

MEETING.- 3rd APRIL 1918.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd April 1918.

Mr Michael Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:-Messrs Maddock, Barry, Cloney, Whelan, O'Byrne, Cowman, Stafford, O'Neill, Scallan, James Codd, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, Thorpe, Redmond, T. Asple, A. Kinsella, J. J. Kehoe.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr Mayler, County Councillor.

Under date 6th March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr Philip E. Mayler, and on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, it was decided that the letter should be inserted on the Minutes of the Meeting:-

"My Sister brother and myself, are most grateful for the resolution of sympathy to us in our bereavement of our brother John, which the Finance & Roads Committee passed last week, and also for your own kind words which accompanied it."

Striking of Rate.

Proposed by Mr O'Neill,

Seconded by Mr Cowman.

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1918-19, as agreed to at Meeting of the County Council on 6th February 1918, 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 Chairman and two Members present at this Meeting be adopted, attested by the Seal of the 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 County Council on the Urban Councils of

Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amount demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for credit items being:-

District	Co. Charges	Union Charges	Separate Charges.	Total.
Enniscorthy	661. 14. 8	701. 7. 8	8. 15. 1	1371. 17. 5
New Ross	649. 17. 5	1028. 14. 6	26. 11. 3	1705. 3. 2
Wexford	1417. 9. 9	1626. 4. 2	18. 8. 3	3062. 2. 2

Chargeability of Machinery & Quarries.

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

"That a Scheme be devised by which each Rural District of the County will contribute to Quarry Expenditure in proportion to the amount of material prepared in the several quarries for each District, and as regards Machinery Account, that each Rural District be debited with the cost of the working of machinery in proportion to the utilisation of said machinery in each Rural District."

"That capital expenditure for Quarries and Machinery be treated as a County-at-Large Charge and that in order to carry out the recommendation of debiting each Rural District with the cost of the working expenses of Quarries and Machinery in proportion to the actual benefit derived by each district, the Co. Surveyor furnish at the end of each half-year, a statement of the allocation of the amount of expenditure and receipts on quarries and machinery applicable to each Rural District of the County in respect of the said half-year. That the County Surveyor and Secretary submit to next meeting of the Council particulars of any items of expenditure paid within the financial year ended 30th September 1917, but in respect of other periods the amount of money due by the Road Board, and how much of this amount has been actually earned, the approximate value of material on hand in the quarries at the end of September 1917, and any other particulars which they consider it advisable should be brought to the knowledge of the Council, in explanation of the amount of deficit on the working of quarries and machinery."

Mr Thorpe moved the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee

be confirmed. Mr Cowman seconded.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Maddock, Cloney, O'Byrne, Thorpe, Cowman, Stafford, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman.- 9.

Against:- Messrs Barry, Whelan, Asple, O'Neill, Scallan, Redmond, Mark Codd.- 7.

The Chairman declared the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee confirmed.

Mr Thorpe proposed, Mr Cowman seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the system as outlined in the above resolution regarding the chargeability of quarries and Machinery commence as from 1st April 1918."

Resignation of Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 14th March 1918, the following was read from Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as Assistant Surveyor to your Council."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation

That the resignation of Mr T. Paddle, be accepted as from 31st March 1918. That advertisement be issued by our Secretary for Assistant Surveyor for Gorey Rural District, at a salary of £100 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £120 (conditional on satisfactory service) and with a further £5 per annum for work in connection with Tara Hill Quarry, two months' notice on either side to determine the appointment which is to be made on 3rd April 1918."

"The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor.

Applications for the position of Assistant Surveyor vacant through the resignation of Mr T. Paddle, were received from:-

- 1.- Mr William Fortune, 5 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.
- 2.- Mr James Kirby, B. E., Tipperary.
- 3.- Mr Matthew J. Byrne, Assistant Surveyor, Co. Carlow.

Mr William Fortune wrote, under date 1st April 1918, withdrawing his candidature.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That Mr James Kirby B. E., be appointed Assistant Surveyor for No.1 District (Gorey Rural District) at a salary of £100 per annum, (to cover travelling and out-of-pocket expenses, except postage) rising by annual increments of £5 (conditional upon satisfactory service) to £120 per annum, a further sum of £5 per annum to be allowed for work in connection with Tara Hill Quarry. The appointment is subject to the sanction of

the Local Government Board, and carries the right of the County Council to transfer the successful candidate to another District of the County.

