

MEETING.-7th NOVEMBER 1917.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 7th November 1917.

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

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, P. Whelan, J. Lynch, W. Thorpe, J. J. Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Stafford, T. Asple, N. J. Cowman, L. Barry, A. Kinsella, J. S. Hearn, Mark Codd, J. T. Mayler, R. Scallan, James Codd, J. Redmond, M. Maddock, and Lord Courtown.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Resignation of Assistant Surveyors.

The following was read from Mr Gerald Flood, Assistant Surveyor, No. 3 District:-

"As I have now been sanctioned by the Local Government Board for the position of Engineer to the Enniscorthy District Council and Guardians, and have the work of your Council well in hand, I beg to tender my resignation as Assistant Surveyor.

I take this opportunity of thanking the County Council for their unvarying kindness to me during my time of office, and to assure them that it was not without some feelings of regret I decided to sever my connection with them.

I also wish to thank the County Surveyor, Mr Frizelle, Mr Elgee, and their Staffs, for their courtesy and assistance without which it would have been almost impossible for me to carry out the duties of my office."

Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor wrote--

"In reply to the resolution of the County Council, directing that I should reside in my district or resign.

I regret that owing to existing circumstances I find myself unable to live in my district at present, and therefore beg to tender my resignation.

I do so with great regret and wish to express my sincere thanks

to the members of the County Council for the kindly manner they have always treated me.

At the same time I am prepared to place myself at the disposal of the County Council as far as the date of my resignation is concerned, so as to inconvenience them as little as possible."

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

"That we accept the resignation of Mr Flood and Mr Doyle, Assistant Surveyors. That we direct our Secretary to advertise these vacancies, salaries to be £100 per annum, with an increment of £5 per annum to a maximum of £120 per annum. The appointments to be determinable by two month's notice in writing on either side, and to be made on 7th November 1917, the successful candidates to take up duty on the 1st December 1917. That the officers appointed be obliged to reside within their districts."

In connection with the appointment of two Assistant Surveyors the following letter under date 30th October 1917, and No. 55308-1917, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them previous correspondence relative to the fixing of salaries for the positions of Assistant Surveyors in County Wexford.

With reference thereto, I am to state that the salaries proposed in these cases appear to be inadequate for the positions and the County Council would be well advised if they made inquiry regarding the salaries paid to Assistant Surveyors in other Counties. Such officers occupy an onerous and important position and upon their integrity and energy the value obtained for expenditure on roads mainly depends."

Under date 5th November 1917, the following letter was read from Mr V. R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With reference to my resignation as Assistant Surveyor I have reconsidered the matter, and wish to withdraw same with your consent, and will be prepared to live within my district as directed by your resolution.

Hoping that you will favourably consider my application."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee and confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by

Mr Maddock:-

"That no action be taken on the Communication of the Local Government Board No. 53308-1917, under date 30th October 1917, as regards the salaries of Assistant Surveyors.

In connection with the request of Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, to withdraw his resignation the following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr M. Doyle seconded by Mr Cowman.:-

"That Mr Vincent R. Doyle be allowed to provisionally withdraw his resignation as Assistant Surveyor on the grounds that he has promised to reside in Wexford which is on the bounds of his district, and that he will attend more assiduously to his work in the future. That this resolution remain in force for a probationary period of six months at the end of which period the County Council will be recommended to allow Mr Doyle to continue in Office on the usual terms subject to a report of the County Surveyor that he has discharged his duties satisfactorily in the meantime."

Proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan and adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, as regard the resignation of Mr G. Flood, and the fixing of salary of incoming Surveyors at £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £120 per annum, be agreed to. That in consequence of the decision of this meeting to allow Mr V. R. Doyle to withdraw his resignation, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee dealing with the acceptance of said resignation be not confirmed."

Applications for the positions were received and submitted to the meeting from Mr William Fortune, 9 Gladstone Street, Waterford, qualified Assistant Surveyor, Mr R. J. Ennis, A.R.C.Sc., I., (Engineering) Oulartard, Ferns, and Mr Wm J. Chadwick, Borrisoleigh, Thurles.

Mr Cowman proposed:- "That Mr R. J. Ennis, be appointed Assistant Surveyor for No. 3 district (formerly in charge of Mr Gerald Flood) on the terms and conditions of the advertisement governing the appointment and issued by the County Council."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Mr Whelan proposed and Mr Maddock seconded the appointment of Mr William Fortune to the position.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Ennis:- Messrs M. Doyle, J. Codd, Barry, Scallan, Kinsella, Lord Courtown, Lynch, Thorpe, M. Codd, Redmond, J. A. Doyle Mayler, Asple, J.A. Doyle and the Chairman.- 15.

For Mr Fortune:- Messrs Maddock, Whelan, and Kehoe.- 3.

The Chairman declared Me Ennis elected.

