

MEETING.-4th February 1919.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4th February 1919.

Present:- Mr John Folger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs N. J. Fowler, J. J. Kehoe, M. Cloney, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, P.N. O'Gorman, J. J. Stafford.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr Philip Keating.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr O'Gorman, the following vote of condolence adopted by the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs Keating in the loss she has sustained through the death of her husband, Mr Philip Keating, and our esteemed Colleague. Deceased was held in the highest regard by the Members of the Wexford County Council and its Officials, and by his demise we mourn the loss of a capable, straightforward, and painstaking public man, who, at all times, strove to advance the interests of Ireland and those of his native County."

The following reply to vote of condolence was received from Mrs Keating, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman, it was decided that this letter should be inserted on the Minutes of Meeting:-

"Please convey to the Members of the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council, my gratitude for their kind vote of sympathy with me in my great sorrow. The loss of my beloved husband has been a great blow to me, yet it is some consolation to know that he was held in high esteem by his Colleagues. I wish to thank you, personally, Mr Frizelle, for your kind remarks and would ask you to convey to the Staff my sincere thanks for their sympathy."

Adoption of Estimate of Rates.

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

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1919-20, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural District Councils in respect of General Rate be as follows:-

District	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy.	5/4	7/-
Gorey	5/1	6/6
New Ross.	5/8	7/6
Wexford.	4/9	6/4

and we further determine the amounts to be demanded from Urban Districts of the County to be as follows:-

District.	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	1593. 13. 4	10. 12. 10	1604. 6. 2
New Ross	1884. 17. 3	10. 7. 5	1895. 4. 8
Wexford	3292. 2. 9	30. 18. 1	3323, 0.10

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we notice from Demand furnished by Asylum Committee an increase under the heading "Salaries & Wages" of £2700 as compared with last year, and we request the Resident Medical Superintendent to furnish in time for consideration of the Meeting of the County Council to be held on 4th prox., a statement showing the names and positions of the various Officials of the Asylum and the increased salary given in each case as compared with last year."

"In connection with the Estimate and Demand furnished by Enniscorthy Rural District Council, we observe from the Minutes of Meeting of the R. D. Council submitted to this day's meeting, that the estimate of the County Surveyor for the maintenance of roads and loss on working of quarries has been reduced by £3218. 2. 3d, and that the Rural District Council adopted the same estimates for these matters as were provided last year.

In consequence of this action on the part of the District Council the roads of the district are bound to go down, some of the quarries will have to be closed, and the machinery cannot be availed of by Road Contractors as the District Council have refused to vote funds for its working. No course is open to the Finance & Roads Committee but to recommend the County Council -and which we do with regret- to instruct the County Surveyor to expend on the maintenance of the roads and works of Enniscorthy Rural District only the amount allocated by the Council."

"The Secretary laid before the meeting statement supplied by Dr T. J. Drapes, R. M. S., Asylum, showing the various increases of salaries given to officials in that Institution."

Under date 23rd January 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (3123-1919, Wexford County) assenting to consideration of Estimate of Rate at the present Meeting.

Duncannon Hulk.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor stated:-

"I have to report that on the 9th January the Hulk broke from her moorings in the inner harbour, and salvage work had to be undertaken at once. I have lately been in communication with Mr Friel, Harbour Engineer, Waterford, and think that it may be advisable to try and come to some arrangement for the disposal of the Hulk, as she is bound to deteriorate if left as at present beached in the inner harbour at Duncannon."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to sell the Hulk at Duncannon to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners provided he can obtain £100 for it."

Material taken from Road No. 125R.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor reported that he had been informed that material belonging to the County Council had been removed from Road 125R.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that James Larkin, Blacksmith, Adamstown, had taken a few loads of stones from the

depot, according to the statement made by the Road Contractor. Larkin informed Mr Ennis that his son had taken the stones while he was away, but he (Mr Ennis) regarded this as unlikely. One or two loads had been taken and had been spread at Larkin's gate and inside the yard. Larkin was willing to put the material back, or to pay for same to avoid prosecution.

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

"That James Larkin, Blacksmith, Adamstown, be called upon to pay 10/- for stones taken from Road 125R without permission."