That appointment be determined by two months' notice in writing on either side."

The successful Candidate submitted testimonials from the following:-

Rev Arthur Ryan P. P., V. G., Tipperary, Pierce F. Purcell, M. A. M. A. I., Assoc. M. Inst., C. E., Professor of Civil Engineering National University, and John B. Kirby, Assistant Surveyor, Tipperary.

Representation of the People Act 1918.

Letters under date 20th February, and 26th February 1918, (No. 9515-1918) was read from the Local Government Board, dealing with the provisions in the Representation of the People Act 1918, as to the power of County Councils etc., in connection with the division of parliamentary constituencies into polling districts, and the appointment of polling places. In Wexford County the portion of Rosbercon Urban (included in Urban District of New Ross for local government purposes) was now transferred to the Parliamentary division of South Wexford.

The Local Government Board held it was necessary that the County Council should hold a meeting not later than 6th March for the purpose of considering the effect which the alteration in South Wexford division would have upon the existing polling districts of that Constituency.

The Secretary stated that the question of the appointment of new polling places for North and South Wexford divisions had been fully considered by the Council in 1910 and 1911, and at the Meeting of 3rd May 1911, the Council had adopted a Scheme for the alteration and constitution of County polling districts, which the Clerk of the Crown & Peace considered would meet all requirements under the

Representation of the People Act 1918. The Scheme had in fact been originally drafted to meet extended franchise.

Proposed by Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the Scheme adopted by the Wexford County Council at the Quarterly Meeting held on 3rd May 1911, for alteration and constitution of Polling Districts be hereny confirmed as in respect of "The Representation of the People Act 1918". That the Voters of Rosbercon Urban area formerly included in New Ross Urban District for local government purposes, and now included by Representation of the People Act 1918 in South Wexford Parliamentary Constituency, poll in New Ross Courthouse."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation

"That we recommend the Council to direct that the Register to be made out under the Representation of the People Act 1918, be prepared as for the Registration Units in Rural Districts in Alphabetical lists of townlands and Alphabetical order of names in said townlands, and for Registration Units in Urban Districts in Streets, the names of Voters to be set out in Alphabetical order in such streets."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Scallan".

In connection with the printing of Register under the Representation of the People Act 1918, the Local Government Board wrote under date 28th March 1918 (Printing Arrangements) that half the expenditure in respect of the required printing would be defrayed by the State, all tenders for printing would have to be examined and approved by H. M. Stationery Office, which would consider any recommendations submitted by the Council as regards acceptance of tender. All tenders should be sent to Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office on or before 30th April 1918.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, and adopted:-

"That the consideration of tenders for printing Parliamentary and Local Government Register be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee, which is hereby empowered to submit recommendations as to tenders for printing of said Register to the Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office Dublin. That a special meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee be held on 24th April 1918, at 2.30 p.m., to deal with this matter. That

April, and as there is no contract existing with the local papers, that he consult with the Chairman as to advertising in a daily newspaper circulating in the district, should any cause arise in connection with the insertion of the advertisement in the local papers, which in their opinion would make it inadvisable to so advertise."

Postponement of Appointment of Committees.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 163M : 1917, under date 14th February 1918, made under Section 2 of the Parliamentary and Local Elections (No. 2) Act 1917, and postponing the appointment of Asylum Committee, County Infirmary Committee, and Tuberculosis Committee for one year.

Marked "Read"

Assistant Surveyors Jones & Kehoe.

Under date 4th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 6570 : 1918 Wexford Co.,) approving of the increase in the salaries of Messrs Kehoe & Jones. Assistant Surveyors, from £105 to £120 each per annum.

Marked "Read"

Road Expenditure Limits.

Under date 14th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote, (10216-1918, Wexford County) stating they had given instructions for the preparation of Orders assenting to extensions of the limit of expenditure on roads for the year ending the 30th March 1919 as follows:-

Gorey Rural District.- to £7727. 16. 7d

Wexford Rural District.-to £8500.

