

Half yearly meeting - 5th December 1910.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore (Chairman) presiding.
Other members:- Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Brown, John Bolger, John Cummins, Mark Goad, James Goad, Michael Doyle, Mr. A. Ennis, Patrick Fortune, John J. Kehoe, P. Greane, G. H. Peacocke, James J. Stafford, Gregory Walsh.

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

— Confirmation of minutes —
The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

— Rate Collection —

Proposed by Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Bolger, and passed:-

"that we call on the Rate Collectors who have not yet made any lodgment on foot of the present Rate Collection to proceed forthwith, with their collection

— Kerlogue Quarry —

Three tenders for the quarrying and breaking of stones at Kerlogue Quarry were received as follows:-
James Fenlon, @ 3/- per cubic yard.

Thomas Murray, @ 3/- " " "

Moses Power, @ 3/- " " "

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the tender of Mr. Moses Power @ 3/- was accepted."

— Dates of meetings —

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Asple, and adopted:-

"that the following dates for half yearly meetings of District Councils and Co. Council, be agreed to:-

Gorey District Council -	3 rd	April 1911.
Enniscorthy "	4 th	" "
Wexford "	8 th	" "
New Ross "	10 th	" "
Proposal Committee	13 th	" "
Co. Council	8 th	February "

Prosecution - Road Contractors.

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

"That Mr. Gaffney, be instructed to prosecute the following Road Contractors should he consider it necessary to do so:-

John Sheehan, Ballyminalawn, Gorey, No. 45.
 Morgan Dunne, Contractor for Guelt on no. 219.
 Enniscorthy R.D.
 Richard Murphy, no. 4. Wexford.
 John Reilly No. 85A Wexford.
 Oliver Murray, Shrule, Gorey. No. 86 Gorey.
 Thomas Elmes, No. 110A. New Ross.

Motor Car Act.

Under date 23rd November, the Local Government Board, wrote (Circular Letter No. 69486-1910) forwarding copies of Order made by them in pursuance of the powers vested in them by Article 1 (2) of the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order 1910, authorising the Irish Automobile Club to perform for a further period of six months the duties, as regards Ireland, specified in Article 1 (1) of the Order in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries.

marked "Read"

Assistant Surveyor Paddle.

Under date 22nd November, the Local Government Board (Letter No. 71867-1910 Wexford County)

wrote approving of the proposal of the County Council to increase the salary of Mr. J. Hadden Assistant Surveyor, by £5 per annum.

marked "Read."

Dr. Hadden, late Surgeon, to Wexford Infirmary, under date 28th November, the following letter No. 71267 was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 11th instant, relative to the proposal of the Council to contribute towards a superannuation allowance to Dr. David Hadden in respect of his services as Resident Surgeon in Wexford County Infirmary, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they would be glad to be informed of the statutory authority under which the Council are acting in making such allowance."

"The Secretary said he had written to the Local Government Board that the Council considered they were empowered under Sec 85 of the Adaptation of Enactments Order to increase the grant to the County Infirmary from £1,000 to £1,400 and that for any increased grant a certain proportion could have been voted by the Infirmary Committee to Dr. Hadden provided he was entitled to superannuation."

Under date 15th November, the following resolution was read from the Co. Infirmary Committee:-

"That the managing Committee of the County Infirmary thank their thanks to the County Council for their action in placing the money at their disposal to enable them to grant Dr. David Hadden, superannuation."

Declaration of office by Dr. S. A. Furlong, the new Surgeon, was also laid before the meeting.

Under date 2nd December 1910, (No. 73,599/1910) the following letter was read from the Local Government Board:-

"In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo, relative to the proposal of the Wexford Co. Council to contribute towards a superannuation allowance to Dr. Hadden in respect of his services as Surgeon to Wexford County Infirmary, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the Board have taken legal advice on this matter and they are of opinion that officers of County Infirmaries are not entitled to pensions."

In connection with the matter, Mr. Ennis handed in the following notice of motion:-

"I will move at next meeting of the Co. Council that the resolution of 11th November, be rescinded and that the County Council vote a sum of £1,000 to the County Infirmary as their annual contribution until such a sum be altered by the Co. Council by a future resolution".