The successful Candidate returned thanks.

Mr Ennis was recommended for the position by Rev J. Long P. P.,
Monageer,.

Increment of Salary.

Under date 4th November 1917, Mr Gerald Flood, Assistant Surveyor, wrote applying for annual increment of £5, as from June 1917, to the date of his resignation, viz:- 19th October."

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

"That increment of Mr Flood as from June 1917 to the date of his resignation be agreed to."

Resignation of Mr O'H. Walsh, Rate Collector.

Under date 31st October 1917, the following was read from Mr O'H. Walsh Rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District--

"Owing to ill-health I beg to tender my resignation as Rate Collector and I trust the Council having regard to my long service will see their way to grant me the maximum superannuation."

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

"That we accept the resignation of Mr O'H. Walsh, as rate Collector for No. 1 Collection District. That our Secretary be directed to issue advertisements for the appointment of Mr Walsh's successor, appointment to be made at a special Meeting of the Council to be held on 19th December 1917, poundage rate to be fixed at 7d in the £, other emoluments, statutory fees under Voters & Jurors Acts, the former to apply only when the work of preparing Parliamentary and Local Government Register of Electors is resumed.

Mr Cowman intimated his intention of serving Notice of Motion for Meeting on 19th December 1917, regarding superannuation allowance to be awarded to Mr Walsh."

Auditor's Report.

Under date 17th October 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 50104-1917) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Enniscorthy Union, in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1917.

Under date 17th October 1917, the Local Government Board (letter No. 50105-1917) forwarded report of their Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the Enniscorthy R.D. Council, in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1917.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 28th September 1917, the Local Government Board forwarded Circular 144M-1917, as to domiciliary treatment of tuberculosis persons.

The Circular pointed out that the Tuberculosis Officer should employ every feasible means for getting into touch with as large a number of cases and at as early stages as possible, and should induce the patients to attend the Tuberculosis Dispensaries regularly for advice and treatment. Where this could not be done, the co-operation of the local medical practitioners should be secured.

The Board considered a system of payment by fees as unsatisfactory and suggested the assignment of a specified amount for distribution among medical practitioners either by way of fixed yearly allowances or pro rate grants in proportion to the number of cases treated.

The Circular further pointed out that the Treasury could not contemplate the application of the Maintenance Grant to the provision of ordinary subsistence or money allowances for the expenditure of which there could be no adequate guarantee.

The Local Government Board considered relief should be carried out through the medium of existing Poor Law Authorities by Private Associations, but would not object to the provision of special foods to a limited extent. The Circular also pointed out that institutional accommodation would be required for the treatment of advanced cases, and the Local Government Board considered that the necessary accommodation might be obtained in the Union Infirmaries, and in some Counties in the County Infirmary, the cost of treatment being borne by means of a contribution from the County funds, by which means a reduction in the poor rate might be secured."

Proposed by Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Scallan, and adopted:-

"That no action be taken on the Circular letter of the Local Government Board under date 28th September 1917, and no. 144M-1917, as to the treatment of persons suffering from Tuberculosis."

Treatment of Venereal Diseases.

The Local Government Board under date 22nd October 1917, (17518-1917, Miscellaneous Circular) forwarded copies of Circulars issued by them to Public Bodies, Regulations (County Boroughs) and Draft Regulations County Councils, with Memorandum of Instructions etc., (County Boroughs) all in connection with the treatment of Venereal diseases.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That no action be taken on the Circular letter of the Local Government Board under date 22nd October 1917, No. 17518-1917, Miscellaneous Circular, regarding the treatment of Venereal Diseases."

Screen Water Supply.

Under date 26th September 1917, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 47,195. 1917, (Supply of Water at Screen) the area of charge for which has been fixed as Crossabeg Dispensary District.

Marked "Read".

Road Contractors.

The following resolution was submitted from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we request the County Council to instruct the County Surveyor to deal as leniently as possible with Road Contractors who have, as far as the present abnormal circumstances permit, conscientiously carried out the terms of their contract."

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

"That we recommend the County Surveyor, as agreed to by the Finance & Roads Committee, to give effect to the resolution of Gorey R. D. Council as to dealing as leniently as possible with Road Contractors."

Application for Advance of £3000.

Under date 25th October 1917, the following was read from Mr R.

Greighton, Clerk R. D. Council, Gorey:-

"For the purpose of completing works under the Labourer's Acts, for which the loans have been stopped by the Government, the District Council are about negotiating a loan in the open market. However, pending the carrying through of these negotiations it will be necessary to obtain temporarily an advance of about £3,000, and for this purpose I am directed by the District Council to make application to your Council for such advance. The money is urgently needed to pay off contractors."

Lord Courtown mentioned that it would not be necessary to have any order made on this application as the Secretary to the Co Council had informed the Gorey R.D. Council that the Co Council could not afford owing to their present financial position to advance such a sum as £3,000."

