

SPECIAL MEETING.- 8th APRIL 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th April 1919.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) and subsequently Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs M. Choney, A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, J. A. Doyle, M. Maddock, P. N. O'Gorman, W. Thorpe, N. J. Cowman, N. J. Fowler, James Codd, and J. J. Kehoe.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Striking Rate for Financial Year 1919-20.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1919-20, as agreed to at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 4th February 1919, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books said Rate being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being, as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished by the Commissioner of Valuation. That the allowance for said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books signed by the Presiding Chairman and two Members present at this Meeting be adopted, attested by the Seal of the Wexford County Council, and countersigned by the Secretary.

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

That the demands of the Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for credit items being:-

District	County Charges			Union Charges.			Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy	823.	0.	8	770.	12.	8	10. 12. 10	1604. 6. 2
New Ross	783.	17.	1	1101.	0.	2	10. 7. 5	1895. 4. 2
Wexford	1563.	7.	4	1628.	15.	5	30. 18. 1	3323. 0. 10



Co-option of Member of County Council

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

"That Mr W. H. McGuire, Mayor of Wexford, be co-opted a member of this Council vice Mr Philip Keating, deceased."

Financial Condition of Co Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 19th March 1919, the following was read from Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar, Co. Wexford Infirmary:-

"At the meeting of the Committee of Management held on Saturday, 15th inst., to consider the financial condition of the Institution, it was decided to close the Infirmary to all cases except Accident and Paying Patients (the latter at the rate of £2 per week). This course was adopted owing to the large amount due to the Bank, i.e., £720."

His Worship the Mayor, proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Seallan and passed unanimously:-

"That we again appeal to the County Council of the County of Wexford to grant the maximum amount of £1400 per annum to the County Infirmary."

In support of this application the following Members were appointed as a deputation to attend the County Council Meeting at which the matter will be discussed:- Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, The Mayor of Wexford, and Mr N. J. Seallan."

Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, the Mayor of Wexford, and Mr Nicholas Seallan, attended with the Registrar-Mr M. J. Kavanagh- and addressed the meeting. The Mayor asked the Council to pay off the debt of the Infirmary to the Bank besides agreeing to pay the maximum grant of £1400 per annum."

It appeared that the expenditure on the Infirmary for past year was £1883. 17. 4d.

After a long discussion Mr Cowman proposed, and Mr James Codd seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Co Wexford Infirmary be granted an increase in annual grant of £100 making payment to the Institution as from 1st April 1919, £1400."

On a show of hands the proposal was carried by 8 to 5.



Mr M. Doyle demanded a poll which resulted as follows-

For the Proposal:- Messrs Cowman, James Codd, Maddock, Kinsella, Cloney, Fowler, Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman.- 9.

Against:- Messrs P. Whelan, M. Doyle, R. Scallan, W. Therpe, and P. N. O'German.-5.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

#### Audit of Accounts.

Under date 6th March 1919, (No. 9567: 1919, Wexford County) the Local Government Board forwarded the report of their Auditor- C. D. Barry Esq., B. L.,- on his audit of the Accounts of the Wexford County Council for half-year ended 30th September 1918, as follows:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last, and I forward herewith a certified copy thereof in pursuance of your order.

The Accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a most satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark upon my part."

"No Order."

#### Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

The Circular letter of the Local Government Board under date 2nd December 1918, etc., as to duties of the Council as Local Supervising Authority under the above Acts, was brought before the meeting having been adjourned from meeting of 4th February 1919.

The Circular in question dealt with form of notice to be issued by the Council, delegation of powers and duties, supervision of Midwives, Inspector of Midwives, powers of entry, medical assistance in cases of emergency, contribution to the training of Midwives, supply of books and forms and annual report by Medical Officer who is in charge of the work of supervision of Midwives.

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

"That the question of the Administration of Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, (7 & 8 Geo V cap 59) be postponed until the new County Council have taken office."

#### General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 25th February 1919, the Local Government Board wrote



that under the 71st Section of the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894, as amended, they had issued an Order assessing £16800. 18. 2d on County Councils and which was to be levied in proportion to the net annual valuation of property in each County at the rate of one farthing in the £. The share of Wexford's contribution on this basis was £410. 16. 11d.

"No Order".

#### Land Commission Annuities.

Under date 1st March 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 5747, Miscellaneous) that the actual arrears in purchase annuities under the Irish Land Acts to be deducted in the case of County Wexford from Government Grants payable in the course of the month of March came to £1284. 8. 4d.

Under date 21st March 1919, the Secretary, Irish Land Commission, forwarded for the information of the Council, list of defaulting Annuitants against whom legal proceedings have been directed for the recovery of instalments due on 1st November and 1st December last for failure to pay instalments due by them under Land Purchase Acts.

"No Order".

#### Polling Compartments.

Under date 24th February 1919, a letter was read from the Secretary, Board of Works, Dublin, offering to transfer to the Council 98 single and 37 double polling compartments used in connection with the recent parliamentary elections for use at local elections on condition that the County Council accepted responsibility for the safe custody of the compartments and for their re-delivery to the Returning Officers for the time being in good order when required for the purpose of Parliamentary Elections.