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

"Second" Measurement of Material.

The following report was made by the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"Some twelve months ago the Council made an order that no material was to be measured in the quarries for supply of roads, but I wish to point out now, that from time to time, where material is being obtained at County Council Quarries, and the supply to the contractor has been delayed, it causes great loss and further delay to require the material to be dumped for measurement on the roads, when it is required for immediate spreading, and I ask to be allowed to vary the Council's directions under special circumstances."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to have a measurement of Road Material made in quarries in cases in which he finds such a course absolutely necessary."

Road Drainage.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the Co. Surveyor stated:-

"Great complaints have been made, from time to time, in regard to the neglect of drainage on many of the road contracts, and I have found great difficulty in getting contractors to do this work in anything like a satisfactory manner, if at all. In a number of cases I have noted that a thorough re-organization of

the drainage work, on the contract roads is necessary, but would entail very heavy cost on new contractors, who might not be responsible for former neglect. I have been considering this matter, and with your approval, I propose varying the future specifications to cover this work. I suggest, that when new contracts are taken in future, that a reduced tonnage be set out for the first year of the contract only, and that the contractor within the first six months of his contract, be required to thoroughly open every back water drain and channel, watertable and outlet, and to see that all entrances to gulleys and tail-drains for same be thoroughly cleaned. This will prevent any hardship on new contractors, now entering on a contract and will entail a thorough overhaul of the drainage at the commencement of each contract, and its maintenance can then be easily attended to."

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

"That the recommendation of the County Surveyor as regards road drainage as embodied in his report to this day's meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee be approved."

Gorey Rural District Roads.

Mr N. J. Fowler, moved the following of which he had given previous Notice:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to condition of back streets, Gorey, and roads in general in Gorey Rural District."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

"Passed".

Proposed Second County Surveyor.

The adjourned resolutions of Enniscorthy Rural District Council (3rd November 1917) requesting the County Council to appoint a second County Surveyor, and from New Ross Rural District Council (10th January 1918) considering such an appointment unnecessary, were read.

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

"That the Gorey and Wexford Rural District Councils be requested to give an expression of opinion as to the proposal of Enniscorthy Rural District Council to appoint a second County Surveyor."

Local Elections.

Under date 21st December 1918, the Local Government Board

forwarded Circular letter (No. 144M. 1918 Miscellaneous) as to the approaching elections of County and Rural District Councillors in 1919.

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr N. J. Frizelle, Secretary Wexford County Council, be appointed Returning Officer for the County and Rural District Councils Elections etc., in 1919, that the elections be held on Wednesday 28th May, the poll to open at 9 a.m., and close at 8 p.m., for Rural Districts, and to open at 8 a.m., and close at 8 p.m., for Urban Districts."

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

"That the travelling expenses of Officials acting for County & District Council elections etc., be fixed at 6d per mile instead of 4d and that the Local Government Board be requested to agree to this proposal."

Audit of Accounts-Public Bodies.

Under various dates the Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the following in respect of half-year ended 30th September last.

County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee.

County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Wexford County Infirmary.

"No. Order."

Loans of Local Authorities.

Under date 23rd December 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 61876-1918, Miscellaneous) that they are now, in conjunction with the Treasury, prepared to consider applications from Local Authorities for permission to raise loans to put into operation Schemes of public utility such as housing, water supply, sewerage, hospitals, gas & electricity, which are of urgent importance.

"No Order"

Orders of Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Order No. 474 (under date 10th January 1919) suspending the Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order 1916 (No. 3).

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded

Order No. 473 (11th December 1918) prohibiting the importation of dogs from Great Britain and the Channel Islands.

"No Order"

Mr J. J. Murphy, late Assistant Surveyor.

Mr J. J. Murphy handed in his resignation as Assistant Surveyor on 4th December 1918, and vacated his Office on the same day. The Finance & Roads Committee adopted a recommendation to the Council to decline to pay Mr Murphy's salary, as he left the service of the Council without fulfilling the conditions governing his appointment, viz:- by determining the appointment by two months notice in writing.