Injury to Roads by Traction Engines, Etc.,

Under date 30th October 1917, the following was read from Mr John J. Rochford, Clerk, New Ross R. D Council:-

"I beg to inform you that at the half-yearly meeting of the New Ross Rural Council held on Monday 29th inst., it was unanimously resolved that the County Council be requested to take legal proceedings against the owners of traction Engines and Motor Lorries causing injury to the roads by excessive traffic, and you will please accept this letter as notice of the Council's resolution."

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed--

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the provision of the Public Bodies (Ireland) Act 1911, and that he be directed to furnish a return of the various roads in the County which have been injured by extraordinary traffic according to the definition set out in Sec 1 of said Act, this return to be submitted to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Improvement of Wexford Harbour.

At the Meeting of the County Council held on 19th September 1917, a resolution was adopted appointing Messrs J. Bolger, (Chairman) J. J. Kehoe, P. Keating, and J. J. Stafford, as delegates from the County Council to co-operate with the Wexford Harbour Commissioners in approaching the Treasury or the Development Commissioners for the purpose of securing a grant to enable the Harbour Commissioners to dredge the

berths at the quayside.

Under date 30th October 1917, Messrs Little & Elgee, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote forwarding copy of Memorial drawn up by the Joint Committee of the Local Bodies for presentation to the Treasury in the matter.

The Memorial set forth the loss of income sustained by the Commissioners consequent on the discontinuance of the steamship service between Wexford & Liverpool, owing to the S.S. Wexford Coast, which had been specially built for the service having been commandeered by the Admiralty. The owners were unable to replace the vessel. Owing to their financial position the Commissioners cannot have any dredging work carried out, and hence they are approaching the Treasury with a view to obtaining a grant for the purpose of having Gull Bar and the Quay berths dredged to a depth of 15 feet, so as to facilitate the export of food stuffs and pit props which were urgently required.

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

"That we are of opinion the Government should (owing to the manner in which War conditions have affected Wexford Harbour) financially assist the Wexford Harbour Commissioners as to the dredging of harbour and quay berths. That we promise the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to give them all assistance in our power towards the attainment of that object.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Members of parliament for the County of Wexford, and the Secretary to the Harbour Board."

Claim for Extra Police.

In connection with the claim of £191 cost of extra police at Enniscorthy, for period from 1st October 1916 to 31st March 1917, and which was submitted to the meeting of the County Council on 19th September 1917, and adjourned, pending the receipt of information as to the Constabulary free quota for the County, the following letter under date 1st November 1917, was read from the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford:-

"Referring to your letter of the 21st September last on above subject, I beg to inform you that Government has decided to make no charge for the 8 reserve men in question, and account is therefore withdrawn."

"No Order"

Application from Tomgarrow Quarrymen.

Under date 17th September 1917, the following application was read from the Quarrymen at Tomgarrow Quarry:-

"We the undersigned workers of the above quarry beg to make application for rise of wages from 20/- to 24/- with 5/- extra for working foreman, 8/- for man horse and cart. The present wage of 20/- is very inadequate as it very often falls far short of 20/- in broken weather.

We may add that in asking the above rise we are only asking what is paid in the neighbouring quarry of Ballinaboola."

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

"That the wages of the ordinary quarrymen at Tomgarrow quarry be fixed at 22/- per week, that the wages of the working foreman be fixed at 25/- and that the amount for man, horse and cart be fixed at 7/6 per day

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

Application Increased Capitation Grant-Industrial Schools.

Under date 21st September 1917, a Circular letter was read from Rev Br P. O'Ryan, Artane Industrial School, on behalf of the Managers of Industrial Schools, asking for an increase in the capitation grant from the County Council on one shilling per week.

Rev Br N. Ryan, Glencree Reformatory School, wrote under date 28th September 1917:- "In view of the abnormal times through which we are all now passing and the consequent abnormal change in the value of money and therefore terrible hardship imposed on all those whose incomes are fixed at normal rates, I appeal to the Co Wexford County Council to augment for the time being its pre-war grant of 2/6 per head per week by at least 1/- per head per week, with respect to the maintenance of County Wexford boys in Glencree Reformatory School, and to make that increase retrospective as from October 1st 1916.

You are aware that the Treasury has made a conditional grant of 6d per head per week where the County Councils made a similar grant. That however is utterly insufficient and the Treasury has been approached and it is expected that another 6d will be allowed on similar conditions.

There are now eight boys from County Wexford in Glencree School,

so that while the burden will be indeed light on the Co. Wexford, it will be no small relief to the School.

Trusting, Gentlemen, that you will view the matter in a reasonable, just, and generous light."

Applications of a similar kind were received from St Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, St Clonleth's Reformatory, Phillipstown, King's Co., and St Joseph's Industrial School, Letterfrack.