— Waterford Bridge. —

Under date 12th November, the following letter (No. 68635-10) to the Tipperary County-South Riding was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them your letter of the 29th ultimo, embodying a resolution of the joint Committee of management in connection with the erection of a bridge over the river Suir at Waterford, requesting the lodgment, as required, of monies by the contributing bodies to the credit of an account to be opened by the Committee, and inquiring whether it will be in order for

the County Council of Tipperary (South Riding) "to pay over the money as described in the resolution."

In reply, I am to state that the Board concur in the view expressed in the concluding paragraph of your letter that the course proposed is not that contemplated by section 21 of the Bridges (Ireland) Act, 1867, and that it would appear that Sections 20 and 21 of the act direct that Payments to a Contractor are to be made on the certificate of the committee either by the Board of Works or the several councils concerned in the undertaking, as the case may require.

The Law officers of the Crown advised, in the case of the erection of John's Bridge, Kilkenny, under the act above referred to, where also there was no question of advances being made to the contractor by the Commissioners of Public Works, that sanction of the Board to the borrowing was necessary under Article 22 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, and, as the County Council and Corporation of Kilkenny paid over to their joint committee the instalments of loan raised for the erection of the bridge, it was suggested that the then existing committee under the act should be appointed as a joint committee under Article 38 of the Schedule - in order to enable them to make disbursements under the loans - all and every power being delegated to the committee except those of making a rate or borrowing money.

A similar course will have to be pursued with respect to the Committee for Waterford Bridge, if payments are to be made directly by that body as it does not appear that powers can be delegated, in the manner referred to

above, under the act of 1867."

The following is copy of the letter from the Secretary of South Tipperary Co. Council, to the Local Government Board, under date 29th October:-

"The joint Committee of management appointed by the Councils of the contributory counties in connection with the erection of a new Bridge at Waterford, have passed the following resolution, a copy of which has been sent to my Council:-

"That the contributory bodies be requested to lodge the respective proportions of the total estimated costs and expenses of the construction of Waterford Bridge (£71,000) to the credit of an account, to be opened by the joint Committee of management, in equal quarterly payments, or in such larger proportions as from time to time may be required. The first payment to be made by the 1st December next."

The Chairman of the Finance Committee has requested me to communicate the above resolution to the Local Government Board and to ask whether it will be in order for the County Council to pay over the money as described in the Resolution.

The course proposed, although reasonable, is not that contemplated by Section 21 of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1867, and there does not appear to be any statutory authority enabling the Co. Council to carry out the arrangement suggested in the Resolution."

Under date 11th November, Mr. P. A. Murphy, Solicitor, Waterford; writing on behalf of the joint Committee forwarded copy of letter dated 16th December 1909, from the Secretary, to the Local Government Board, to the Secretary of

Kilkenny Co. Council, with reference to the method of payment adopted in connection with the construction of the new bridge at Kilkenny. The joint Committee for Waterford Bridge were anxious that the same procedure should be adopted with regard to the payment of the contract price etc., of Waterford Bridge. The representatives of the different County Councils had expressed their agreement with this course."

The following is copy of the letter of the Local Government Board, to the Kilkenny Council, referred to in letter of Mr. P. A. Murphy, Solicitor:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had under consideration your letter of 7th of October last relating to loans sanctioned by the Board to the County Council of Kilkenny and the Corporation of Kilkenny, respectively, for the purposes of taking down the existing bridge over the River Nore, between Rose Inn Street and John Street, Kilkenny, and erecting a new bridge between those streets, in which you inquire (1) whether the receipts and expenditure of the Committee appointed under the Bridges (Ireland) Act, 1867, are to be embodied in the accounts of the County Council; or (2) whether the Committee itself should be required to keep a record of said receipts and expenditure; (3) whether, in the latter event, the requirements of the Public Bodies Order of 1904 would be complied with by including in the accounts of the County Council particulars only of the instalments of the loan advanced through the Council and transferred to the Committee in respect of the proposed works.

In reference thereto, I am to point out that the usual procedure to be followed in cases such as this is set out in Section 18 et seq., of the

act above referred to, and that it would seem to be the intention of section 21 that the payments should be made to the contractors by the council and the corporation, respectively, on the certificate of the committee.

The Board observe that the first instalments of the loans have been transferred by the council and the corporation to the credit of the committee, and that, as the loans have been sanctioned under article 22. of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, it would appear that the borrowing bodies regarded the committee as a committee under article 38 of the Order and that it was intended thereby to delegate to such committee the power of making payments, which, of course, includes the duties of keeping accounts and rendering the same for audit under article 19.