Under date 26th December 1918, Mr Murphy wrote expressing surprise at the drastic action of the Committee, not to pay for work performed by one of their servants, more especially considering the fact that it had cost him twice the amount of his salary to live. He wrote to the County Surveyor that he would continue to do duty until a successor was appointed but had not received a reply, and if the Council now desired he was to do duty until a new officer was appointed he was willing to return to Wexford.

The County Council at their meeting of 7th January last referred the letter of Mr Murphy to their Solicitor for his advice.

Under date 13th January 1919, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"With reference to the question of the salary due to the above at the time he went away, without giving Notice he undoubtedly broke his contract improperly and therefore legally forfeited the amount due, but as he was working since the 30th September, there is nothing to prevent the Council if they so wish paying him the amount due up to the 3rd December, so as to avoid any unpleasantness or legal proceedings."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr Murphy, late Assistant Surveyor, be paid salary from 1st October to 12th November 1918, which is the last day on which Mr Murphy performed any work for the County Council, according to report received from County Surveyor."

Salary of Dr O'Connor, late Surgeon Co Infirmary.

In connection with the claim of Dr O'Connor, late Surgeon to

Wexford Infirmary that he was entitled to be paid as Surgeon to the Institution up to 18th November 1918, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"Yours with copy correspondence as to the question of the apportionment of the Doctor's salary received.

Dr O'Connor in his letter of the 14th November states that unless he is paid £1. 1/- per day he would not do any more duty after the 16th November but he apparently received no intimation as to that letter until the 18th inst., and therefore I think he would be entitled to be paid for the 17th & 18th as he was still the Doctor of the Infirmary, and as the amount is small it is hardly worth going to law over."

Under date 24th December 1918, Mr N. J. Cosgrave, Temporary Registrar County Infirmary, wrote his Committee were satisfied that Dr O'Connor should be paid to 18th November 1918.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, Seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That Dr S.V.O'Connor, late Surgeon to the County Infirmary, be paid his salary from 1st October 1918 to 18th November 1918, (inclusive) and Dr Hickey at present Surgeon to the County Infirmary be paid salary from the 19th November to 31st December 1918."

Meeting Finance & Roads Committee.

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

"That the Meetings of Finance & Roads Committee (succeeding the meeting of the 4th prox) be held in future on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays."

Roads adjoining Enniscorthy Asylum.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Asylum Management Committee on 9th January 1919, was read:-

"That the Members of the Enniscorthy Asylum Committee feel compelled to draw the attention of the County Council to the fearful state of the road and footpath leading from the Asylum to the town and to Edermine district. The footpath is dangerous, the hedges are unattended to, and complaints are

merely acknowledged, but nothing is done to remedy the very unsatisfactory condition of things."

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

"That the Asylum Committee be informed that the County Surveyor has already taken steps to have the roads complained of by him put in proper order and is providing Slaney gravel for the improvement of the footpath."

Condition of Road Ballywilliam & Templeudigan.

Under date 3rd January 1919, the following letter was read from Mr William Morris, Ballywilliam House, New Ross:-

"I beg to draw your attention to the state of the road between Ballywilliam crossroads and Nolan's Cross at Templeudigan. Its the leading road to Church and Chapel. Its in such a bad state at present, it is impossible to travel on it with ruts. It is dangerous and also a disgrace, I hope it will be put in a state of repair before any accident happens."

This letter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee, when the County Surveyor stated that there had been considerable difficulty in securing material for this road, but he would now be able to put it into fair repair.

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

"That the statement of the County Surveyor as regards the condition of the road between Ballywilliam crossroads and Nolan's cross be furnished Mr Morris, Ballywilliam."

Tomgarrow Quarry.

A further application for payment of £10. 10/- for work done at Tomgarrow Quarry, was made by Mr P. A. Roche, late working foreman in the Quarry:-

The question was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting, which having considered the correspondence and having heard the statements of Mr Treaner (Senior Assistant Surveyor) adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the claim of Mr P. A. Roche, for work in connection with

Tomgarrew Quarry, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for his advice."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe.