"Mr Hinsella stated he would, at the meeting of the Council on 5th December 1917, move a resolution that an extra 6d per head per week, be voted to the Industrial & Reformatory Schools in respect of Wexford Children maintained in these Institutions."

Burial of Frozen Meat Washed Ashore.

Under date 26th September 1917, the following application was read from Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore:-

"I have buried from June 1917, 39 Bags and 344 pieces of Frozen Meat that came ashore on the beach at Kilmore, I am putting every 8 pieces to a bag, which would count 82 bags in all. I would claim at the rate of 2/- per bag, as what has been paid in Ross district, that would amount to £8. 4/-.

I would be so thankful if the Members would favourably consider my Claim as I have been under big expense."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr W. Kehoe be requested to furnish further particulars as to burial of packages of frozen meat, viz-- How long was he engaged at the work, did he employ any assistance, and, if so, what did he pay for same."

Under date 9th October 1917, the following letter was read from Mr Kehoe, Harbour Master:-

"As the Members of the County Council are requesting me to furnish all particulars as to the burial of packages of frozen meat how long I was engaged at the work, did I employ any assistance, and if so what did I pay for same.

Well, to answer all these, I could not do so by letter, but I was engaged for 10 weeks late and early burying this meat. I buried it all myself, as I could not get any help. I did not spend a whole day

at one time burying it, as it was against nature to do so, but I buried the number of packages already mentioned, and by those I expect to be paid. I had a man three days burying the first of this meat, that came at 5/- per day, which I am not counting at all, that is all particulars I can give. I also had to drag it through rocks a considerable distance to find a suitable place to bury it, which was not very pleasant work to do, so I think the Members ought to consider what it was also, and kindly recompense me."

Under date 6th November 1917, Mr Kehoe wrote that 40 pieces of frozen meat had been washed ashore and asking for remuneration for the burial of same.

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

"That Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be allowed a sum of £8. 4/- for extra work in connection with the burial of packages of frozen meat washed ashore, that amount to cover the burial of all packages of meat including those referred to in letter of the Harbour Master under date 6th November 1917."

Application for Increase of Salary.

Under date 25th September 1917, an application was read from Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant to the County Council, applying for an increase in his salary of £100 per annum.

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

"That the salary of Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be fixed at £115 per annum from this date."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Whelan."

Proposed Contribution towards Salaries from Co. Insurance -----Committee.-----

The following report of Special Committee was presented to the Meeting:-

"At the Meeting of the Wexford County Council, on 19th September 1917, a letter was read from Miss O'Ryan, Clerk to County Wexford Insurance Committee, under date 26th July 1917, asking on behalf of her Committee that the Council would appoint three delegates to consider, with three delegates from her Committee, the question of

the amount of contribution to be made to the Council for the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse.

The Council adopted the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Messrs Asple, Cowman, and maddock, be appointed delegates of the County Council to meet the delegates from the County Wexford Insurance Committee to consider the question of the amount of payment to be made by the County Wexford Insurance Committee for the past services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse. That if possible the meeting of delegates be not held until after harvest. That it be pointed out at the meeting of delegates that the contribution of one-fifth of salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse was to remain in force for one year only, as from 28th February 1916, in the absence of agreement. That in considering any recommendation to be arrived at as regards the basis of contribution to be made by the Insurance Committee as from 1st October 1917, the communication of the Local Government Board, under date 15th March 1916, and No. 12842-1916, Wexford County, be taken into consideration."

The delegates present were Messrs T. Asple, and M. Maddock, on behalf of the County Council, and Messrs John J. Kehoe, and John J. Egan, on behalf of the Insurance Committee.

The Secretary to the County Council, the Clerk to the County Insurance Committee, and Dr O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer, were in attendance.

A long discussion took place as to the amount of contribution to be paid. The Insurance Committee, as per instructions from Insurance Commission, offered £491. 14. 6d to clear off indebtedness from the initiation of the Scheme to 30th June 1917, being at the rate of one-fifth of the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse.

The County Council demand was £682. 17. 2d being for a third of the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse as from the commencement of the Scheme to the 28th February 1916, and one-fifth of salaries and expenses from 28th February 1916 to 30th June 1917.

No conclusion was arrived at in view of the proposal of the County Insurance Committee to furnish a counter claim as to the services of "part-time" Nurses. It was pointed out that a sum of £464 had been spent under this head by the County Insurance Committee, and according

to Dr O'Connor about 50% of the services of the "part-time" Nurses had been devoted to non-insured cases.

The delegates of the Insurance Committee suggested that a resolution should be adopted that the difference between the claim of the County Council and the offer of the County Insurance Committee should be regarded as cancelled by the services of part-time nurses in looking after non-insured patients.

The delegates of the County Council considered they had no mandate from the County Council to deal with this point as no account for services of Nurses had ever been rendered to, or discussed by the County Council.