On the motion of Mr J. Bolger, Seconded by Mr Madcock, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to take over the polling booths offered by the Board of Works for use at next local elections. But as these compartments are made in a very flimsy manner and are very fragile we do not consider it would be advisable for the Council to again take them over once they have been handed back to the Returning Officer for the purpose of a Parliamentary Election."



Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 13th March 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G.1821-1919) that two samples of butter taken up by one of their officials on 27th February 1919, in Enniscorthy were found on analysis to be pure.

"No Order"

Vacancies on Insurance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan, Clerk County Wexford Insurance Committee wrote under date 19th March 1919, that Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr James Sinnott, representatives of the County Council on the County Insurance Committee had resigned membership, and Mr P. O'Neill, was disqualified for membership owing to non-attendance. She requested the Council to fill these vacancies.

Mr Kehoe proposed and Mr Scallan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Mayor of Wexford (Mr W. H. McGuire) and Mrs Stafford, Matron St Peter's College, be appointed Members of Co Wexford Insurance Committee vice Sir T. Esmonde and Mr James Sinnott, resigned. That Mr O'Neill be asked if he will be able to attend the meetings of the Committee if re-appointed."

Administrative Expenses-War Pensions Act.

Under date 6th March 1919, the following was read from the Secretary, Co Wexford War Pensions Committee:-

"I am directed by my Committee to forward you for the sanction of your Council, the following Supplementary Estimate:-

Representing an increase of £25 per annum in the Secretary's salary from November 1st to December 31st, amount £4. 3. 4d and to request that your Council will approve of same.

I am further directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you that the Ministry have taken over payment from the 1st January, and that they are prepared to approve of the said amount, £4. 3. 4d provided that your Council will give sanction to their share."

"The Secretary to the Co Council stated he had been informed by the Clerk to the Local War Pensions Committee, that the share of the Co Council was £1. 7. 9d."

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



"That we recommend the County Council to approve of supplementary estimate for Administrative Expenses for County Wexford Local War Pensions Committee for period ended 31st December 1918, amount that the Council agree to pay- £1. 7. 9d- their proportion of same."

Pensions & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence under Pensions & Pharmacy Act to Mr James Codd, Enniscorthy Co-operative Stores, Enniscorthy, be renewed for year as from 2nd April 1919."

Irish Education Act.-Enniscorthy S. A. Committee.

Under date 31st January 1919, the Commissioners of National Education wrote, asking the County Council as the Local Authority under the Irish Education Act 1892, to appoint five members of Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

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

"That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be requested to nominate five members to serve on the Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee as from 1st June 1919, as the expenditure under this Act is charged to the Rural Districts."

Local War Pensions Committee.

The Secretary stated the following County Councillors had resigned Membership of the War Pensions Committee:- Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, A. Kinsella, P. O'Neill, J. A. Doyle, N.J. Cowman, and Sir T. H. G. Esmonde. It was necessary that their places should be filled, tho' it was not essential that the new representatives should be members of the County Council.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the name of Mr W. H. McGuire, Mayor of Wexford, was added to the War Pensions Committee, vice Mr J. A. Doyle, resigned."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock, the name of Capt C. C. Harvey was added to the Committee, vice Mr N. J. Cowman, resigned."

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



"That Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, A. Kinsella, P. O'Neill, and Sir T. Esmonde, be requested to nominate their successors as Members of the War Pensions Committee."

New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 4th March 1919, Mr J. J. Rochford, Secretary to New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, wrote that a vacancy existed on this Committee in consequence of the absence for six months consecutively of Mr Martin J. Kenny, Campile, and asking the County Council appoint a member to the vacancy.

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

"That the New Ross Rural District Council be requested to nominate a member for appointment on New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee (vice Mr M. J. Kenny, disqualified through absence) as the expenses of the Committee are a charge upon the Rural District."

County Surveyors & War Bonus.

Mr J. P. Burkett, Association of County Surveyors (Ireland) forwarded a request from his Association suggesting that any County Council which had not already given a War Bonus to its Staff should, in equity, do so, and more particularly to the County Surveyor and his Staff.

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Fowler, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the Circular letter from the Sec, to the County Surveyors Association as to War Bonus, be adjourned to next meeting, and that in the meantime the Co Surveyor ascertain the Counties which have granted War Bonus to their Officers and the amounts of same."

Application Increase of Salaries-Assistant Surveyors

Under date 2nd April 1919, Messrs John Kehoe, and W. H. Jones, Assistant Surveyors, applied for an increase in their salaries similar to that granted the other Assistant Surveyors, viz, to £150, and stated they would be much obliged if the Council would make the increase retrospective so as to date from the time of the increase given the other Assistants.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Fowler:-



"That the salaries of Messrs Kehoe, and Jones, Assistant Surveyors, be fixed at £150 per annum, as from this date to bring their salaries to the level granted the other Assistant Surveyors in the employment of the Council."

Assistant Surveyors & Monthly Payments.