Mr Elgee wrote under date 3rd February 1919, as follows:-

"I am in receipt of yours with Copy Resolution as to above, from the last meeting of the Roads & Finance Committee. I heard the correspondence read and what Mr Treanor and Mr Roche stated, and although I believe that Mr Treanor intended to stop Roche at the work he was then at, and the rate of pay he was getting, Roche took it that he was to be paid at the 1/- per yard, from "day the Agreement was entered into" and he believed he would be paid for such work at that rate. Such being so, I think, if Roche took the case to Court he would stand a very reasonable chance of getting a Decree against the Council for the amount he claims £10. 10/-. Of course this would altogether depend on what view the County Court Judge would take of the matter, but my experience is that where a Workman or Employee is under the impression that he is going to be paid for work he has been doing under an Agreement and there is no dispute as to facts, that a decree is generally granted. Such being so, I would advise the Council to pay Roche the amount he claims especially as he has turned out the amount of Material for which he claims."

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

"That acting on the advice of Mr Elgee, our Solicitor, we agree to payment of £10. 10/- to P. A. Roche, Tomgarrew, in settlement of his claim for work carried out at Tomgarrew Quarry."

Claim for Injury to Cycle.

Under date 3rd February 1919, Mr Patrick Kehoe, R. O. Old Ross, Ballinabeola, applied for £4 for cost of repairing his bicycle which was injured owing to the dangerous state of the roads from Little Cullenstown to Foulksmills.

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

"That the letter of Mr Patrick Kehoe, R. O., Old Ross, Ballinabeola claiming £4 for repair for injury to his bicycle be referred to the Co. Surveyor and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor."

Applications- Increases of Salary.

Under date 30th January 1919, the following was read from Mr C. H. Richards, County Council Office:-

"I beg to apply for an increase in my salary of £2. 5/- per week. The only increase in my salary for the last eight years, was one of 5/- per week, granted two years ago. Everyone is aware of the enormous increase in the cost of living. I am sure under above circumstances, and also taking into consideration that I am in the Council's employ for over 20 years, you will see the justice and necessity of my application, and will therefore grant me a substantial increase in my salary.

Thanking you in anticipation."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded By Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the salary of Mr C. H. Richards, County Council Office, be fixed at £2. 15/- per week, as from this date."

Under date 29th January 1919, the following was read from Mr T. Cullen, Clerk, Office of County Surveyor:-

"I respectfully beg to make application for increase in my salary as Clerk in County Surveyor's Office. My salary as originally fixed is £1. 10/- per week, and considering the amount of work to be done, and the increased cost of living, I find this insufficient to carry me on.

I am in Office from 9 a.m., until 6 p.m., during which time I am kept busy, and the County Surveyor will, I am sure, bear testimony to my efficiency and care in the discharge of my duties.

I hope Council will see reasonableness of my claim for increase and that a salary commensurate with the work will be fixed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr M. Codd:-

"That the salary of Mr T. Cullen, Clerk in Co Surveyor's Office, be fixed at £1. 15/- per week, as from date of this meeting."

Application War Bonus-Judge's Crier.

The following was read from Mr Timothy Long, Crier to Co. Courts, Neptune Lodge, Sandycove West, Kingstown:-

"I beg to inform you that I have received a letter from the Secretary of the Co. Council of the Connty Kildare, informing me that the Council have proposed to grant me a bonus of £2. 10/- and that the Local Government Board have sanctioned the grant. I trust that your Council will be good enough to adopt a similar course for which I shall be very thankful."

On the motion of Mr O'German, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr Timothy Long, County Court Crier, for a bonus be refused."

Application J. J. O'German-Increase of Salary.

Under date 1st January 1919, the following was read from Mr J.J. O'German, Overseer in charge of travelling Quarry Staff:-

"At the recent arrangement made for the fixing of wages to men, mine was the only salary that was not increased. I am at present getting 35/- a week, out of which I have to take all my expenses, which often included nights away from home. As you are aware I am in charge of travelling gang, and their work brings them as far as Burkestown Quarry. To properly see after them I must be out early and finish late. This applies to other quarries as well. And as I believe I have given every satisfaction, I confidently hope you will treat me in the same way as the men whose wages were increased."

The following recommendation was read from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"No order, as the Finance & Roads Committee received no recommendation from Special Wages Committee in the case of Mr O'German, and which had been considered by them."