It was decided that Miss O'Ryan furnish claim on the County Council for services of "part-time" Nurses.

Regarding the future contribution of the Insurance Committee to the County Council for the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, it was decided that the Insurance Committee be requested to consider the advisability of fixing their contribution on the number of their patients at Tuberculosis Dispensaries."

Under date 27th September 1917, the following letter was read from Miss O'Ryan, Clerk County Insurance Committee:-

"At yesterday's meeting of this Committee it was resolved that in view of the settlement about to be made between this Committee and yours, we should now make application to your Committee for sum due in respect of services rendered by the part-time nurses to the non-insured persons who attend dispensaries.

According to accounts of this Committee total sums paid to nurses would be £464. 13. 4d. If we only paid one-fifth of this sum, as we are to pay on the salaries of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse we should now be liable for only £92, 18. 8d of this or in other words you would owe us £371. 14. 8d.

According to the opinion laid down by the Tuberculosis Officer, work done for non-insured persons by our Nurses would be one-half. The Committee do not wish to press for this full sum, but, are prepared to accept in full settlement £191, which represents the difference between one-fifth of the salaries, etc., of your officers for period prior to the 1st March 1916, a sum which will be sanctioned by the Insurance Commissioners and, one-third, a sum your Council demand but will not be sanctioned by the Insurance Commissioners.

Will you kindly lay these proposals before your next meeting and let us know if a settlement can be brought about on these lines."

Under date 29th October 1917, Miss O'Ryan wrote that the Insurance Commission were prepared to advance £551. 14. 6d in full settlement of account for contribution to salaries of officers as from initiation of scheme to 31st December 1917. Also asking the Council to agree to a Conference between delegates from the County Insurance Committee and the Council with a view to entering into an Agreement, or at least to consider the advisability of taking such a step."

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

"That the report of Messrs Asple and Maddock, delegation from the County Council as regards settlement of amount to be paid by County Insurance Committee for the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse be received."

"that the County Council be recommended to accept from the Insurance Committee a sum of £491. 14. 6d, as the contribution from the Committee towards the salaries of Tuberculosis Officer & Nurse, up to the 30th June 1917, and a contribution of one-fifth of said salaries as from 30th June 1917 to 30th September 1917. In accepting this sum of £491 odd the County Council are allowing a sum of £191. 2.8d as payment for services of "part-time" Nurses employed by the County Insurance Committee with non-insured patients."

"That as from 1st October 1917, the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse be placed at the disposal of the County Insurance Committee on the understanding that the County Insurance Committee is prepared to pay for the services in question as per the number of patients treated."

Under date 3rd November 1917, Miss O'Ryan forwarded the following resolutions of the Wexford Insurance Committee, adopted at the meeting of 31st October 1917:-

"That the County Council be asked to accept payment of contribution towards the salaries and expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse at the rate of one-fifth from the period these officers first rendered services to this Committee up to the 31st December 1917. That as this Committee is receiving a grant for the full amount to cover this period they would be at a loss of three months of this grant if the

County Council only agrees to accept payment up to the end of September. That this request is only for period up to the end of this year, as fresh arrangements can be made for the new year."

"That the County Council be asked to consider the following which appears in letter of the Commissioners of the 26th October 1917, No. 44263/17, I.C., Co. Wx.,

"It appears to the Commissioners that the Committee should at once take steps with a view to having an agreement executed between them and the County Council in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis, to come into operation as from 1st January next, and negotiations with the Council for that purpose should be entered into immediately. A Conference should be arranged for at an early date, and, on being notified of the date thereof, the Commission will cause a representative to attend.

That the Council agree to this conference and if necessary rescind resolution of earlier date declining to consider this agreement."

Under date 29th October 1917, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 54181-1917, Wexford County) that the Insurance Commission informed them of the willingness to place a sum of £551. 14. 6d at the disposal of the Wexford County Insurance Committee for the purpose of defraying the liability of the Committee to the County Council in respect of the services of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse to 31st December 1917. The Board again represented to the County Council the advisability of entering into an Agreement with the Insurance Committee on the lines of the standard form.

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee approving of the report of Messrs Asple and Maddock, delegation of the County Council as regards settlement of amount to be paid by County Wexford Insurance Committee for the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse be adopted.

That in view of the letter of the Clerk to the County Wexford Insurance Committee, under date 29th October 1917, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as regards acceptance of £491. 14. 6d contribution from County Insurance Committee to 30th June 1917 be not Confirmed.

That the County Council approve of the acceptance of the sum of £551. 14. 6d, as contribution from the County Insurance Committee in respect of the services of the Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse up to 31st December 1917.

That, in view of the fact that the County Council have already decided by resolution not to enter into any agreement with the County Insurance Committee on the grounds that they would be in a worse financial position than under existing arrangements, the County Council are precluded from taking any further steps towards entering into an agreement so long as said resolution remains unrescinded."

