

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 6th AUGUST 1913.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th August 1913.

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

Other Members:-Messrs Patrick Rossiter, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, P. J. Fanning, J. Lynch, James Codd, M. Doyle Senr., M. Gough, M. Cloney, M. Doyle Junr., John O'Connor, Lord Stopford, Mark Codd, T. L. Esmonde.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Notice of Motion.

Mr J. J. Stafford moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Council consider the advisability of providing the County Surveyor with a Motor Car."

"Referred to Finance & Roads Committee"

The late Mr James Ahearne.

Proposed by Mr Cloney, Seconded by Mr O'Neill, and passed:-

"That we express our deep regret at the demise of our late Colleague, Mr James Ahearne, and offer to his Widow and family, our sincere condolence in their bereavement."

By the death of Mr Ahearne our public life has been deprived of an able and upright Administrator, while Ireland mourns the loss of an unselfish and sterling patriot."

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the several payments for quarterly accounts, etc., as agreed to be the Proposal Committee be paid and Treasurer's Advice Notes be issued in respect of same, with the exception of claims of £1. 16. 4 for telegrams from Messrs French, Roche and Dr Lawler, Coroners, which we

direct to be struck out of the said Treasurer's Advice Notes."

University Scholarships.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Gough, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the balance standing to the credit of each University Scholarship Holder for first and second year Scholarships after payment of University and Hostel fees be paid at this meeting as provided for by the University Scholarship Scheme."

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Gough, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That continuing University Scholarships be awarded Messrs James Power, and James Ryan, Misses Mary H. McGrath, and Mary G. Furlong, (third year). Mr George F. Duggan, Misses Mary J. Byrne, Margaret Furlong (second year), and continuing bursaries to Miss Philomena Ryan and Thomas C. Hassett, (second year), provided satisfactory reports as to attendance and progress be received from the University Authorities."

Transfer of Road Contract.

Michael Devereux, Curraghmore, Arthurstown, applied to the Council to assign his contract on Road No. 202 to Patrick Doody, Curraghmore.

"After considerable discussion it was unanimously decided to refuse the application."

Government Grants.

Under date 15th July 1913, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding an Order for payment of £1,035 : 1 : 8d on account of Medical & Educational Expenditure of the Boards of Guardians of the County in respect of year ending 30th September 1913.

Under date 15th July 1913, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding an Order for £138 for the salaries of Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts of the County in respect of year ended 30th September 1913.

Marked "Read"

Temporary Leave-Assistant Surveyor Hassett.

Under date 24th July 1913, the Local Government Board wrote, letter No. 38296-1913, Wexford County:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the

Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 15th instant, containing an entry of a resolution granting Mr Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, temporary leave of absence to undertake the duties of Engineer to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council.

The Board note from recent correspondence that Mr Hassett had been absent from duty through illness for a considerable part of this year, and as it would appear that his whole time is required for County work, the Board do not consider that the arrangement now proposed is desirable. It is essential at this season of the year that proper attention be given to road supervision, and the Board would specially refer the County Council to their letter of the 3rd April last in which it was pointed out that no person can legally perform the duties of an Assistant Surveyor unless he is duly qualified in accordance with Statute."

Marked "Read"

Sealed Order.-Caim Post Office.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 32378 relative to guarantee a sum of £8 : 6 : 0d to the Postmaster General by the Enniscorthy Rural District for any loss he might sustain through the working of telegraph business at Caim Post Office.

Marked "Read"

Bonds of Officers of County Insurance Societies.

Under date 25th June 1913, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 32618-1913, Misc, pointing out that if any deficiency in the funds of a County Insurance Society is shown to arise wholly or partly from the malversation or misappropriation of the officers of such Societies, the Insurance Commission shall be entitled to recover from the County Council the amount of such deficiency in so far as it is not made good by the defaulting officer or other person.