Marked "Read"

Security of Rate Collectors.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee of Meeting of 20th March was submitted:-

"In connection with fidelity guarantee bonds for Rate Collectors Messrs J. Sinnott, J. Cummins, and P. Codd, Collectors, appeared before the Meeting and pointed out that the Rate Collectors had written to 31 Insurance Companies, and could not receive any better terms for fidelity guarantee bonds than £1 per cent and counter security.

The Collectors, the deputation stated, were in the past charged 7/6

per cent, and they now proposed either that the County Council should accept personal security, or pay 12/6 per cent to the Guarantee Society accepted, and which represents the difference between the usual charge to the present, and the new proposal of Insurance Companies.

The Secretary explained that if the Council agreed to pay for the fourteen Rate Collectors a sum of 12/6 per cent, the annual charge on the Council would be £76. 11. 3d.

The Finance & Roads Committee had referred the above matter to the County Council.

Under date 12th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 35M. 1918 Miscellaneous) asking what arrangements had been made respecting the security of Rate Collectors for the financial year commencing the 1st April 1918.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That no action be taken as regards the application of the Rate Collectors for a change in the method of their suretyship.

That they be directed to furnish without delay the usual Fidelity Guarantee Bonds to the Secretary so as to enable them to commence their collection.

That they be also informed that if they put before the Council any alternative Scheme by which they would be financially benefited as regards security the County Council will give it their most earnest consideration."

On the motion of Mr J. A. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the General Council of Irish County Councils be requested to formulate a comprehensive scheme of Insurance to cover all Insurance effected by County Councils and other Public Bodies,"

Speed of Motor Vehicles.

Under date 4th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 6570-1918, Wexford Co.,) forwarding letters which they had addressed to the Newcastle Urban Council on the subject of limitation of the speed of motor vehicles in towns and villages.

The Co Council might make representations to the Police

Authorities as to the strict enforcement of the provisions of the Motor Car Act 1903.

In the letters addressed to the Newcastle Urban Council under date 16th February 1910 (15802-1910 Newcastle Urban District) and 24th March 1916, (No. 1051-1916 Newcastle Urban District) the Local Government Board pointed out that under Section 8 of Motor Car Act 1903, the Local Government Board are empowered to make regulations to restrict the driving of any motor car on any road on which ordinary motor car traffic would, in the Board's opinion, be specially dangerous. Section 2 of the same Act gave power to a police constable to apprehend without warrant the driver of any car who drives recklessly or negligently on a public highway or at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public.

Section 9 (1) of the Act provides that a person shall not drive a motor car on a public highway at a speed exceeding 20 miles an hour, and within areas regarding which restrictions of speed have been made by order of the Local Government Board at a speed exceeding ten miles an hour.

The Board would require full evidence to show that the exercise of the police powers does not adequately meet the circumstances prevailing, and in any case, the reduction of motor traffic owing to scarcity of petrol, and other causes, rendered it doubtful whether the expense of holding an inquiry could be justified at the present juncture. If the remedy suggested did not prove adequate it was open to the District Council at a later and more appropriate time to renew their application to the Board."

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

"That a copy of the correspondence received from the Local Government Board as regards the proposal to limit the speed of Motor Vehicles in towns and villages, be furnished to the Enniscorthy Urban Council on whose behalf the matter was submitted to the Local Government Board."

The County Council consider the present an inopportune time to ask for the holding of a local inquiry."

Proposed Treatment of Venereal Disease.

Under date 14th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote

(letter No. 6831 : 1918, Wexford Co.,) that they were of opinion that the County Council could make the principal arrangements necessary for carrying out the Scheme for the treatment of venereal diseases indicated in their Circular letters with two institutions- (1) the County Infirmary and (2) a pathological laboratory. With the first named they might arrange for (a) special treatment, (b) skilled assistance to Medical practitioners in very exceptional circumstances, and (c) distribution of salversan and its substitute free to medical men qualified to administer them.

With a laboratory such as that at a University or Medical School the Council might further arrange for the examination of blood and other materials submitted when necessary by the Medical Officer at the County Infirmary and by Medical Practitioners in the County generally.

The Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 20th February 1918, submitted the following recommendation:-

"That we recommend the County Council to take no action as to the proposal of the Local Government Board to adopt a scheme for the treatment of venereal disease."

Under date 28th March 1918, the following letter (No. 9057-1918, Wexford County) was read from Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to your letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarding a copy of a recommendation made to the Wexford County Council by the Finance & Roads Committee in regard to the question of providing County arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases. With reference thereto, the Board desire me to call attention to their Circular Letters of the 22nd October last, and the 7th ultimo, which indicate the dangers of an infectious spread of these diseases at the present time and the urgent need of action in the matter.

Corporations and County Councils in different parts of the Country are taking measures to combat these diseases.

The cost of a County Scheme on the local rates should be comparatively small as 75% of the approved expenditure will be repaid by the Board. It is anticipated that this Grant will materially aid the work of the large Hospitals and Laboratories of the Country and that County Councils' close association with such institutions in the interests of the Public Health will be of general advantage to the

The Board trust that the County Council will take these circumstances into consideration at an early date and make arrangements for the adoption of a scheme for the County for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of these diseases."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed notwithstanding the communication of the Local Government Board of 28th March 1918, (No. 9057-1918, Wexford County)."

War Pensions Committee Estimate.

Under date 15th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 6666-1918, Wexford Co.,) approving of the estimate of £234. 4/- for administrative expenses of the County Wexford Local War Pensions Committee for year ending 31st March 1919.

At a special meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 25th January 1918, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the County Wexford War Pensions Local Committee and ask them on what grounds they considered it necessary to employ two Secretaries at £100 per annum, when, up to a recent date, one Secretary whose salary was £60 was found sufficient to discharge the duties."

Under date 20th March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr P. Horgan, Secretary War Pensions Local Committee:-

"The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Local War Pensions Committee held on Wednesday the 6th inst:-

That the Secretary inform the County Council that owing to the great increase in the work the appointment of two Secretaries was absolutely necessary.

I may add that this resolution had the approval of Mr C. A. Pim, Inspector Ministry of Pensions for Ireland, who was present at the meeting."

"No Order"

Auditors Reports.

The Local Government Boards forwarded reports of their Auditors on audit of the Accounts of Waterford Bridge Joint Committee of Management, year ending 31st March 1917, Gorey Union and Gorey Rural District Council, for half-year ended 30th September 1917.

Government Grants-Deficiency in Local Taxation Account.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 22nd March 1918, forwarding Pay Order for £76. 4. 2d for salaries of Sanitary Officers and £891. 3. 3d Medical & Educational Grant for Unions for year ended 30th September 1917. In both instances the Local Government Board pointed out that an abatement was made in amount of the Grant owing to the insufficiency of the fund.

"No Order".

Land Commission Annuities.

Under date 25th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 8908-1918 Miscellaneous) that the sum withdrawn from Land Acts Guarantee Fund were less than the repayments made to the Fund by £359. 6. 5d and consequently this amount would be added to the share of the County in the Death Duty Grant payable to the Council in March.

The Secretary, Irish Land Commission, forwarded under date 8th March 1918 a list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the Co. Wexford, against whom legal proceedings had been directed for the recovery of the instalments due on the 1st November and 1st December 1917, in respect of advances made under the various Land Acts.

"No. Order"

Co-option of Member.

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

"That co-option of Member of County Council vice late Mr John T. Mayler, representative of Bannow County Division be dealt with at the meeting of the Council on 8th May 1918."

Weeds & Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909.

Under date 12th March 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote asking the Council to put into force in County Wexford the provisions of Part 1 of the Weeds & Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909.

Mr P. J. O'Connor, Agricultural Instructor, appeared before the Meeting and explained the provisions of the Act, and the necessity for its adoption.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That the Weeds & Seeds Act be not put into force by the County Council."

Maintenance Live Stock Order of 1918 (No. 2)

Under date 12th February 1918, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Maintenance of Live Stock Order No. 2 under which no bull or bullock which has temporary incisor teeth only, can be slaughtered.

The Department of Agriculture forwarded "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Cattle) Order, consolidating the provisions of the several Orders which they had made in connection with the conserving the cattle stocks of the Country."