In order, however, that no legal question may hereafter arise, it would be desirable that the council and the corporation should by resolution formally reappoint the committee for the purposes of the loans and delegate by the said resolution to the committee (as a joint committee under article 38) all and every power except the power of making a rate or borrowing money. The committee should hold office until the works have been completed and the accounts of the same finally passed.

Subject to the foregoing the answers to the questions contained in your letter are...

- 1..... No.
- 2..... Yes.
- 3..... Yes.

The following draft resolution was forwarded by Mr. Feely, Secretary to the joint committee:-

"Resolved : - that John S. Hearn, of Bawnjames, New Ross; G. H. Peacocke, of Belmont, Wexford; John Bolger, of Ferns; and James J. Stafford, of Main Street, Wexford, be and are hereby appointed members of the joint committee of management for the building of the Bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, as representatives of the Co. Council of Wexford, and we hereby confer upon and delegate to the said joint committee of management for the erection of the Bridge over the River Suir at Waterford all and every power which we the said County Council are authorised to delegate to a joint committee pursuant to article 38 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, except the making of a rate or borrowing money."

Mr. Peacocke proposed; Mr. Ennis seconded the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:

"Having asked our Solicitor to reconsider this question, and acting on his advice, we desire to inform the joint committee for erection of Waterford Bridge, that we are prepared to pay Co. Wexford's proportion of the cost in accordance with Secs. 20 & 21 of the Bridges Act 1867; the amount to be transferred at Finance Committee meetings which are held fortnightly."

Passed.

Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 17th November, the following letter (No 8713-10 F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 16th June last, on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that, in the opinion of the Department's Engineer, the

project of sinking bulkers is objectionable. The Engineer suggests that a line of piles, say 50 to 75 feet long, should be driven at right angles to, and at a distance of about 20 feet from, the slip, overlapping the front of the latter for a distance of about 10 feet. The piles would be placed 12 inches apart and would be substantially braced. Grunheart piling is expensive but native oak or creosoted fir could be procured and would of course cost less.

The Department are prepared to contribute one third of a total expenditure not exceeding £350 in carrying out the suggestion of their Engineer, and will themselves undertake the execution of the scheme.

"Under date 24th November, the Secretary Waterford Harbour Board wrote that they would have no objection to the protective piles being driven at Ballyhack, but before anything is done, they asked that a plan should be submitted to and sanctioned by them showing the exact nature and extent of the proposed work."

"Adjourned to next meeting."

— application from assistant Surveyors —
Under date 8th November, the following was read from messrs John Kehoe, and W.H. Jones, Assistant Surveyors :-

— "We respectfully ask your approval of our request for an increase of salary.

We have hitherto refrained from urging our claim in this respect, not that we were not conscious of its equity, but because we were reluctant to do so until we had spent several years in the service of your Council.

One of us has now been employed in that capacity for over 14 years, and the other will

soon have completed his eleventh year in the same work. We trust when brought formally under your notice that you will be good enough before coming to a decision to have regard to the subsjoined considerations.

- 1.- That we have given faithful and satisfactory service in the Council's work for a period now extending over many years.
- 2.- That our remuneration is considerably less than that paid to men in similar positions in adjoining counties.
- 3.- That our salaries are not sufficient to enable us to keep a good horse - especially for winter work. You must be aware that at all seasons of the year there are days so inclement that unless a horse and trap are available, desirable or necessary visits and appointments cannot be made or kept.
- 4.- The duties of Assistant Surveyor in Wexford are much more numerous and exacting now than at the time of our appointment, and the prospects of the future indicate a progressive increase.

We confidently submit our application in the assured belief that the Council will deem us worthy of their favourable consideration."

Under date 1st December 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. Michael Hassett, Assistant Surveyor :-

"I beg to apply for the annual increment (£5) of my salary, as per terms of my appointment."

With reference to the application of messrs Kehoe, and Jones, Assistant Surveyors, for increase of salary, the chairman proposed, and Mr. Bolger seconded the following recommendation

of the Finance Committee, which was adopted:-
 "That the application be rejected on the grounds that we can see nothing to warrant an increase from the figures laid before us. The Committee regret to observe that the shortage in material is even greater than last year."

With reference to Mr. Hassett's application for annual increment of salary, Mr. Ennis proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee granting the increase be adopted.

Mr. Bolger seconded.

"Passed."

Sheep Dipping.