Under date 3rd April 1919, Messrs T. Treanor, C. P. Curran, James Kirby, and R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, wrote that as their salaries were paid in four instalments at irregular intervals of from two to four and a half months, many unnecessary hardships were inflicted on them, and the purchasing power of their salaries was considerably reduced. In consequence they requested the Council to have their salaries paid monthly in future.

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

"That the application of four Assistant Surveyors for monthly payments of their salaries be refused."

Application Increase of Salary.

The following under date 14th March 1919, was read from Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown:-

"I respectfully apply for an increase in my salary on account of the small amount of same, and the increased cost of living.

I beg to add that my position was better 15 years ago before the Council took over the harbour.

I know there is no revenue coming in at present, but that is no fault of mine.

Everyone is getting on, has got a substantial increase in their wages, and I would expect after 14 years service, to receive at least a labourer's remuneration."

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

"That the salary of Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, be fixed at 15/- per week, from this date."

University Scholarship Scheme-Application Increase of Amount.

An application from Messrs J. E. Cosgrave, J. J. Travers, James Carty, Patrick O'Neill, and Peter Sinnott, University Scholarship



Holders for increase in amount of Scholarship (£50) adjourned from last meeting was considered. The application was based on increased Hostel fees, train and tram fares and books etc.,

At the last meeting of the County Council James O'Connor, who had joined the Army during the War applied to the Council for a reconsideration of amount of his Scholarship. Prior to joining the Army he had spent a year at medicine, and he wanted a change to Engineering and hoped the Council would allow him the three years scholarship by setting to his credit the £41. 10/- already paid on his Scholarship while studying medicine.

Under date 13th March 1919, he wrote in reply to query from the County Council, that the gratuity he received on leaving the Army was £10 from which was deducted £1 for overcost.

The Secretary gave the results of Scholarships which had been paid to the present as follows:-

Doctors	2
Teachers (Secondary)	10
Engineers	2
Admiralty	1
In Army	1
Clerical Work	1
Still Studying	2
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There were also 14 students who had not concluded their Scholarships.

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

"That no order be made on the application of five University Scholarship Holders for an increase in the amount of their Scholarship viz:- £50."

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

"That the County Council be recommended not to vary amount standing to the credit of Scholarship of Mr James O'Connor, viz:-

£50. 10/- for the first and second years and third years taken



together."

#### Election Expenses.

The Secretary pointed out that as regards the supply of stationery at each polling booth the amount allowed 6/- represented pre-war price. At the last Parliamentary Election in South Wexford for which he had acted as Returning Officer, the cost of stationery had been 14/- per station.

The Secretary also pointed out that as regards the Returning Officer's travelling expenses it would not be possible to meet these by the 4d per mile allowed in Scale of Expenses.

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

"That the Scale of Election Expenses for County & Rural District Councillors and for Guardians and County Councillors in Urban Districts be varied as follows:- That the amount for cost of stationery at each Polling Station be actual and necessary cost as per voucher. That the travelling expenses of Returning Officer and deputy Returning Officers be paid per actual and necessary cost supported by vouchers. That the limit of 6/- expenses for stationery at Polling station and 4d per mile as regards the travelling expenses of Returning and Deputy Returning Officers be struck out of the Scales mentioned in this resolution."

#### Elections of Guardians & County Councillors.

Under date 25th February 1919, the following was read from Messrs W. A. Browne, P. J. Shaw, and M. J. Finn, respectively Town Clerks of Wexford, Enniscorthy, and New Ross:-

"In view of the forthcoming Elections for Guardians and County Councillors, We beg to direct your attention to the Scale of Fees adopted by the County Council some 17 years ago, and which under existing circumstances are totally inadequate.

The fee allowed for acting as Returning Officer for the election of Guardians is only £3. 3/- and for acting as deputy Returning Officer for election of County Councillors is only £2. 2/-.

The Local Government Board at the first Election of Guardians, etc under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, fixed a fee of £10.10/- for these positions, and now under the increased Franchise, we respectfully request the Co Council to grant us a fee commensurate with the



responsibilities, duties, and liabilities, of these offices."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That the application of the Town Clerks of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, for increased fees as Returning Officer for Guardians and Deputy Returning Officer for County Councillors Election be refused."

#### Postponement Local Elections.

Under date 2nd April 1919, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 55M : 1919, Miscellaneous, that having regard to the latest information obtained from the Irish Office in connection with the Local Government (Ireland) Amending Bill the Board had no doubt that the Elections will be postponed to the later date fixed by the Bill.

In the circumstances the Councils concerned would no doubt consider it advisable to defer incurring expenditure in connection with County Elections pending the passing into law of the Bill now before Parliament.

"No Order"

#### Industrial & Reformatory Schools.

Rev Br Ryan, Artane Industrial School, under date 16th February 1919, wrote as follows:-

"May I ask you once again to bring before your Council, as early as possible, the difficulty that the Managers of the Industrial and Reformatory Schools have to carry on the management of their schools at the present rate. County Wexford and County Leitrim are the only Councils in Ireland that have declined to grant us the second increase of sixpence per head, per week, Your Council gave this increase to some schools but not to others. You are aware that the Treasury will not grant it unless the Council likewise grants it. Speaking for Artane if you take the wages increase to our staff it will give some idea of our financial difficulty. Our wages for 1918, is more than three thousand pounds (£3,000) over that given in 1917. Since making out that table the Secretaries of the following Trade Unions have notified a still further demand- Fitter, Blacksmith, Harness Maker, Baker, and Tailor. We are also told that Labourers will soon have to get 50/- a week. Add to all this the increase in cost of food and clothing for our children. May I then urgently request that

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and thereby enable us to secure the extra Treasury Grant.