The appointment of officers of a County Society were subject to the approval of the County Council and it was therefore open to the County Council to insist that each such officer should furnish a bond of such amount and on such conditions as to prevent the possibility of the County funds being called upon to meet any liability under the bond given by the Co. Council to the Insurance Commission. It should be required that such bonds should in all cases be given to the County Council either solely or, if this course is not practicable, to the County Council and County Society (or Trustees) jointly and severally. The County Council would do well to

secure that the bonds of the officers should be drawn in such form as to prevent liability being repudiated on technical grounds. The County Council might accordingly have the bonds in each case examined by their Solicitor special regard being paid to the obligations of the County Council both as to the amounts of security and otherwise undertaken in pursuance of the bond given by the County Council to Insurance Commission.

Provision should also be made for securing that the bonds may be kept in force from time to time by the payment of annual premiums or substitution of sureties as each case may require."

"Mr Elgee stated that the instructions of the Local Government Board had been observed."

Motor Licence Duties.

Under date 28th July 1913, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of the Motor Licence duties levied during the year ended 31st March 1913 by each County and County Borough in Ireland.

The amount of the fees collected in Wexford was £377 : 14 : 6d.

Marked "Read"

Tuberculosis Order.

With reference to the proposal of the County Council to employ Dr W. P. Kelly, Enniscorthy, for the purpose of carrying out the bacteriological and microscopical examinations necessary in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, the following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 16th instant, I have to state that the Department have further carefully considered the question with which the first of the two resolutions embodied therein is concerned.

The position, however, in relation to the working of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order is that the responsibility for diagnosis of any reported case rests with the Veterinary Inspector, and his report is the guide to the Local Authority's subsequent action. It is, moreover, to be desired that microscopic examinations, where deemed advisable for the purposes of diagnosis in relation to suspected cattle, should be carried out by a person possessing veterinary qualifications or experience.

Administrative convenience also points to the suitability of dealing with the Order through the duly appointed staff, and on all these grounds the

Department adhere to the view that it would be disadvantageous to complicate matters by bringing in the services of a medical practitioner. They are accordingly not prepared to sanction the proposal received from Dr Kelly."

"Under date 21st July 1913, a letter was read from Mr Dobbyn, V. S., asking when he might expect to be furnished with a microscope."

Mr Stafford proposed:-

"That an outfit for bacteriological and microscopical examinations in connection with Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order be procured at a cost not exceeding £25. That Mr Richard Malone V. S., Wexford, be appointed for six months to carry out the examinations necessary at the following scale of charges, Viz:- examination of Milk at a charge of 2/6 per sample, faeces at 4/- per sample, and blood at 5/- per sample. That at the end of six months the outfit be transferred to the custody of Mr Wm Doyle V. S., Enniscorthy, for a further six months, thence to Mr James Malone, Gorey, for six months and then to Mr Taylor, New Ross for six months, after which the same method of circulation of the outfit to be observed provided that the Veterinary Surgeons accept for this work the remuneration which has been offered to Mr R. Malone."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

Mr M. Doyle Junr., as an amendment, moved:-

"That the County Council provide for use in connection with Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order one outfit for the necessary microscopical and bacteriological examinations, cost not to exceed £25. That Mr R. Malone V. S., Wexford, be appointed to carry out this work for the County for six months at remuneration according to the following scale Viz:- Milk at 2/6 per sample, faeces at 4/- and blood at 5/- per sample, At the end of six months the County Council to take into consideration the best manner of dealing with this work for the future."

Mr Rossiter seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result :-

For the Amendment:- Messrs Mayler, M. Doyle Junr., Rossiter, Chairman, Lord Stopford, Fanning, J. Codd, and Cloney. - 8.

Against:- Messrs Esmonde, O'Neill, Stafford, Lynch, M. Doyle Sr., Gough, and M. Codd.-7 .

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was agreed to nem con.

Administration of Diseases of Animals Acts.