Workmen's Compensation Act.- McBride v County Council.

Under date 13th October 1917, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We shall feel much obliged if you would kindly let us have cheque at once for £10. 5/- being 12 weeks compensation from the 23rd July last to Monday next the 15th inst., with five guineas costs and 10/- witnesses expenses payable to the applicant pursuant to the award of the County Court Judge made in the matter at New Ross on Friday last the 12th inst.,

The applicant is in need of the money and we would feel very much obliged if you give this application your prompt attention, and let us have cheque.

Thanking you in anticipation."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kinsella, it was decided that the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, re McBride, be forwarded to the Insurance Brokers- Messrs Coyle & Co., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin."

Coals for Courthouses.

Under date 29th October 1917, the following letter was read from Mr R. P. Corish, C. P. S., Taghmon:-

"Will you be good enough to obtain the usual order for supply of 3 tons Coal for Taghmon and Duncormack Courthouses in due course."

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

"That the County Council agrees to the provision of three tons

Coal for Taghmon and Duncormack Courthouses, and will be responsible for the cost of same."

Ford Company & Sign Posts.

Resolutions were received from the Wexford, Gorey, and Riverchapel Branches of the Gaelic League, calling upon the County Council to refuse permission to the Ford Motor Co., to erect sign posts at the various crossroads in the County until such time as the Ford Motor Co., saw their way to comply with the request of the Gaelic League to have the information given on the proposed sign posts in Irish and English.

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

"That the attention of the Ford Motor Co., be called to the representations received from branches of the Gaelic League in County Wexford, as to the subject of having sign posts to be supplied by the Company lettered in Irish as well as English. We desire to point out to them that in view of the promise contained in their letter of 4th August 1917, that this would be carried out in the County, the County Council did not consider it necessary to make any order on the resolutions of the Gaelic League dealing with the matter."

Price of Gas.

Under date 24th September 1917, the New Ross Gas Co., Ltd., wrote stating that in consequence of the enormous freights now charged on Coal, and the continued increase in price of all other materials, they were compelled to increase the price of Gas by 1/3 per 1,000 cubic feet as from 1st October 1917.

"No Order."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 25th October 1917, the following letter was read from University College, Dublin:-

"I beg to report as under on the following scholars from your County for Session 1916-17:-

John L. Bookey:- A good student. Though Third University Examination in Medicine not yet completed he can pursue course without prolongation of its period.

Nicholas P. Corish:- Passed First University Examination in Engineering.

Anna M. Murphy:- Passed B. A., Degree Examination with Second Honours in Irish and in French. "

Under date 11th October 1917, the following letter was read from Mr John Travers, holder of a University Scholarship under the Co Council:-

"I beg through you, to bring this application under the notice of your Council.

I won a County Scholarship of £50 a year to enable me to avail of University Education. The College fees will take £12 of this each year. I must procure books and paper which will come to about £5. There are other expenses.

Your regulation requires me to stay in a hostel. The one in Dublin charges over £50, - 16 guineas for each of the three terms. The one in Blackrock has raised its charge from £1 per week, to £1. 5/- or about £40 yearly, besides the expense of travelling to and from Dublin daily.

Under these circumstances I wish to request permission to remain in cheaper lodgings in Dublin, - which lodgings would be approved of by the Authorities charged with this matter - the College Authorities -.

I could live within what the Council grants by this plan. The Council has a just check on me by the result of the report of the University Authorities, and by success at examinations.. The scholarship could be withdrawn if I proved myself unworthy.

For one who cannot afford to pay £20 over and above the Scholarship there is no other alternative. One could not expect the Council, already generous, to pay it.

I trust my request will be considered reasonable. It would be a pleasure and an honour to stay in a College if one could pay."

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

"That Mr Travers be informed that no provision of the University Scholarship Scheme of the Council can be altered without consideration by notice of motion, and that applications of a similar character to his have been always refused by the Council, the members of which are not prepared to accept responsibility for pupils residing outside a recognised hostel."

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

Kilmore Harbour Master & Life Boat.

Under date 9th October 1917, the following letter was read from Rev H. L. Scott, Hon Sec., Kilmore Branch Lifeboat Institution:-

"On behalf of the Committee of the Kilmore Branch of the Lifeboat Institution, I am writing to you about Wat Kehoe, Harbour Master at Kilmore Quay.

He has been appointed Bowman in the Lifeboat at Kilmore Quay, and on accepting, he properly informed us that it must be subject to the approval of the County Council, as he was employed by them as Harbour Master.

He is an excellent seaman, and just the man for the Life Boat, and I hardly think his duties would be interfered with on the very rare occasion of a Lifeboat service.

I shall be glad to hear from you that your Council does not object to his undertaking this very meretorious work."