Hoping for a favourable reply."

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr Bolger) seconded by Mr Kehoe the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That as from 1st April 1919, the Capitation Grant to Industrial and Reformatory Schools from this County Council be fixed at 3/6 per week."

#### Claim for Burial of Bacon.

Under date 18th March 1919, Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, applied for payment of £2 for burial of 400 pieces of bacon washed ashore on Ballyteigue Strand from 14th to 22nd January.

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

"That Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be paid a sum of £2 for the burial of 400 pieces of bacon on Ballyteigue Strand from the 14th January to 22nd January."

#### Rate Collection.

The Secretary reported that all the Rate Collectors had lodged the full amounts of their warrants; Mr Tobin, however, had been late in attending the Bank on 31st March, with the result that he did not close until 1st April.

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

"That as Collector Tobin was only a day late in closing his Rate Collection we request the sanction of the Local Government Board to allow of his poundage being paid."

#### CONFIRMATION FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE MINUTES.

On the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed:-

**Writing up Rate Books Etc:-** "That the temporary clerical Staff employed by the County Council in connection with the preparation of Rate Books, etc., for year 1919-20, be paid at the rate of 9d per hour, as from commencement of employment."



**Road Damaged by Traffic -U.S.Naval Air Station:-** "That the County Surveyor be authorised to furnish on the U.S.Naval Authorities claim for the full amount of cost of repair of all roads damaged by traffic in connection with the U.S.Naval Air Station at Ferrybank, Wexford."

Under date 8th March 1919, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, to the County Council:-

"In reply to yours with copy Resolution of the Co. Council relative to the Roads damaged by traffic from Ferrybank U.S.Naval Air Station.

This raises a very serious question as to how to make the U.S. Authorities liable for same, as of course if the Council went to sue them for damages they would immediately be met with the answer that being a Foreign Power they could not be sued here, and also that either the British Admiralty or the Board of Works were the proper parties to sue.

The only Act of Parliament I can find bearing on the subject is the Military Manoeuvres Act of 1897, but it only applies to certain things which may happen during Manoeuvres and does not in my opinion extend to anything that would take place during a State of War.

Such being the case unless the U.S.A.Naval Authorities would give a free grant for the repair of the roads I fear we would be unable to compel them.

I would further suggest that the Secretary be directed to write both to the Admiralty and the Board of Works informing them that these Roads have been very much damaged by the excessive traffic to and from the Air Station, and that they will now cost so much, (stating the estimated amount) to put them back into their former state and asking what they propose to do, as to compensating the Council for the damage.

I do not know what is being done in other Counties where the same thing has occurred, but I presume Mr Barry, County Surveyor, could ascertain this."

Under date 5th March 1919, James Fortune, Tubberfinnick, Crossabeg Contractor for Road 70W, wrote asking for a bonus in connection with Roads Nos. 64W and 70W, both of which had been damaged by the traffic in connection with United States Naval Seaplane Station.



Mr Barry, County Surveyor, read a long communication from U. S. Naval Air Station Headquarters for Ireland, in connection with the claim of the Council for damage to County roads.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:- "That the County Surveyor supply to U.S. Naval Air Station Irish Headquarters, particulars required by them in connection with the roads damaged by their traffic and that Mr Barry be authorised to deal generally with this matter."

Defaulting Contractors:- "That should the County Surveyor consider it advisable proceedings should be instituted against the following contractors, or their roads taken over under the 54th Sec of the Grand Jury Act:- 46R (John Hayes, Ballinruane, Duncannon) 98R, 102R (Pate Freeman, Ballyanne, New Ross) 99R, 160R, (Martin Nolan, Finchogue, New Ross) 240R (Thomas Browne, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge)."

#### Confirmation of Minutes of Proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Scallan:- "That the Minutes of Proposal Committee Meeting held this day be and are hereby approved."

#### Proposals for Payment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment of fixed items for salaries etc., as recommended by the Proposal Committee and by the Finance & Roads Committee be and are hereby adopted. That as recommended by these Committees a quarter's instalment be paid to the several Public Bodies financed by the Co Council."

#### Enniscorthy Courthouse

Under date 11th March 1919, Mr W. Moore, Clerk Petty Sessions, Enniscorthy, applied for coal for his office. At the time of his appointment the Caretaker informed him that she was in the habit of lighting a fire in the mornings and supplying no further coal. He purchased coal himself to keep fires lighted for the past three years. This year the Caretaker had not supplied any Coal for his office and he had to supply it himself. He had used this year one and a half tons costing £5. 14. 6d, and would be glad if the Council would allow



this amount."