The Secretary mentioned that some confusion obtained at present in connection with the working of the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts, as portion of the business was transacted by the County Council as Local Authority, and portion by the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, which had been appointed as the Executive Committee of the Council under these Acts.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction were prepared to sanction an arrangement by which the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction would deal with all matters in connection with the Act, or act on a special reference to attend to all details subject to the reservation that all questions involving increased expenditure should receive the special approval of the County Council.

Dealing with the General question of the administration of the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts, the following resolution was received from Dublin County Council:-

"That in view of the increased expenditure which the administration of the Tuberculosis Order 1913, will impose upon County Councils in Ireland, this Council is of opinion that the Irish Government should now co-ordinate the working of the existing Veterinary services throughout the Country, thereby securing greater uniformity and more efficient administration as well as a considerable saving in expense."

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

"That all matters of detail in connection with the administration of the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts, be dealt with by the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction acting as Executive Committee under these Acts, subject to the reservation that all questions involving increased expenditure be submitted to the County Council for their approval."

"on the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Lynch, the resolution of the Dublin County Council as to the co-ordination of the Veterinary Services of the Country, was adopted.

University Scholarships Scheme 1913-14.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Doyle Junr., the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme for 1913-14, as submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee and agreed to by representatives of the Gaelic League."

Sheep Dipping Order-Summer Period.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, Seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That prosecutions be instituted in all cases of sheep owners who have failed to dip their sheep within the Summer dipping period."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to employ the necessary men in order to obtain the best results from the working of the County Stonebreakers, wages in each case not to exceed 24/- per week, and to be covered by hireage agreements with contractors."

Proposed by Mr Lynch, Seconded by Mr Stafford and passed:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be empowered to employ two men (one for each County Stonebreaker) to supervise the work of the Stonebreakers at weekly wages not to exceed 24/- per week each case, amount to be included, in hireage charge to Road Contractors."

"That the County Surveyor be given permission to erect a Press in the entrance hall of the prisoners' room of the County Courthouse, for storeage of machinery parts."

"Confirmed"

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to have proper ad valorem stamps attached to quarry agreements entered into by the County Council."

"Confirmed"

"That Patrick Byrne, Blacksmith at Tara Hill Quarry, be granted permission to cease work at 2 p.m., on Saturdays the same as the other employees at the quarry."

"Confirmed"

"That the salary of Mr M. J. O'Leary, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office be fixed at £65 per annum, That he be instructed to commence

work each day at 9 a.m.,"

Mr M. Doyle Junr., moved:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee increasing the salary of the Clerk to the County Surveyor."

Lord Stopford seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Doyle's Motion:- Messrs Esmonde, Mayler, M. Doyle Junr., O'Neill, Chairman, Lord Stopford, Fanning, Lynch, Gough, Cloney, and M. Codd.-11.
Against:- and in favour of confirming the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:- Messrs Rossiter, Stafford, and James Codd.- 3.

"The Chairman declared the resolution dissenting from the Committee's recommendation carried."

"It was decided to effect an indemnity policy of Insurance for three steam rollers and 4 traction engines and trailers £500 one accident, and £500 one machine, premium £22 : 10/- with the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd.,"

"It was also decided that the County Surveyor insure boiler of engine at Tara Hill Quarry, with the same Company at a premium of £1: 15/-"

"The recommendation of the Committee was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Fanning, license under Poisons & Pharmacy Act held by Mr James Cullen, Taghmon, was renewed."

Increased Railway Rates.