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

"That the County Council have no objection to Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, acting as bowman to the Kilmore lifeboat."

Maintenance of Lunatics.

Referring to the Conference of County Borough and County Councils in Ireland held on 30th April last, and to the proposal that a representative deputation should wait on the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding grants for the maintenance of lunatics, Mr Henry Campbell, Town Clerk, Dublin, wrote under date 18th October 1917, that he had been in constant communication with the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary for Ireland. The Prime Minister failed to see that any useful purpose could be served by his receiving the deputation, as he was of opinion that the matter was one entirely for the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The latter, through the Chief Secretary, likewise expressed the opinion that nothing was to be gained at present by receiving a deputation on the subject in view of the fact that the desired reform could only be brought about by a general revision of Local Taxation arrangements throughout the United Kingdom. While he had no doubt that this matter would have to be taken in hand after the War was over, he considered that

involve complicated and contentious legislation.

"No Order."

Appropriation of Foodstuffs.

Under date 20th September 1917, the following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"That we view with genuine alarm the proposal of the Food Controller to take over butter at the maximum price of 20s/- a cwt., such price not giving farmers a reasonable price for their milk. Such a price works out at about 7d to 8d a gallon for new milk, whereas in England the price of new milk seems to be about a hundred per cent more than this. We maintain that dairy farming has always been a sweated industry, and the proposal of the Food Controller, if persisted in, will still keep it one, or in the alternative cause a great diminution of dairying. The further fixing of the price at 60/- a cwt for beef in January will still further react on the dairy farmer in the price he receives for his calves-so that this position will be practically unendurable."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Whelan."

Purchase of Army Cattle.

The following resolution was read from the South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association:-

"We beg to call the attention of agricultural Ireland to the conduct of the Government in dealing with the cattle trade of this Country as a whole with reference to the purchase of 100,000 cattle for Army requirements. Early in June last the Government Department, through the Department of Agriculture, summoned the Members of the Trade to Dublin and asked them to take over the scheme of supplying aforesaid number of cattle. This was agreed to, and after a period of three months spent in arranging the programme the scheme was abandoned by the Government and an alternative offered. At a special meeting held at Westminster on the 24th August, which was presided over by Sir Henry Robinson, it was stated that if the alternative was accepted the matter could be there and then settled. This offer was immediately accepted, the terms being 6/- per head commission for buying, and the Government promised to confirm the arrangement at a subsequent meeting to be held in Dublin the following Tuesday. The alternative was again cancelled by the Government, and the whole scheme handed over to Sir Edward

Carson's nominees. The Committee and the Cattle Trade gave every facility to have the Scheme promoted, and we therefore take this opportunity of entering our most emphatic protest against such treatment and demand a full Parliamentary inquiry into all the circumstances in connection with the matter."

"No Order"

RECOMMENDATIONS-FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

War Bonus Road Contractors:-

"That the County Council having carefully considered the application of certain road contractors who have entered into their contracts on or before 30th June 1915, and who have applied for an increase on the annual amount being paid to them for the carrying out of their contracts by way of war bonus, and being satisfied that these contractors are entitled to such payment, do grant to these contractors the following increased payment, i.e., an increase of 20% on the whole amount to those contractors who supply material and labour themselves, an increase of 11.4% or 20% on 4/7ths of the amount to those contractors who obtain material from Co. Council quarries, no increased charge being made by the County Council for material, and an increase of 13.3% or 20% on 2/3rds of the amount to those contractors who use seagravel until the expiration of the contract or until one year from the end of the War, whichever event should first happen, but that such increased payment only be made as from 31st March 1917 and to contractors who in the opinion of the County Surveyor, have done their work efficiently, and further that procedure suggested by the Local Government Board be carried out, namely, that the County Council shall issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for the contracts, taking this new amount in each case as the minimum price at which the contractor will be willing to carry on the work until the expiration of his contract, and if no tender at a lower amount is obtained that a fresh contract be entered into with each contractor concerned, at this new increased annual amount for the unexpired term of his contract, the increased percentage only to be paid for a period ending one year after the conclusion of the War."

"That as regards the tender submitted by Mr John Kehoe, Baylands, Camolin, for Road 14G for which Mrs Mary McDonald, Kilbore, Camolin, is the existing contractor, we instruct our Secretary, to inform Mrs

McDonald that a lower tender than the existing price has been offered to the Co Council. If she wishes to give up the work of maintaining the road it will be handed over to the new tenderer. If on the other hand she desires to continue as Contractor she must understand distinctly that the total amount which she can receive for this Contract from the County Council cannot exceed £80 per annum (her present price) and that no War Bonus can be paid on this contract. That Mrs McDonald must inform the County Council what she intends doing in the matter not later than 27th inst., (October 1917)."