Under date 30th November 1910, a letter was received from Sgt. O. Chambers, R.I.C., Barnow, setting out the names of persons who had not complied with the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:-

"That reports received from the constabulary with reference to alleged breaches of autumn Sheep Dipping Order be referred to Finance Committee, and that they be empowered to deal with same."

Industrial School case.

Under date 25th November, the following was read from Mr. John J. Rochford, Secretary New Ross School Attendance Committee:-

"In reply to yours of the 21st instant, I beg to submit for the consideration of your County Council the following particulars in respect to the case of the boy Kennedy whom the Committee are anxious to have sent to an Industrial School.

The boy Patrick Kennedy of Great Island, is aged 13 years, only in first class, and is not willing to attend school. For some years back the S. A. O. and the boy's parents have resorted to every means to get him to attend school but to no avail.

In May last he refused to go for his father who on various dates brought him to school, from which he would afterwards break away.

In October last, he absolutely refused to go at all, even though his father used every means to compel him, and then left his home, staying in neighbours houses throughout the locality.

The father has been prosecuted for not sending him to school, but on the above-mentioned facts having been laid before the New Ross District School attendance Committee, they decided at their meeting of the 11th October last, that proceedings be taken to have him sent to an Industrial School, under the Children Act 1908, Sec 133 sub sec 20.

Accordingly the School attendance officer issued summonses against the parent (Patrick Kennedy Sr) and the boy himself, as required by the act. The Clerk of the Petty Sessions (whose duty it is) wrote to Cork, Baltimore, Limerick, and Louth, but none of them would take the boy under the section I have quoted. Aranc will take him under the section provided a sum of five shillings and sixpence is paid for his maintenance there.

I understand the Co. Council contributes 7/- per week for boys at present at Aranc, but it has transpired that for boys already committed under Sec 133 sub sec 20, the section under which the Committee are proceeding, the Government will

not give any grant, hence why the manager of artane wants the £6. The manager kindly suggested in his letter to have the boy committed under some other section of the act, but this could not be done.

The case came on at Arthurstown Petty Sessions on 14th inst., and was adjourned until next Court-day which is to be 12th December.

The actual question to be decided is; as the Government contributes nothing towards the maintenance of children committed under the section quoted, will the Co. Council contribute the whole amount.

Should the County Council decide in the negative I would be obliged if you let me know before the 13th prox. in order that the case may be withdrawn."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded, and it was passed:-

"that the County Council as the Local Education Authority cannot see their way to contribute £6 for the maintenance of this boy under sec 183 (20) of the Children Act. They consider that the school attendance committee should be able to have him committed to an Industrial school under sub-sec 1, 2, or 3, of sec 58 of said act."

—Watch-hut at Kilmore.—

Under date 13th November, the following was read from Mr. Ivo Chichester, Divisional Officer of N. M. Coastguard, relative to erection of proposed watch-hut at Kilmore.

"I regret that I was not in a position to reply to your letter till to day.

The Board of Trade would like a site on the rocky patch joined by a causeway to Tolawn Point provided safe access could be obtained to it in

all weathers from Folsom Point.

Siting this as near the causeway as is safe."

In connection with this proposal Mr. M. Browne M.C.B., wrote under date 15th November:-

"With reference to letter from Mr. Chichester I think the Co. Council has no control, except over the pier and harbour. The Right Hon Henry Brun, Barlow; owns all the foreshore going west from the Pier, including the Burrow and his agent is Mr. Francis Rutledge, Cliffe House, Enniscorthy, to whom any communication about the matter should be addressed. Safe access cannot be obtained to the Folsom point in all weathers. The site there would be the best for Ballytigue Bay, but I think the Eastern view would be partly obscured by the pierhead.

I think the best site is the Coastguard station, which I have no doubt could be acquired for a small consideration from the owner - Mr. Roche, Ballyseckin House, Kilmore. He is, as you know, - Secretary, Limerick County Council. If not Mr. Rutledge will willingly give a site on the best place that can be selected on the Folsom side."

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Greene and passed: 'that the matter be referred to Mr. Browne.'

Verification Stamps &c.

Two tenders were received for the supply of verification stamps &c., under weights and measures acts:-

John A. Rooney, 8 College Street, Dublin tendered at £7: 6: 6. and messrs Avery Ltd., 33 Chapel Street, Dublin at £18: 18: 0.

Mr. Bolger proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and

it was passed:-

"that the tender of John A. Rooney, for verification stamps etc., at £7: 7: 6d, required under weights & measures act be accepted."

