply to your letter of the 28th instant, I beg to inform you that our instructions are to institute legal proceedings where requested to do so by the local authority against persons guilty of breaches of the Order."

On the motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Codd the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Iretton be requested to inform the Co. Council why he did not dip his ewes during the autumn dipping period, or why he did not claim the exemption provided for under the sheep dipping Order."

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

"That the Constabulary authorities be requested to state, for the information of the Co. Council the offences under the Sheep Dipping Order regarding which they claim the power to prosecute without any permission from the County Council, and the offences regarding which they consider the permission of the County Council is ~~not~~ necessary for prosecution."

— Anthrax in animals - anti-toxin treatment.

Under date 13th November, 1911, the following letter No. 5244-11, V.D., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of 11th instant, containing resolutions of your Local Authority respecting the above matters, which shall have the Department's attention."

The Secretary stated that at last meeting it was mentioned that it was believed there were cattle on the lands. Mr. R. Malone J.S., for the district, informed him that the restrictions had not yet been taken off the lands and that there were no cattle on them.

In connection with the letter from the Department, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman :-

"That our Secretary remind the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of their promise to supply the Council with the data of anti-toxin treatment of anthrax in animals."

Food & Drugs Act.

under date 21st November 1911, letter N^o G. 4400-11, was read from the Department stating that officers of the Department had purchased two samples of butter at Camolin, three at Taghmon, one at Ballyhack, two at Castlebridge, and two at Athurstown, during the end of October. The samples were found by the County Analyst to be pure.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That acting-Sergeant Ruane, Ballybrazil, be appointed ex-officio Inspector of the County Council under the sale of Food & Drugs Act, 1875, vice Sergeant John Madden, removed to Galbally."

Macmini Post office.

The General Post Office applied for permission to extend the telegraph line from the present post office at Macmini to Ballyhogue Cross.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Council have no objection to the extension of the post office telegraph line from Macmini to Ballyhogue Cross and hereby confirm the authorisation given by our Secretary to the Surveyor of the General Post Office."

Change of Surety.

Under date 14th November, a letter was read from Mr. M. J. Sheehan, Rate Collector, offering Mr. Nicholas Swords of Ramstown, Gorey, as one of his sureties, vice Mr. Hollingsworth deceased.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by the Chairman, the name of Mr. Nicholas Swords of Ramstown, Gorey, was accepted as surety for Rate Collector M. J. Sheehan, vice Mr. Hollingsworth deceased."

Coals for Courthouses.

applications for supply of coals were received from messrs J. S. McDonald for blonroche court-house; R. P. Corish for Laghnor and Duncormack courthouse; and J. B. Wallis, for Arthurstown courthouse.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:— It was decided that the usual supply of coals be procured by the Petty Sessions clerks for the courthouses of blonroche, Duncormack, Laghnor, and Arthurstown.

Baroreigh Lane.

At last meeting of the Council an application was received from Mr. Patrick Reigh, of Baroreigh, for permission to erect a wall at the lane, and it was adjourned until evidence had been received that Mr. Reigh had fulfilled his agreement with Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 18th November, the following letter was read from messrs O'Connor & Co., on behalf of Mr. Reigh:—

"Mr. Reigh has asked us to lay the following facts before you.

The County Council passed a new road at Baroreigh about a year ago. In the old lane there was a crooked nook with a hole of water in the lane. When the contract was finished this road was filled up, and Mr. Reigh now wants permission from the County Council for him to build a wall on this plot. It will not take away from the width of the road nor interfere with the traffic but will do good to his place by making it more secure and at the same time it will keep the cattle from tearing

the thatch off his house.

Mr. Kehoe, the Assistant Surveyor, will be able to explain the matter as he was good enough to inspect it.

We should mention that Mr. Reigh gave leave to the County Council to widen the old lane in parts and do so free of charge, so that he kept his agreement with the County Council in return for which he wants this leave to build the wall."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:—"That the application of Mr. Reigh be postponed for the present, and that in the meantime Messrs Rice, and Asple, be requested to visit the lane on next fair day of Laghmon, and report to next meeting."

National Insurance Bill.

Under date 23rd November, 1911, the following resolutions were received from the Lord Mayor of Cork:-

"That this Conference, representative of the Cork Corporation, Co. Council Cork, Cork Harbour Board; Cork Rural District Council, Cork Board of Guardians; Cork Incorporated Chamber of Commerce & Shipping; Cork Chamber of Commerce; Cork United Trades Association; Cork District Trades Council; and Cork Harbour Commissioners; urge upon the Government the desirability of extending to this country the medical benefits provided by the National Insurance Bill."

"That we regard it as of the greatest importance that Refuge Homes and Magdalen Asylums in Ireland be excluded from the operation of the Insurance Bill."

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by

Mr. Rossiter, the portion of the resolution dealing with the exclusion of Refuge Homes and Magdalen Asylums was adopted."

"No action was taken as regards the portion dealing with medical benefits."

— Classification of Asylum Inmates. —

The following resolution was received from the Mullingar Asylum Committee:-

"Seeing that our Resident medical Superintendent gives it as his opinion that one of the radical remedies for the present burdensome congestion in our asylums is the proper classification of the insane patients, and that with proper classification, it would be possible, were it legal, to board out suitable patients. Now as it is at present illegal in Ireland to so board out patients, though legal in England and in Scotland, we request the Chief Secretary to introduce and have passed a short amending Act making boarding out the insane legal in Ireland."

marked "Read."

John Bolger