The following letter under date 18th July 1913, (No. G 2649-'13) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council in regard to increases of railway rates, and to state that the rates charged on the 30th June 1900 on the lines now forming the Great Southern & Western system, cannot be increased without the consent of the Railway and Canal Commissioners. In the case of other Irish Railway Companies the previous consent of the Railway and Canal Commissioners is not required for increases of rates. Any complaints that the increased

rates are unreasonable may however be brought for determination before the Railway & Canal Commissioners, but not until such complaints have first been made to and considered by the Board of Trade under Section 31 of the Railway & Canal Traffic Act, 1888. In this Section it is provided that-"Whenever any person receiving or sending or desiring to send goods by any railway is of opinion that the railway Company is charging him an unfair or unreasonable rate of charge, or is in any other respect treating him in an oppressive or unreasonable manner, such person may complain to the Board of Trade".-

The Department are empowered under Section 17 of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, to appear as complainant on behalf of persons aggrieved in reference to matters which the Railway & Canal Commissioners have jurisdiction to hear and determine and which relate to agriculture or other industry, and the Department are prepared to consider representations from aggrieved persons with a view to exercising this power in suitable cases. The increases in question have, however, a wider scope, relating as they do to goods generally, and the Department desire to bring under the notice of the Wexford County Council the fact that under Section 7 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, a County Council may make to the Commissioners any complaint which the Commissioners have jurisdiction to determine. The complaint may in such a case be made without proof that the Council is aggrieved by the matter complained of."

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

"That this matter be left in the hands of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, with the request from this Council that the Department by every means in their power oppose all increases in railway rates for carriage of Goods, etc.,"

County Insurance Committee.

Under date 22nd July 1913, (letter No. 33625-'13) the Insurance Commission wrote approving of the appointment of Messrs J. J. Stafford, and James Codd, as additional representatives of the County Council.

Marked "Read"

Deck Regulations.

Under date 25th July 1913, the Inspector of Factories, wrote

pointing out that a copy of the Dock Regulations should be posted at the Quay, Fethard, Duncannon Quay, and Arthurstown Quay, Life saving appliances were also required at Fethard Quay.

"The Secretary said he had procured the copies of the Dock Regulations required and had sent them to the lamplighters for posting. The County Surveyor had made a proposal for Lifesaving apparatus at Fethard."

Duncannon Hulk.

Letters were read from Mr W. G. Forrestal, Duncannon, calling the attention of the County Council to the necessity of having Duncannon Hulk repaired in order to meet the wants of the people of the district.

Marked "Read"

New Ross Bridge.

With reference to the question raised by the New Ross Harbour Board asking the County Council to instruct the caretaker of New Ross Bridge not to allow any vessel through the structure unless in charge of a Pilot.

Mr Elgee Solicitor to the Council, wrote that the Caretaker had no power in the matter, and if the County Council wished that he should have such power, it would be necessary for them to adopt a by-law to this effect.

Marked "Read"

Asphalte Footpath-New Ross Bridge.

Under date 14th July 1913, the following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That the Wexford County Council be asked to have an asphalte footpath constructed on the New Ross Bridge instead of the present gravel surface one."

"Referred to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, for report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Town Tenants' League.

Under date 24th July 1913, letter was read from the General Secretary to the Town Tenants' League, asking the Council to appoint two or more delegates to the annual convention to be held in Dublin on the 28th August.

On the motion of Mr Doyle Senr., seconded by Mr Fanning, Mr John Bolger, Chairman, and Mr James J. Stafford, were appointed the delegates to the Annual Convention.

Analyst's Report.

The following Report was read:-

City Laboratory,

17 Castle Street,

Dublin. 28th July 1913.

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 30th June 1913.

130 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	50
Butter	38
Whiskey	18
Buttermilk	11
Cheese	5
Margarine	2
Rum	2
Gin	1
Port Wine	1
Ginger Wine	1
Brandy	1
Total	<u>130</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Groves, Enniscorthy, for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 41 and 66 per cent of added water respectively exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Breadon, Clonroche, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Howard, Newtownbarry, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 23 per cent of its fats.

There were ten specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford and were pure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twentyseven drugs and a specimen of tea were analysed. One drug was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs, three specimens of wine and two of whiskey were analysed. Two drugs were incorrect.

For Messrs John Daly & Son., Wexford, one specimen of pollard was analysed.