New Telegraphic Line.

under date 26th November, the Postmaster General wrote asking for the consent of the County Council to the erection and maintenance of an overhead telegraph line by the side of the public road from Boolavogue Post Office via Glone Crossroads to Monamolin Post Office.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded "that the erection of telegraph poles from Boolavogue to Monamolin be agreed to."

Royal Sanitary Institute

Mr. E. White Wallis, Secretary to the Royal Sanitary Institute, London, wrote asking the County Council to appoint three delegates to the Congress to be held in Belfast from 24th to 29th July 1911.

No Order.

Wild Birds Protection Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Browne:-

"We the County Council for the County of Wexford do hereby petition the Lord Lieutenant for Ireland to make an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of all species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Islands, and the Keragh Islands in the County of Wexford, for the space of five years between the 1st March and 1st August

in each year, beginning the 1st March 1911, for the following reasons, that owing to the great increase in the number of egg collectors the birds in the above named Islands are much persecuted."

Bill for Water Rate.

The Secretary said that he received on 23rd November last, a bill for £5. 10/- for domestic water rate due on the Co. Courthouse, for the rate made by the Corporation in April 1909. As the bill was out of date the Co. Council would have to procure the sanction of the Local Government Board before it could be paid. The reason the amount had not been paid to the present was because no bill had been furnished previous to the 23rd ult.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded:-

"That the payment to Mr. G. W. Taylor, for water rate be agreed to subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, and that it be pointed out that it was an oversight of the Collector that the account was not furnished at the usual time."

Passed.

Appointment of Returning Officer, & Scales of
Election Expenses.

The following resolution was submitted from special meeting of Finance Committee of 16th November:-

"That no change be made in the present scales, that Messrs Stafford, Peacocke, and Kehoe, be appointed a Sub-Committee to assist the Returning Officer as regards the printing work of the Elections; that we recommend the Co. Council to pay an exclusive fee of £50 to the Solicitor employed at the Elections; and

that the Returning Officer be paid an inclusive fee of £50 in addition to out of pocket and travelling expenses as per scale of fees."

Mr. Ennis proposed; Mr. Walsh seconded:-
that the recommendations of the Finance Committee as regards election expenses be agreed to, and that our Secretary be appointed Returning Officer in accordance with the terms of the Recommendations."

Passed.

Insurances.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had called his attention to the danger which existed of stones from Tara Hill Quarry, injuring Mr. Darcy, (who lived quite close to the quarry) or his family, or property; and in consequence he had endeavoured to secure quotations from Insurance Companies to cover the risk.

The Ocean Company had declined to quote, but Messrs. Boyle &c., quoted a premium of £10 for an Indemnity of £300.

"Adjourned to next meeting."

Application - Increase of Salary.

Under date 4th November, the following letter was read from Mr. G. H. Richards, of the County Council Staff:-

"I beg to apply for increment to my salary (of per week) still due to me, per promise made by the Finance Committee at the time of the re-adjustment of salaries of your Clerical Staff, on appointment of Secretary.

Thanking you in anticipation."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded

the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:- "That an increase of 5/- per week be granted, to date from 3rd inst."

"Passed."

Post Offices & Bank Holidays.

The following communication was read from the Post master, Wexford; under date 30th November 1910:-

"In accordance with the recommendation of a select committee appointed by Parliament to enquire into the position of Sub Postmasters, the Postmaster General has now decided to reduce the hours of attendance for public business at certain County Post offices on Bank Holidays. To carry out this decision it is proposed to fix the hours of attendance for public business at Bridgetown and Foulkesmills on future Bank Holidays as from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, but before making the change I am directed to enquire whether your Council, as representing the public in the particular locality referred to, have any objection to raise to the changes.

Between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m., telegrams for Bridgetown and Foulkesmills will be delivered from Tomhaggard and Wellington Bridge respectively, without charge for postage within three miles of the latter offices. When this distance is exceeded the ordinary charge of 3d a mile or part of a mile after the first three miles will be made.

I may add that it is not intended to make any change in the arrangements for the delivery and dispatch of mails."

"It was agreed that this matter be postponed to next meeting."

Enniscorthy District

with regard to the following Proposals in Enniscorthy District, no. G. approved by the District Council at £45, and no. u approved at £79: 19/- it appeared from the list of proposals for works that tenders had been accepted by the District Council at £50 and £90 respectively, being in excess in each case of the amount originally approved.