"That as regards tender of John Kehoe, Baylands, Camolin, for Road No. 5E., for which Mr Bernard McDonald is existing Contractor, a similar order be made as in the case of Road No. 14G dealt with at the present meeting."

"That we approve of the sureties submitted by Mr Kehoe, as regards offers for maintenance of roads 14G and 5E."

Under date 25th October 1917, Mrs McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, and Bernard McDonald, Kilbora, Contractors referred to in recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee, wrote that they were prepared to carry out their contracts for £80 per annum, and £44. 15/- per annum, respectively, the original amounts of contract in each case."

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

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:- "That application for War Bonus by Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshal, Contractor for Road No. 93E, be refused as the road in question had to be taken up by the County Surveyor under the 54th Sec of the Grand Jury Act from March 1916 to March 1917."

Tara Hill Quarry:- "That the County Surveyor be authorised to offer the quarrymen at Tara Hill Quarry 1/4 per ton for sledging making small blasts on boulders, and for preparing and putting material through stonebreaker, the County Council to supply tools and gelignite."

"That the application of Mr John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, for increase in his weekly wages of £1. 2. 6d per week, be adjourned until Tara Hill Quarry is again in full working order."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by the Chairman, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That we disagree with the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee as to allowance to men employed at Tara Hill Quarry for work of sledging making small blasts on boulders and preparing and putting material through breaker at 1/4 per ton, and fix the amount of work at 1/6 per ton.

That the application of Mr Lannen, Foreman Tara Hill Quarry, for increase of wages be considered at next Finance & Roads Committee, when it is anticipated that the work of the Quarry will be fully resumed."

Ryland Quarry:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to reduce the Staff at Ryland Quarry in order to decrease the present cost of working expenses which, according to the statement of the County Surveyor, are considerably above the normal figure."

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

Quarrymen attached to Living Van:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to the payment of 4/2 per day for each working day to the men attached to the County Council's living van and engaged in quarry work."

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

Engine Driver and Attendant:- "That the salary of the County Council's engine driver be increased from 25/- to 30/- per week, and that no change be made in the wages of the attendant standing at 25/- per week."

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

Complaints as to Roads.

Under date 3rd November 1917, communications were received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, complaining of the following roads and asking that the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council, inspect and report re same:-

- 1.- Road leading from Forrestalstown to Killegney.
- 2.- Road from Oylegate to Ballymurn.
- 3.- Kilmallock Bridge.
- 4.- Road from Enniscorthy Urban Boundary leading through the Moyne.
- 5.- Road from Scurloughbush to Redgate.
- 6.- Aughgar Lane.
- 7.- Road from Cloleourish Quarry to New Line.

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

"That the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be informed that the County Surveyor has admitted that the roads regarding which they have complained, are not in good condition, the main cause being the difficulty of obtaining metalling from Coolamain Quarry, and also the difficulty arising from the scarcity of labour. That unless Mr Philip Browne, owner of Coolamain Quarry makes some attempt to provide material as agreed to with the County Surveyor, the County Council will direct that a summons be served on him that the Council will enter the quarry on Magistrates' Order.

That the matters reported by the Enniscorthy R.D. Council be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to do what he possibly can to improve the present undesirable condition of affairs."

Payment Malicious Injury Claims.

Under date 23rd October 1917, Messrs W. Roche & Sons, Solicitors, 20 Stephen's Green North, Dublin, wrote applying for payment of half amount of decree on foot of separate charge No. 137 (Compensation for Criminal Injury) and pointing out that other Councils were adopting this course in view of the fact that one moiety of each separate charge had been collected up to 30th September last.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, stated that in his opinion the Council were bound to comply with this request.

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

"That a sum of £176. 19. 6d moiety of amount due on foot of Separate Charge No. 137 (total amount £378. 19/-) be paid Messrs Roche & Sons., Solicitors, on behalf of the North British & Mercantile Insurance Co."

Road No. 2G.

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

"That the Contractor and Securities for maintenance of Road No. 2G., be proceeded against, and compelled to put out the full amount of specified tonnage."

Roads in Wexford District.

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

"That Richard O'Connor, Waddingtown, Contractor for Roads Nos. 20W., 110W., and 161W., and his Sureties, be prosecuted for neglect to have these roads in proper repair."

Screenings from Quarry.

Mr John Clancy, Brownstown, Newbawn, wrote applying for seven yards of screenings from Tinnecarrig Quarry.

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

"That Mr J. Clancy, Brownstown, be allowed to obtain seven yards of screenings from Tinnecarrig Quarry, provided that the County Surveyor is satisfied they will not be required in connection with Road maintenance."

Rate Collection.

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

"That the County Council observe that up to the 31st October 1917, only three or four of the Rate Collectors have collected any rates. We direct our Secretary to inform the Collectors that they must proceed with their work without any further delay."

Confirmation of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the Proposal Committee be and are hereby confirmed."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5 day of

Dec

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