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

"That the wages of Mr J. J. O'German, Overseer in charge of travelling quarry staff, be fixed at £1. 17. 6d per week, as from this date."

Claim by Mr Brett, Inspector of Sheep Dipping.

Under date 26th January 1919, Mr G. Brett wrote claiming £5. 19. 6d to cover his expenses for last year's dipping periods.

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

"That the claim of Mr G. Brett, for travelling expenses as Sheep Dipping Inspector be refused as his appointment was made at a remuneration of £26 for Summer and Autumn Dipping Periods, which sum was to cover all travelling and incidental expenses."

Application-Cost of Firewood.

Under date 19th January 1919, the following letter was read from J. Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey:-

"The 7/6 stopped from me last payment was for sticks to light the fires, I cannot light fires without something to light the coal. I paid last week 2/- for a box, which would hardly light a fire half-dozen times."

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

"That the claim of Mr J. Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey, for an allowance for firewood be refused."

University Scholars-Application for Increase in amount
-----of Scholarship-----

Under date 21st January 1919, the following was read from Messrs J. E. Cosgrave, J. J. Travers, Patrick O'Neill, Peter Sinnott, and James Carty, holders of University Scholarships:-

"We the undersigned holders of Wexford Co Council Scholarships, be to apply for a substantial increase in the amount at present allotted to us.

Since this Scheme was established (1) the hostel fees have increased from £1 to 25/- per week, (2) Train fares have increased 50% and students resident in the Blackrock Hostel, as holders of your scholarships are obliged to do, have also to reckon with 100% increase in tram fares, (3) The text books, instruments, etc., have increased in a like proportion.

The majority of County Councils have in some way endeavoured to meet the additional expenses incurred by their Scholarship holders by granting increases varying from £14 to £25 per annum.

Trusting you will give this appeal your kind consideration

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Gorman, it was decided to adjourn this application for increase in amount of County Council University Scholarships to next Meeting."

Road Limit-Wexford Rural District.

Under date 20th January 1919, the following was read from Mr N. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford Rural District Council:-

"At last Saturday's meeting of my Council, it was unanimously resolved that the County Council be asked to request the Local Government Board to extend the financial limit of Road Expenditure from £8500 to £9200 for the year ending the 31st March 1920.

Will you please bring the matter before the next meeting of your Council."

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to increase the financial Road Limit for Wexford Rural District for year ending March 1920, from £8500 to £9200."

Ballindaggin Roads.

The following resolution was read from Ballindaggin Farmers Association:-

"That we beg to call the attention of the County Council and their Surveyor to the disgraceful state of the roads of the district principally those leading to the Churches and Schools, and that we also ask the County Farmers' Union, principally composed of the largest ratepayers to vigorously take the matter up".

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

"That Ballindaggin Farmers' Association be informed that the Co. Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor for the district have been instructed to have the roads put into proper repair. We understand that steps have been taken to repair these which are ^{most} open to complaint."

Roads in the vicinity of Rosslare Harbour.

The following resolution of the Wexford Trades & Labour Council was submitted:-

"That we draw the attention of the responsible authorities to the state of the roads in the vicinity of Rosslare Harbour

(particularly between the Harbour and Kilrane), which are in such a bad state owing to mud and water that recently many of the people could not attend Devine worship, whilst it is impossible for the children to attend school. We request the road authorities to at once see that the roads are made suitable for traffic."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the roads in the neighbourhood of Rosslare Harbour put into a proper condition of repair."

Wall at Carriganeagh Rock.

Under date 17th January 1919, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors:-

"Mr George Hanstock of Ballycale, Gorey, was with us to-day and informs us that a considerable number of years ago a wall was erected at Carriganeagh Rock on the bank of the river which bounds his land and also the lands of Messrs Steacy & Byrne.

For some time past this wall has been allowed to go into a considerable state of disrepair with the result that it is now practically impossible for Mr Hanstock and the other parties to keep their cattle on the lands.

We would feel obliged if you will kindly bring the matter before the County Council and have the necessary repairs effected as soon as possible."

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

"That the consideration of letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan Solicitors, on behalf of George Hanstock, Ballycale, Gorey, re wall at Carriganeagh, be adjourned pending reply of Mr Cousins, Millowner, Ballycale, to letter of Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor."