For Mr Peter White, Enniscorthy, one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

For Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one fertilizer was analysed.

For T. L. Esmonde, Esq, Ballycourcy, Enniscorthy, one specimen of water was analysed and had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matter, 92.400

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia 0.006

Saline Ammonia 0.0035

Nitric Acid 9.120

Chlorine 5.160

Colour semi-opaque

A good water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

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

Total analyses.....201

Adulterated and defective articles..... 7

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read:-

"Within the last couple of weeks the two stonebreakers have come to hands and have been erected and sent out through the country. The fitter sent by the Makers attended on the first journey with each machine, and started the working, his expenses are included in the quotation, but I had to employ assistance for the erection of the machines and this I consider is covered by the quotation and I am asking for refund of the

amount. The certificates for this outlay are on the present pay sheets.

Owing to the late period of the year at which the machines were purchased I find that most of the Contractors in New Ross District have already made their arrangements for stonebreaking, and very probably I shall have to cease work with No. 2 Breaker for this season.

No arrangements have been made as to where the machines should be kept when not at work and this should be decided now.

I recently removed the Roller working in Gorey District to Newtownbarry as I found a difficulty in arranging for work in Gorey, but it will return to this district to carry out the Road Board work later on. I delayed commencing the work on Gorey Streets owing to the very dry weather which would have been unsuitable for the best carrying out of the work.

Re Courtown Harbour- I have letters from Mr King, who has in hands the survey and Borings, that the work is now completed, but he is not able to have full report in time for this meeting so the matter must stand adjourned.

Recently I had some repair work done to the breakwater at Kilmore Harbour, and on my inspection of it on the 24th ult., I found it satisfactorily completed. Bills for this work are certified for and will be before you.

On the 31st ult., I inspected Fethard Harbour and found no provision made of life saving apparatus and as the Inspector of Factories requires this to be provided I ask for your authority.

On the same date I inspected Slade Harbour and in connection with this I now certify payment for the new bollards.

The building of the protection wall at Boyce's Bay is in progress. I have a Clerk of Works employed to superintend this important job, and Mr Jones, Mr Treanor and myself, have visited the place on several occasions.

The tenders for Duncannon Hulk repair will be before you for consideration.

The work at Tara Hill Quarry is progressing in a satisfactory manner. I have received from Mr Paddle a communication addressed to the Chairman regarding his duties at the Quarry, but as it was not received in time to go on the Agenda Paper it may be well if you refer it to the Roads & Finance Committee for their report.

I now have in hands the repair work on the Wexford new Bridge, and am restricting it to defective timbers, etc., that cannot be depended

upon as quite safe. The work is progressing satisfactorily.

On the 29th ult., I made a thorough examination, as far as was possible, of the Abutments of the Deeps Bridge, and I ask for your authority to incur such extra expenditure as may be necessary to rebuild or re-model these to suit the new bridge. I shall submit a Proposal to cover the cost at your November meeting, if it cannot now be dealt with.

The old structure is now being dismantled and it is quite evident that the old bridge was in a very dangerous condition. The contractors are making good progress with their work for the rebuilding.

The recent dry weather has caused a large number of roads to loosen^{up} badly, and in some cases it has been almost impossible to keep them free from scattered stones. I have instructed the Assistant Surveyors to get Contractors to gather loose stones as often as possible and many of them have done good work in this direction."

"The question of arranging for storage of stonebreakers was referred to Mr Barry, County Surveyor."

"In connection with the claim of Mr Paddle, it was decided that the matter come before the Finance & Roads Committee for report."

"It was decided that proposals for erection of abutments for Deeps Bridge, not to exceed £500, repair Duncannon Hulk not to exceed £312, and procuring life saving apparatus at Fethard Harbour, not to exceed £2, be given in charge of the County Surveyor."

"It was decided that report from the Engineers at Courtown Harbour re Borings, be considered at next meeting of the Council."

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 12th day of November 1913.