"No Order"

Taking of Wild Birds Eggs.

Under date 15th March 1918 the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote that in view to augmenting the supply of staple foods it was proposed to rescind as from 1st June 1918 the Order prohibiting the taking of the eggs of any species of Wild Birds between the 1st March and 1st August throughout the Saltee and Keeragh Islands, but before making the Order, the Lord Lieutenant asked for the views of the Co. Council on the matter.

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

"That the County Council have no objection to the proposal contained in the letter of the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, as to the taking of Wild Birds Eggs from the Saltee & Keeragh Islands."

Soldiers Dependants in Rate Aided Institutions.

Under date 12th March 1918, the Local Government Board called attention to Army Orders by which the Authorities of Rate Aided Institutions are to notify the Local War Pensions Committee as to the admission of soldiers' wives or widows.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That no order be made on the communication received from the Local Government Board and Ministry of Pensions regarding the admission of Soldiers wives and widows to Rate Aided Institutions."

Application Artane Industrial School-Increase Capitation
-----Grant-----

Under date 4th March 1918, Rev Br O'Ryan, Artane Industrial School, wrote applying for an increase of 6d in the Capitation Grant for the 13 boys of the County Wexford in the Institution, and pointing out that with one or two exceptions all the Borough and County Councils had agreed to the increase which should be granted to secure a similar increase from the Treasury.

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

"That no action be taken regarding the application of Artane Industrial School for increase in Capitation Grant."

Ballybrennan Quarry.

Under date 15th March 1918, an application was received from the Ballybrennan Quarrymen, asking for advance in wages, viz:- breaking to be paid for at 30/- per week, and quarrying 3d per yard.

The carter-Thomas Hickey- applied for 9/- per day.

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

"That the application of the Ballybrennan Quarrymen for increase of wages be refused."

"That we recommend the Co Council to give these men 25/- per week when engaged at Breaking."

Irish Education Act 1892.-Gorey S. A. Committee.

Under date 8th March 1918, the Secretary, National Education Board, wrote asking for names, etc., of the five representatives of the County Council as Local Authority on Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee as from 1st June 1918.

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

"That as recommended by Gorey Rural District Council the following be appointed as the representatives of the Co Council on Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee:- Messrs James Kavanagh, Garrynew, Killenagh, Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, Gorey, Nicholas J. Fowler, Camolin, Robert Spencer, Kildermot, Gorey, John Sheehan, Ballynes-tragh, Gorey."

New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 6th February 1918, the Secretary, National Education Board, wrote asking to be furnished with the names of the five members representing the County Council as Local Authority on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee as from 1st May 1918.

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

"That in accordance with the recommendation of New Ross Rural District Council the following be appointed as the representatives of the Wexford County Council on New Rural District School Attendance Committee, viz:- Messrs William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross, Denis Cummins, Raheenduff, Adamstown, Michael Doyle, Terrerath, New Ross, Philip Kehoe, Lacken, New Ross, Martin J. Kenny, Campile, Via Waterford."

Enniscorthy R. D. Council & Complaints re Roads.

Under date 8th February 1918, the following resolution was read from Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"That the attention of the County Council be drawn to the condition of the road from Poulpeasty to the cross of Aughnagopple and that they be requested to have it put in a passable condition at once."

The following extract from Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor stated that the material for this road had been quarried but he found it impossible to obtain an engine to work breaker until now. He expected to have material ready immediately as an engine had been secured to work the breaker."

"That a copy of observations of the County Surveyor in connection with the Road from Poulpeasty to Cross of Aughnagopple be furnished the Clerk of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council for the information of his Council."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr James Codd, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Burial of Bacon washed Ashore.

Under date 25th March 1918, the following letter was read

from Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore:-

"I would be pleased if you would bring before the Members of the County Council at next meeting my claim for 25/- for the burial of 100 Sides of Bacon, that washed ashore on Ballyteigue Strand during the month of February 1918."

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

"That the application of Walter Kehoe, be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, Mr Elgee in the meantime to look into the question of the liability of the Co. Council as to the burial of carcasses washed ashore."

Stationery for Magistrates-Wexford Petty Sessions.