Application for Weekly Wages-Tara Hill Quarry Men.

Under date 25th January 1919, the following letter was read from Mr R. F. King, General Secretary, Trade & Labour Union, Enniscorthy:-

"The Employes of Tara Hill Quarries make a demand here to have their wages paid per week in future. Hitherto the wages arrived every fortnight and sometimes 3 or 4 days over that period. It is most inconvenient for the men and I trust the County Council will take

the necessary steps to have the wages paid every week in future as requested."

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

"That Mr King be informed that the County Council have on several occasions considered the question of paying the wages of quarrymen at Tara Hill weekly, but have been unable to adopt the suggestion since payment can only be made from a meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and it has not been found feasible to arrange for weekly meetings of the Committee."

Quarry at Ballymurray.

Under date 9th January 1919, a letter was read from Capt G.M. Maher, Ballinkeelee, asking the Council if they would purchase a quarry on his property at Ballymurray, The Ballagh.

The Finance & Roads Committee had considered this letter and made the following recommendation which was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That Capt Maher, Ballinkeelee, be informed that the County Council do not see their way to purchase his quarry at Ballymurray."

War Pensions Local Committee.

Under date 11th December 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 57646-1918, Miscellaneous) as to Administrative Expenses of War Pension Committees, and pointed out that under Section 1(1) of the War Pensions (Administrative Provisions) Act 1918, these expenses would, as from 1st January 1919, be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

Marked "Read"

Application for Material-Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 24th January 1919, the following was received from Lieut Commander F.G.Brickenden, Beech Lodge, Gorey:-

"I should be much obliged if you would inform me whether I may purchase about a ton of fine broken stone screenings from the Tara Hill Quarries. This material is urgently required for drainage purposes."

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

"That Lieut Commander Brickenden be informed that the County Council are unable to spare any material from their quarries as it is all very urgently needed for roads. The resolution of the Council restricting the use of material for roads alone must be rescinded before any material can be supplied to private individuals."

Application Increase of Salary Assistant Surveyors.

The following under date January 30th 1919, was read from Messrs R. J. Ennis, B. E., James Kirby, B. E., and C. P. Curran, B. E., Assistant Surveyors:-

"In view of the fact that the cost of living has increased be well over 100% as certified by recent Government Commissions appointed to go into this matter, and that our work has for various reasons been greatly increased we hereby apply for an increase of salary and a mileage allowance to cover cost of travelling.

As pointed out in our recent Circular to Members of the Council, we are the lowest paid Assistant Surveyors of any County in Ireland while our districts are among the largest in the Country.

Under these circumstances we believe that we are not making an unreasonable request in asking that our salaries be increased to £150 per annum, and that the Council grant us a travelling allowance of 3d per mile.

We would like to point out to the Council that quarry foremen in this county are paid £2 per week, while if our expenses be deducted ^{less} our nett salaries do not amount to £1. 10/- per week, an amount/ than that paid at present to many labouring men.

At our present salaries we may say that we find it impossible to make ends meet.

Trusting that you will give this matter favourable consideration."

In connection with the salaries of Assistant Surveyors the following was read from Mr B. Wyand, Secretary Institution of Municipal Engineers as to the salaries of Assistant Surveyors, and addressed to the Local Government Board--

"The attention of the Council of this Institution has been directed to the advertisement of the appointment of an assistant surveyor to the Wexford County Council. Briefly, applicants must satisfy your Board as to their fitness for the position, must be

not be employed by any other district, and must give whole

time to duties, while "preference will be given to those possessing a knowledge of the Irish language". The salary offered is £100 per annum, to cover travelling and out-of-pocket expenses (except postage) rising by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £120.

The utter inadequacy of the salary offered admits of no dispute. Ordinary labourers and scavengers are in many districts receiving 30/- per week, while foremen earn in many cases considerably over the amount offered by the Wexford County Council for a qualified surveyor. The Council understand that the road mileage of the district approximates to 400, and they suggest that the salary could scarcely cover even the travelling and out-of-pocket expenses entailed.