The Local Government Board to whom the matter had been referred for their opinion as to the validity of the procedure of the District Council, replied:-

"In reply to your letter of the 30th ult., the Local Government Board desire to point out that article 18 (1) of the Procedure of Councils Order 1899, provides that the amount of the expenditure named in the application shall, not be exceeded so that the sum to be expended cannot be increased at any stage of the proceedings beyond the amount named in the application."

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was resolved that acting on the advice of the Local Government Board, Proposals G. and u. be rejected."

Tender for Works.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed:-

"That we hereby approve of the several contracts as appearing on Form 20 for the Rural Districts of the County, subject to the modifications and other orders noted theron and initialled by the chairman".

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr.

Ennis, and adopted:-

"That we approve of payments as recommended by the County Surveyor to the Rural District Councils of the County, and to the proposal Committee for the half-year ended 30th Sept. 1910, and as appearing on Forms 23, also the payments for matters other than Public Works, and recommended by the proposal Committee subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initiated by the Chairman."

Ferrycarrig Hill.

The following report of the Ferrycarrig Hill Committee was read:-

"We have this day (17th November 1910) inspected the road leading from Ferrycarrig to the Deeps, and find the water-tables are in a most neglected state, in fact it would appear they have not been cleaned for some years, the result is the rain water is forced to flow over the road and is most detrimental to its upkeep.

The steep hill at Ferrycarrig requires a heavy coating of broken stones. It is evident the sudden and exceptionally severe fall of rain last Sunday the 13th inst., did much damage to this hill. The Road from the top of the hill to the Deeps was formerly a wide one, but in some places the grass has been allowed to grow on what which was once a high road, so that two vehicles can with difficulty pass one another.

(Signed) B. H. Peacocke

Thomas Asple } b. Councillor
P. R. Fortune }

Dated this 17th Day of November 1910.

Proposed by Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Peacocke

and passed :-

"That the Report of the Committee be received.
That Capt Walker be forwarded a copy of the Report of the Committee in reference to Road at Furrycarrig Hill, and that he be informed that the Contractor has made considerable improvement in the Road since the visit of the Committee."

— New Ross Urban Council & Road Board. —

The following letter under date 28th November 1910, was read from Mr. W. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross :-

"I am directed by my Council to send you the inclosed application for a grant of £2,900 from the Road Board, together with particulars respecting it, and to request that your Council will kindly have it forwarded to the Board, or the amount included in any application they may make for a similar grant.

I am also to state that it was forwarded to the Road Board who replied - "that at present advised they have no statutory authority to make a contribution to the Council of an urban District in Ireland."

If however the application is made by, or through, the County Council it will be laid before the Board in due course."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted

"That our Secretary be instructed to forward application from New Ross Urban District Council to the Road Board as requested."

— Weights & Measures. —

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Walsh
"That the Co. Council confer on the Inspectors appointed under Weights & measures acts a

general authority to prosecute in all cases arising under the act, in pursuance of Sec 14 of the weights & measures act 1904."

Passed.

National Convention

Mr. Walsh proposed, Mr. Coad seconded and it was adopted:-

"That four delegates be appointed to attend the Conference of the United Irish League in Town Hall on Wednesday 7th December. That the following members be appointed:- messrs E. Rose, James Coad, J. J. Kehoe, and Mr. Hickey."

By-Laws.

Mr. Walsh proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and it was passed:- "That the By-Laws under the Highways and Locomotives act be cancelled. That the draft By-Laws as submitted by Mr. Elgee be submitted to the Co. Surveyor, and be considered at next meeting of the County Council."

The Position of a Hedge

Mr. Edward O'Boyle, Gurrawn, Blackwater, forwarded newspaper report of a case at Dulart Petty Sessions in which he was defendant, and Walter Dooley, Gurrawn, Blackwater complainant, the latter seeking power to have a hedge planted by Mr. O'Boyle about five years ago, removed.

At the hearing of the case the assistant Surveyor - Mr. John Howlin - stated he considered the hedge was a decided advantage to the road. The District Councillor for the Division (Mr. George Barry) expressed a similar opinion. Mr. O'Boyle was fined one shilling and costs.