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

"That the application of Mr Moore, C. P. S., Enniscorthy, for Coal allowance be adjourned to next meeting and that Mrs Lacey, Caretaker, Enniscorthy Courthouse, be asked to state how she utilises the coal purchased with the allowance of £9 made by the County Council and why she does not supply any fuel to the Petty Sessions Office."

### Roads in Enniscorthy Rural District-Road Board Grant &

#### -----Direct Labour-----

Under date 28th February 1919, the Clerk, Enniscorthy R. D. Council, forwarded the following resolutions which had been adopted by the Meeting of his Council on 26th February 1919:-

"That the County Surveyor prepare all necessary information and furnish all required particulars to the Road Board, and have all particulars ready for the Council's information at the April half-yearly Meeting, at which Meeting he is to submit a Proposal in connection with this matter for the consideration of the Council."

"That we protest against the manner in which the County Surveyor is dealing with the Roads that have been placed in his hands whether by the Co Council or those which he may have taken from Contractors, and that we call upon the County Council to have all direct labour employment in this District discontinued until our half-yearly Meeting in April, and that we request the County Council to have the manner in which Direct Labour work is being carried out at present inquired into."

In connection with the last mentioned resolution, the following resolution adopted at a Meeting of the Oylegate Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, was forwarded by Mr James Sinnott, Hon Sec:-

"That we strongly protest against the action of the Enniscorthy District Council (at their meeting in Enniscorthy on Wednesday 26th inst.,) in calling on the County Surveyor to discontinue the Direct Labour System on Roads, as in our opinion this is the best way to have the roads made passable. The state of the roads up to the km

to be brought into operation was in itself



sufficient evidence of the failure of the Contractors to carry out the work, and we call upon the County Council to use whatever power they have at their disposal to continue to have the roads repaired as they have been done in the Oylegate and adjoining districts for some time past. We call upon all branches of the Irish Transport General Workers Union to discuss the advisability of preventing their members from working on roads with contractors, and also quarrymen quarrying stones for contractors, until the question is finally settled in the interest of all concerned."

#### Direct Labour On Roads.

Under date 18th February 1919, the following was read from Mr C. Cullen, Secretary, South Wexford District Committee of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"At the meeting of the South Wexford Districts Committee of the I.T. & G.W.U., at which the following branches were represented:- Ballymore, Tacumshane, Lady's Island, Piercestown, Tagoat, Kilmore, Mayglass, and Rosslare, the following resolution was proposed by Mr James Ryan, Lady's Island, seconded by Mr Richard Madden, Kilmore:-

"That we call upon the County Council to adopt the direct labour system re the upkeep of roads as in our opinion the present system is an absolute failure, and we believe that the only scheme that will put the roads into passable condition, is by employing Direct Labour."

"No Order"

#### Road Limits-Enniscorthy, New Ross, & Wexford Districts.

Under date 4th March 1919, (letter No. 9364-1919, Wexford County) the Local Government Board wrote that they had given instructions for the preparation of an Order extending the limit of expenditure of Roads in Wexford Rural District to £9,200 for year ending 31st March 1920.

Under date 21st February 1919, letter was read from the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, forwarding extract from Minutes of Meeting of 19th February, with the following resolution:-

"That we request the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board to increase the limit of expenditure on Roads in the Enniscorthy Rural District to £13359 for one year only so as to call the incoming Council to deal with the matter next year."



Under date 8th February 1919, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, wrote forwarding copy of a letter from Local Government Board (7th Feb 1919, 2339-1919, New Ross Rural District) calling attention to the fact that the estimate of road expenditure adopted by the Council exceeded the existing limit of expenditure for the Rural District. The matter should be brought before the County Council in the first instance, with a request that the County Council would formulate an application to the Local Government Board under section 27 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, for such extension of the limit as may be found necessary.

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to increase the financial limit on roads in Enniscorthy Rural District to £13359 for one year only as requested by the Rural District Council. We desire to point out that according to the estimate of the County Surveyor, the Enniscorthy Rural District Council should have provided for an expenditure of £13732. 1. 10d on roads and £2582 deficit on the working of quarries and machinery or a total of £17314. 1. 10d in order to maintain the roads of their district in proper condition."

"That New Ross Rural District Council be informed that if they request the County Council to formulate to the Local Government Board an application for extension of limit of Road Expenditure, their request will be complied with."

Under date 20th March 1919, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 9364-1919, extending financial limit to <sup>127. £9200. 0. 0</sup> £7935. 10/- for Wexford Rural District, for financial year ending 31st March 1920.

#### Irrecoverable Rates.

Proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Scallan, and passed:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee be empowered to deal with claim for refund of Irrecoverable Rates made by Rate Collectors in respect of Rate for half-year ended 31st March 1919."

#### Arklow-Gorey Road.

Under date 24th March 1919, the following resolution was received from Inch Farmers' Association:-



"That we the Members of the Inch Farmers' Union, emphatically protest against the sort of material that is used on the Gorey-Arklow Road, particularly that from Tara Hill Quarry, as it is boulders instead of broken stones that are put out, and if this state of affairs continue the Road will soon become impassable for any traffic."