In a Memorandum issued by your Board, it is said that "in Ireland County Council appoint and fix the amount of salary of Assistant Surveyors, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board", and the Council of this Institution ventures to hope that your Board will signify its unqualified disapproval of the Wexford appointment, and will take such action as may prevent the recurrence of scandalous appointments of this nature."

Mr Fowler proposed:- "That the salaries of Messrs R. J. Ennis, James Kirby, and C. P. Curran, Assistant Surveyors, be fixed at £130 per annum as from this date."

Mr Stafford proposed:- "That Mr R. J. Ennis, James Kirby, and C. P. Curran, Assistant Surveyors, be voted as from this day's meeting and subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, an inclusive salary of £150 per annum, to cover travelling expenses and all incidental expenses except postage."

Mr O'Gorman seconded.

After discussion Mr Fowler withdrew his proposal and that of Mr Stafford was put and carried Nem con."

Employment of Ex-Military Officers.

The following resolution adopted by the Central Authorities Municipal Corporations Association, and Rural District Councils Association in London, was forwarded by the Ministry of Labour (Appointments Department) (Irish Branch):-

"That this Council recognises the special claims of men disabled by War service to employment in the Public Service, and subject to the re-instatement of former employees, and to the requirements of the

Public Service, is in favour of preference being given to disabled men in the filling up of vacancies on the clerical technical and manual working staff of Municipalities."

"No Order".

Dublin Corporation & Deported Irishmen & Women.

The following resolution was received from Dublin Corporation:-

"We call the attention of all free nations who love freedom and justice, and hate oppression and slavery to the fact:-

- (a) That from this nation of Ireland nearly a hundred leaders of National Public Opinion have been taken and cast into prison, without charge being preferred against them and without being given an opportunity of explaining their position to Ireland and to the World.
- (b) These men and women have been deported from Ireland and are not allowed to see relatives, friends or business representatives. Even their correspondence is unduly delayed and interfered with by British Censors, all entailing suffering and hardship on families and dependents in addition to the sufferings of the prisoners themselves.
- (c) In the eyes of Ireland these leaders have been cast into jail by the enemies of our nation for demanding for their native land and for claiming that to her no less than to Belgium and Serbia shall the right of self determination apply."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'German."

Women's Franchise League.

The following resolution was received from the Irish Women's Franchise League, Westmoreland Chambers, Westmoreland Street, Dublin:-

"That this Meeting of men and women expresses its horror and indignation at the attempt to reintroduce legalised vice into Ireland by means of Regulation 40d, D. O. R. A., Emphatically protests against this attempt to make vice safe for men by introducing compulsory medical examination of women - a discredited device which enlightened medical opinion is unanimous in declaring to be futile as a safeguard, and liable to increase the danger of disease by giving men a false sense of security. Denounces 40d, as an outrage against the liberty,

honour and integrity of every woman, and as a deliberate attempt to perpetuate the evil double-moral standard, which assumes that vice is natural and necessary to men. And insistently demands the withdrawal of this obnoxious Regulation which has been illegally introduced by Order in Council, without the knowledge, authority, or sanction of Parliament."

"No Order"

Chair-Scientific Agriculture.

The Kerry County Council wrote asking for assistance towards the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Cork, but no action was taken therein, as the Wexford County Council had already adopted a resolution agreeing to contribute to the establishment of a similar Chair in the National University, Dublin.

Early Closing Order.

The following resolution adopted by Gorey Rural District Council at meeting of 4th November 1918, was submitted:-

"That we strongly protest against the early closing Order as a gross injustice to Traders generally, and particularly to the poor who do their shopping at a late hour."

"No Order, as the Council understand the grievance in this matter has been remedied."

Net Fishing.

Under date 5th September 1918, a resolution was received from Cork County Council, calling on the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to hold a public Inquiry so as to permit of a thorough investigation of the restriction of nets in the fresh water of the Blackwater river and its tributaries save as an adjunct to rod angling.

"No Order"

Resolutions from Cork County Council.