In forwarding the extract from the newspaper

report of the case, Mr O'Boyle wrote under date 15th November as follows:-

"Please ask the Es. Council at their meeting to grant me permission to leave the hedge in the position it is in these five years, and to pardon me my ignorance in not asking their permission before I planted it. I enclose a report of the Culart petty sessions of Sept. 1st which explains the case pretty well. Everyone knows it is a great benefit to the place, and that it is a mischievous neighbour that caused all the trouble."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:- That no further action be taken as regards the removal of the hedge in question."

Steam Rolling.

Under date 30th September 1910, the following letter was read from Major Townshend, Rosvall Wiscford:-

"I forward for your consideration a most interesting communication from the A. A., of which I am a member, and would ask whether in the interests of this County you would be so good as to bring the matter forward at the next meeting of the Es. Council.

No one will question that steam-rolled roads such as those round Gorey are a great benefit to the whole community."

The communication to which Major Townshend referred was an extract from the Ligo Times of 16th July 1910 giving opinions in favour of steamrolling roads from the County Secretaries of Dublin, Tipperary, Down, Antrim, Tyrone, Armagh, Queen's County, Kerry, Donegal, South; Armagh, Waterford; and Fermanagh.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe and passed: "That the matter be referred to the County Surveyor."

Polling Districts & Registration of voters (I) Act 1908.

The Secretary requested that a committee should be appointed to prepare schemes for the alteration of polling places and polling districts under the Polling Districts and Registration of voters (Ireland) act 1908, the schemes to be laid before the half-yearly meeting of the Council in May 1911.

On the motion of Mr Walsh

seconded by the Chairman, the Finance Committee was constituted the Committee to deal with the matter and to prepare a scheme under the act."

— Tincurry Quarry. —

The following Report under date 29th November 1910, with reference to Tincurry Quarry, was read from Mr. John Bolger, Esq. Councillor:-

"On the 29th inst., I visited Tincurry Quarry accompanied by the Owner - Mr John Kehoe. This quarry is situated about 100 perches from the public road. The stone appears to be a very good quality for road material, and the quarry, as far as I could judge, would be easy to work. Mr Kehoe is willing to sell a portion of the quarry to the County Council at a reasonable price. I did not consider it fair to go into the question of price as he had got no notice of my visit. In order to work this quarry there would be very considerable initial expense. First - the purchase of the quarry; and a roadway 100 perches long, secondly, the making of a roadway 100 perches, and 60 perches of fences to protect his fields, erecting

gates, etc., I gave Mr. Kehoe to understand if the Council considered it feasible to work, they would communicate with him very soon."

Proposed by Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Peacocke and passed:-

"That Messrs John Bolger, Michael Doyle, and P. O'Neill, be appointed a Committee with the County Surveyor, to inspect the quarries at Tincurry, and Doran's Hill, and interview the owners, Mr. John Kehoe, Tincurry; and Mrs. Borthistle, Effernoge, Ferns, and report to the County Council. That the Committee take into consideration the advisability of acquiring half-an-acre of land in each case, and the rights of entry etc., to the quarry."

Road Contractors Bonds.

Proposed by Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and adopted:-

"That the several bonds of the Road Contractors accepted for Roads and Public Works, at this meeting be sealed and signed."

Holidays of County Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to take portion of his holidays for 1911, in January next."

Recommendations of Committees.

Mr. Ennis proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was passed: "That the various recommendations of the Finance Committee and Proposal Committee be confirmed."

Printing Jurors lists.

In connection with a claim of £2 for extra

work in printing jurors lists for New Ross and Grey districts, and which had been refused at last meeting of the County Council, the contractor (Mr Hanrahan) wrote asking that he should be allowed to lay his views before the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed:-

"That we request the Finance Committee at next meeting to hear Mr Hanrahan relative to printing of jurors lists."

Windmill at Vinegar Hill.

With reference to the proposal of the Co. Council to take over the old windmill at Vinegar Hill under the ancient monuments act, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, submitted a letter from Mr. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy; to the effect that he (Mr. Shaw) and Mr. T. O'Neill, Co. Councillor, considered that it is not necessary to erect a fence round the windmill, as the present protection appears to be sufficient. They advised however that a turnstile should be put up, cost of procuring and erecting same not to exceed £10. They were also of opinion that as Mr. and Miss Maguire had agreed to give the necessary land for fencing, it would be well to embody their consent in the agreement as it might be found at some future time that the land would be needed."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. John Bolger, and passed:- "That a sum of £10 the estimated cost of putting and erecting a turnstile at Vinegar Hill to preserve the old Windmill there as an ancient monument, be allocated for that purpose."