"No Order"

#### Kilrush Gullett.

Under date 5th March 1919, Mr Richard Codd, Kilrush, Strahart P.O. wrote submitting correspondence between himself and County Surveyor as to repair of Kilrush Gullett.

Under date 23rd November 1918, the County Surveyor pointed out to Mr Codd, that he was prepared to give the latter a Sudden Damage Order for £3 to carry out the work which Mr Codd could do to his own satisfaction but of course subject to the County Surveyor's approval.

Under date 28th November 1918, Mr Codd wrote that he would carry out the necessary work for the £3 but to his own satisfaction only.

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr Belger) Seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, endeavour to arrange with Mr R. Codd, Kilrush, Strahart, as to construction of gullett, and meet, as far as he possibly can, the wishes of Mr Codd in the matter."

#### Condition of Killurin Quay.

Under date 3rd March 1919, Mr P. Kehoe, Hon Sec., Glynn Farmers' Association, forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the last meeting of the Association:-

"That this meeting of the Glynn Farmers' Association begs to call the attention of the County Council to the scandalous condition of the quay at Killurin at the present moment. This quay which was repaired by local subscriptions some few years ago is not now of the slightest use to anyone in the locality. The place is covered over with timber and this Association demands an explanation as to why such a state of affairs is allowed to exist. There is no room to put a cot load of sand on it, or for the fishermen to land their nets. The road leading to the quay is almost impassable from Mr Cogley's. It is to be hoped that the present state of affairs will be



concerned removed."

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

"That the County Surveyor inform Mr S. Morris, Timber Merchant, Waterford, that in the use of Killurin Quay he will render himself liable to prosecution if the timber is laid down so as to cause an obstruction to the public or others who require the use of the structure for the purposes of business."

Paling Courtown Harbour.

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

"That Mr Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, be prosecuted should he refuse or neglect to remove perch at his premises which is an obstruction to the public. That Mr Elgee be instructed to communicate with Mr Williams in the matter."

Drain at Castleland, Ferns.

Under date 15th February 1919, the following addressed to Patrick Purcell, Ballintlea, Gorey, was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey:-

"Mrs Anna M. Darcy, of Castleland, has consulted us with reference to your action in stopping the drain which crosses the road near her house and which supplied her premises with water.

She informs us that as a result of your action the water supply has been completely cut off and she has suffered considerable damage. We understand that you as Contractor to the Co Council are responsible for the proper cleaning and repair of the gullet in question.

Unless within a week from this date the drain is properly cleaned and put in working order so that the water supply will be as heretofore we must take such steps against you or the Council as we may be advised. We are sending a copy of this letter to the County Council."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following order was made:- "Referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, County Surveyor in the meantime to report."



Audit Accounts.

Reports of Auditor of Local Government Board as to Audit of Accounts of Wexford Union and Rural District Council for half-year ended 30th September 1919, were laid before the meeting.

"No Order"

Proposed Second County Surveyor.

Some considerable time back the Enniscorthy Rural District Council adopted a resolution asking the County Council to appoint a second County Surveyor. This Council sent the resolution to other Rural District Councils for an expression of opinion but New Ross R. D. Council was the only one which dealt with the matter, and they were strongly against the resolution. The County Council asked for the opinion of the two other Districts of the County.

Under date 18th February 1919, the Acting Clerk Wexford R. D. Council wrote that his Council were strongly against the proposal-, while under date 24th February 1919, the Clerk Gorey R. D. Council, wrote that his Council were not in favour of the proposal.

"No Order."

Rent of St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

Under date 31st March 1919, the following letter was read from the Rev Mother St John of God Convent, Wexford:-

"When St Brigid's Home, as an Inebriate Home for Females, was closed last year owing to lack of inmates, the County Council were good enough (in view of the large outlay of the Community of St John of God, on the premises) to allow us to hold it at a rent of one shilling from 1st July 1918. Recently we have undertaken the nursing of wounded soldiers and sailors for the War Office, but as the work is of a very limited character to the present, the Community would be extremely grateful to the Council if they would see their way to allow us to hold the premises for another year on the same terms as obtained in 1918. After this we would be in a position to know what we could expect from the Military Authorities.

Thanking your Council in anticipation, and expressing our deep gratitude for their past kindnesses."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Community of St John of God,



Wexford, be allowed to hold St Brigid's Inebriate Home at a rent of 1/- per annum, as from 1st July 1919."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 12th February 1919, Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, wrote submitting the name of Mr Robert Connors, Esmonde St., Gorey, as one of his Sureties, vice Mr J. J. Redmond, Courtown Harbour, deceased.

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by the Chairman (Mr E. Belger) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey, be accepted as security for Mr Patrick Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, vice Mr J. J. Redmond, Courtown Harbour, deceased."

Under date 8th February 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (592/19, F. B. ) notifying arrangements for the attendance of their Engineer-Mr Hassard, M. I. C. E.,- to inspect breach in the bank retaining the river at Courtown Harbour.

Under date 7th March 1919, the Courtown Harbour Committee forwarded recommendation from their meeting of 4th March 1919, that the Harbour Master purchase ten oar poles at a cost not exceeding £5, and timber for repairing boats at a cost not exceeding £5.