The following resolutions were read from Cork County Council:-

Resolved:- We desire to call the attention of all liberty loving people to the hypocrisy of English Statesmen, who, while professing to have much regard for the nationality and national characteristics of small nations that are under the power of England's enemies, and who address high sounding declarations to Arabs, Czecho-Slovaks and others, yet in this Country by the

use of brute force, are at this very time endeavouring to strangle and kill every national characteristic and every expression of nationality, language, music, games, pastimes, and who have established a military terrorism suppressing free speech, the right of assembly, restricting individual liberty and the liberty of the Press to an intolerable degree. We declare before the World that British Statesmen like Mr Lloyd George, Mr Balfour, and Lord Hugh Cecil are hypocrites when they speak of the rights of small nations, and we ask the Allies of England to test English sincerity by the actions of English Government in Ireland."

"Mr Stafford proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the adoption of above resolution."

"Mr O'Gorman proposed as an amendment:- "That Cork Co Council be informed that the Wexford County Council are well able to look after their own affairs without receiving any dictation from other counties."

Mr Kehoe seconded.

After some discussion Mr O'Gorman withdrew his amendment and the resolution as proposed by Mr Stafford and seconded by Mr Cloney was unanimously adopted."

Resolved:- In view of the repeated declarations of British Statesmen that one of their objects in the European War is the assertion of the rights of small nations, and of their statements that the case of small oppressed Nationalities must be considered at the Peace Conference, this Council voicing the opinion of the overwhelming majority of the people of Cork City and County, re-affirms the demand made by it that Ireland's cause must come before the Peace Conference and delegates of the Irish Nation admitted to that Conference. We desire particularly to call the attention of President Wilson and the people of the United States to the fact that the English Government now rules Ireland by Military force, and its rule is against the will and wishes of the Irish people. In our opinion, therefore, as in the opinion of all Irish Nationalists, the case of Ireland is the same as the case of the small Nations governed by the military forces of Germany."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Hunting in Westmeath.

The following resolution was received from Mullingar Rural District Council:-

"That pending the release of the Irish Prisoners, all classes of Sport be suspended in the County Westmeath, especially Hunting, as in the present circumstances the people are not in a mood for enjoying themselves or seeing others do so. That we condemn the action of the man or men who laid poison for the hounds in this Rural District."

"No Order"

Sale & Shipment of Corn.

The following resolution was read from Waterford Co Council:-

"That we consider the obstacles placed by the Authorities to the free sale and shipment of corn to be a gross breach of the terms under which they enforced compulsory tillage by the Corn Production Act, 1917, and we demand that facilities be granted for the disposal of all surplus grain and faithful observance of all the pledges given to the agriculturalists who so royally responded to the call for increased production of the food supply and in our opinion the present action of the Authorities will tend to a justifiable resistance by the farmers to the enforcement of the Corn Production Act."

"No Order, as the Council understand the Authorities have granted the facilities demanded."

Rev M. O'Flanagan.

The following resolution was received from Killarney Board of Guardians:-

"That we take the opportunity of the presence of Father Michael O'Flanagan at the Oireachtas to give him a hearty welcome to Killarney. That we recognise his great services to Ireland on many recent historic occasions and record our knowledge of the satisfaction it gave to hundreds of thousands of our race, when the leaders of the Sinn Fein movement were cast into prison without trial, to see Father O'Flanagan, with the courage and patriotism of an Irish Priest, take the vacant place to win the fight for the Nationality, the Freedom and the Conscience of the Irish People, which he did with splendid success. That we deeply deplore if, as has been too often the case with those

whom the Irish people regard as the best supporters of Religion and Nationality, Father O'Flanagan should suffer for his services to both."

"No Order"

Old Age Pensions-Vacancy on No. 4 Sub-Committee.

A recommendation was received from No. 4 Sub-Committee (Gorey & Coolgreany) for the appointment of Mr Michael Cantwell, T. C., Main Street Gorey, as a member of the Committee vice Mr T. J. Doran, deceased."

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

"That Mr Michael Cantwell, T. C., Main Street, Gorey, be appointed a member of No. 4 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee vice Mr Thomas J. Doran, deceased."

Roads & Works.

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

"That the several Proposals for Roads and Works as submitted on Form 20 from Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several proposals for payment as submitted from this day's Proposal Committee, be and are hereby adopted."

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(Signed)

Wm. Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6th day of *march* 1919.