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

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee be empowered to purchase ten oar poles at a cost not exceeding £5, and timber for repairing boats at a cost not exceeding £5."

Courtown Harbour Sewerage.

Under date 4th April 1919, the following was read from Mr R. Creighton, Clerk R. D. Council, Gorey:-

"Will you please bring before your County Council at their meeting next Tuesday, the question of the sewerage at Courtown Harbour and ask them to give their sanction to the District Council to construct a new sewer along a laneway at the rear of houses on South Side of Street to discharge into the basin.

The length of the proposed sewer would be about 25 yards and on that stretch there would be a fall of approximately 5 feet.

Mr Webster, Council's Engineer will furnish you with Maps and



levels if required."

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

"That the Gorey R. D. Council be allowed to construct new sewer in Courtown Harbour, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

#### Ways & Communications Bill.

Correspondence was received from the Joint Councils of Industrial Development Associations, and Cork Harbour Commissioners, protesting against the passage of the Ways & Communications Bill.

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

"That we protest against the provisions of Ways & Communications Bill as they apply to Ireland. We consider that the various systems of transport in Ireland should be mainly administered by an Irish Authority with full power to deal with local conditions."

#### Oulart Courthouse, Etc.,

Under date 31st March 1919, Messrs Stapford & Turner, Estate Agents, wrote that Oulart Courthouse and furniture would be sold by auction on 22nd April 1919.

"No Order"

#### Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory

Chatham Road

Dublin. 25th February 1919.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st December 1918.

165 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:-

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Milk	35
Butter	30
Buttermilk	17
Margarine	13



<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Lard	7
Mustard	4
Cheese	4
Cocoa	4
Rum	3
Rice	3
Dripping	3
Baking Powder	3
Port Wine	2
Tea	2
Epsom's Salts	1
Beef Suet	2
Cornflour	1
Guinness's stout	1
Beef dripping	1
Baking soda	1
Shredded suet	1
Bread soda	1
Bread	1
Honey	1
Ginger wine	1
Bass Ale	1
Coffee & Chicory	1
Condensed Milk	1
Sugar	1
Quaker Oats	1
Cream of Tarter	1
Olive Oil	1
Drug	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>165</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 19 per cent of added water, four certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 11, 11, 13, and 25 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, one certificate for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per



cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 13 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of dripping which proved to be suet or tallow.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 26 per cent of its fats, two certificates for specimens of milk deficient of at least 16 and 16 per cent of their fats respectively and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 30 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 6.67 per cent of water.

Two certificates were sent Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimens of rum which were 30 and 36 degrees under proof respectively and were therefore adulterated with 6.67 and 14.67 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Newtownbarry, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 32 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	17.500
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.003
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	4.750
Chlorine	2.330
Colour	colourless

A good water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, three drugs were analysed and were correct.

In the original report on the water above referred to, full ~~data~~ details, chemical, and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given.

Total analyses.....	181
Adulterated & defective articles.....	14

C. A. Cameron.



The following letter was read from Sir Charles Cameron, under date 12th February 1919:-

"A case in which I certified that buttermilk contained 32 per cent of added water came before the Petty Sessions at Newtownbarry a few days ago and was dismissed with £2. 2/- costs. A duplicate had been sent to the Government Laboratory, Somerset House, London, the chemists in which certified that "no added water" to it.

This buttermilk had been examined no less than three times and since this decision of the Magistrates, a fourth time, and with identical results. I have sent the rest of the sample to Somerset House, London, when I get the result, (which I am sure will confirm mine) I shall send it on to you. It is peculiar the remark "no added water" as buttermilk is not made without the addition of water.

Somerset House during the last forty years has invariably confirmed my results."

"No Order, as regards sample of buttermilk referred to in explanation of Sir Charles Cameron, being considered satisfactory."

Vice Presidency of Department of Agriculture  
& Technical Instruction.

A resolution was received from Monaghan County Council, viewing with "great mistrust" the action of the Government in appointing Mr Hugh T Barrie as Vice President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. Unless Mr Barrie be removed from the position the Monaghan County Council will not strike any rate for agriculture & technical instruction after March 1920.

"No Order"

Prisoners in Cork Jail.

The following resolution was received from Cork County Council:-

"That this Council condemns in the strongest possible manner the treatment being meted out to 32 Political Prisoners in Cork Jail at the present time, by which they are deprived of even the barest necessities of existence, are denied attendance at Mass, and subject to solitary confinement, without exercise, in a disused wing of the prison, and WE demand in the name of Christian Charity that those men and all men convicted of political offences be given Political Prisoners treatment according to the terms accepted by the Prisons



"A resolution couched in somewhat similar terms was received from Naas Board of Guardians."

"Resolutions adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by the Chairman (Mr Doyle)."

#### Ministry of Health Bill.

The Secretary to the National Association of Insurance Committee (Ireland) forwarded under date 11th March 1919, the following resolution adopted by his Association on 5th March:-

"That the National Association of Insurance Committees (Ireland) directly elected by and representing 900,000 Industrial Workers in Ireland demand that a Ministry of Health Bill-separate and distinct from the Ministry of Health Bill for Great Britain be passed for Ireland.

That such Bill be drafted in consultation with informed Irish Representative Opinion to suit the needs and requirements of this Country.

The Bill to be of such a nature as would enable proper and adequate facilities to be placed at the disposal of an Irish Authority for the prevention and cure of diseases and the treatment of physical and mental defects."

"No Order".

#### Old Age Pensions.

The following resolution was received from Hollywood Old Age Pension Sub-Committee:-

"That we urge that Persons applying for Old Age Pensions shall have to show that their means do not exceed £65 per annum being twice the amount of the present limit."

"No Order"

#### Reconstruction Work.

A resolution was received from Louth County Council pointing out that the sum of £250,000 promised by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, for re-construction was utterly inadequate and directing the attention of the Chief Secretary to an interview with Mr H. G. Burgess London & North Western Railway, which gave a list of important works necessary in connection with reconstruction.

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



"That in addition to the £250,000 about to be provided for reconstruction by the Government, we are of opinion that the money spent in unemployment benefit should have been devoted to useful work of reconstruction and if possible any amount standing to the credit of the fund should be so applied."

Payment to Quarrymen.

Mr James Murphy, Ballynamuddagh, The Ballagh, President Trades & Labour League, appeared before the meeting and asked that quarrymen's wages should be fixed at 7d per hour for summer rate instead of at 6d as adopted by Wages Committee recently. The men, he said, found they could not make a living wage at the 6d per hour.

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

"That the question of the wages to be paid quarrymen be adjourned until next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee and special reference be made to it on agenda paper of the meeting."

Road No. 23W.

Under date 7th April 1919, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Mr Patrick Conboy of Moorfields, has been with us in reference to the road leading from the Urban Boundary to Drinagh. You may remember that our Mr Brennan appeared before the County Council in the month of December last in reference to this road and the Contractor complained that he could not get the supply of stones from Kerlogue Quarry. It was then arranged between the Contractor and the County Surveyor that the Contractor was to have the amount of his contract less the value of the number of tons not supplied by the Quarry at 4/8d per ton, this to include spreading.

The Contractor now complains that the entire amount of the balance of the contract has been struck off, and on his instructions we have been asked to write this letter, and suggest that some member of the County Council goes to see the Road immediately, and if this member would please communicate to the Contractor the day upon which he goes, the Contractor would have somebody to meet him there. the County Council will thus be in a position to get information as to the condition of the road."



On the motion of the Chairman (Mr Belger) seconded by Mr Maddock, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, furnish a report as to Mr Conboy's complaint to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Extraordinary Traffic On Roads.

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

"That our Solicitor (Mr Elgee) be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary in connection with the following certificate and schedule of our County Surveyor as regards extraordinary traffic on roads:-

"I, pursuant to Sec 1 of the 1st Geo V Cap 45 The Public Roads (Ireland) Act 1911, Hereby Certify that having regard to the average expense of repairing a number of roads in the County Wexford, more particularly set out in attached schedule, for the repair and maintenance of which the County Council of the County of Wexford are liable and have undertaken to repair, Extraordinary Expenses have become necessary for the repairing of said roads by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same or extraordinary traffic thereon by reason of transport and haulage of Timber.

And I further certify that in my opinion it will require the several sums as set out in attached schedule to put said Roads into proper state of repair and that I have estimated for said ~~said~~ sums for such purpose."

Index No.	Estimated cost of Repair.	Index No.	Estimated cost of Repair.
	£		£.
2G	150	187R	75
3G	262	93R	90
4G	150	94R	140
123G	225	20R	72
59E	90	21R	120
105E	120	102R	42
257E	120	143R	45
250E	90	139R	36
277E	60	59W	112
280E	90	12W	90
343E	60	13W	225
6R	120	58W	30
7R	120	6W	80
216R	75	7W	54
221R	60	67W	36
223R	50	103W	110
228R	35	21W	72
242R	35	109W	50
199R	75	110W	30
		721W	45



Defaulting Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to institute proceedings against the following Road Contractors or take up their roads under the 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act, should he deem such a course advisable:- 11E, 64E, Christopher Molloy, 74E Thomas Dempsey, 73E, 36E Patrick Bailey, 184E Thomas O'Hara, 157E Michael Dempsey, 186E Robert Brien, 118E Patrick Higgins, 119G William Doyle, 121G Peter Whitty, 129G John Byrne, 131G Michael Byrne, 183G James O'Brien, 78W Edward Reid, 88W William Murphy, 91W Daniel Commers."

Preparation of Rate Books.

The permanent Staff of the County Council applied for the same remuneration for work at Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books (carried out in their own time) as the temporary staff had been granted and pointed out that the rate which they were in receipt of at present was lower than was paid the temporary staff.

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

"That in connection with the work of writing up Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books, the permanent Staff of the Council (Messrs T. A. Frizelle, C. H. Richards, and J. H. Cadogan) be paid at the following rates, viz:- 9d per 30 ratings (Originals-Rate Books) 9d per 35 Ratings (Copy-Rate Books) 9d per 18 for writing up Receipt & Demand Notes."

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(Signed)

*John Boyle*

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1919.