An account for £1. 14. 1d for stationery etc., for Magistrates of Wexford Petty Sessions Court was submitted by Mr Kavanagh, Clerk Petty Sessions.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, wrote that if the Local Government Board consider that the supply of stationery was necessary and proper for the due transaction of the business of the Justices at Petty Sessions, the County Council are bound to supply them.

Under date 13th March 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 11,048-1918, Wexford Co.,) that they approved of these payments being made by the County Council.

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

"That the application of Mr M. Kavanagh, for payment of £1. 14. 1d for stationery for Wexford petty sessions Court be refused."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

James Codd, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy, and J. B. Wallis, Arthurstown, applied for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, and John Butler, The Creamery Stores, Taghmon, applied for renewal of licence under same Act.

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

"That licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to James Codd, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy, and J. B. Wallis, Arthurstown,

and renewal of licence to John Butler, The Creamery Stores, Taghmon."

Food & Drugs Act.

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

"That Sergeant John Bourke, R. I. C., New Ross, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts, and Ex-officio Inspector under Weights & Measures Acts, 1878 to 1904, for the petty sessions district of New Ross. That he also be empowered as said Inspector to prosecute before Courts of Summary Jurisdiction of Justices any information, complaint, or proceeding, arising under the Weights & Measures Acts, or in the discharge of his duties as such Inspector."

Rural Development.

Under date 19th March 1918, Mr Vaughan Nash, of the Ministry of Reconstruction, wrote asking for suggestions as to:-

- (a) the provision and extension of Small Holdings.
- (b) improved methods of Agricultural Organisation and Credit for Small Holders.
- (c) Land Settlement Colonies,
- (d) the provision and improvement of Rural Housing.
- (e) the extension and improvement of Rural Transport (by road light railway or water)
- (f) areas available for Afforestation,
- (g) Reclamation of Waste Land,
- (h) the drainage of Land, and
- (i) the development of existing forms of Rural Industry, or the encouragement of new forms.

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

"That the Ministry of Reconstruction be requested to inform the Council how the proposed Scheme for Rural Development is to be financed. That a copy of the Circular from Mr Vaughan Nash of the Ministry of Reconstruction under date 19th March, be furnished the various farmers' Associations in the County."

Explosives Act.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Store Licence under Explosives Act

be granted to Robert Murphy for Tara Hill Quarry."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr James Codd, and passed:-

"That the several proposals for payment for fixed items of salaries, etc., and quarterly instalments to the public bodies financed by the County Council, and as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee and the Proposal Committee, be, and are hereby adopted."

RECOMMENDATIONS.- FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Tincurry Quarry:- "That the application of Mr John Kehoe, for £40 compensation in connection with dumping ground and trespass at Tincurry Quarry be adjourned to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee.

That Messrs John Bolger, P. O'Neill and James Lynch, be appointed a Committee to see the Quarry and endeavour to come to some arrangement with Mr Kehoe in the matter. That this Committee be asked to report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

The Committee met at the Quarry on 29th March, Messrs Bolger, P. O'Neill, and James Lynch being present. The County Surveyor and Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

The following decision was arrived at by the Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to pay £40 to Mr John Kehoe, as surface damage to his fields for roadway to quarry. Mr Kehoe agreeing to strip surface and prepare roadway which is to be metalled by the Council. That Mr Kehoe enter into agreement regarding the lease of the Quarry providing a sufficient area for expansion of work to be mapped on the agreement, Mr Kehoe to be paid at the rate of 4d per cubic yard for amount of material taken from quarry."

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Whelan, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed, and report of Committee adopted."

Application re Rates:- "That we consider the full amount of Rate for half-year ended 31st March 1918, should be paid by the estate of the late Hon Mrs Jane O'Grady (Gorey District-Collector M. J. Sheehan)."

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

Application Remuneration-War Bonus Bonds:- "That the Co Council be

recommended to refuse the application of Mr J. J. Rochford, Clerk, New Ross R. D. Council, for remuneration in connection with War Bonus Contracts for Road Contracts, as we consider the work in connection with these bonds to be included in the ordinary duty of the Clerk of a Rural District Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Seallan, seconded by Mr Maddock."

Arrears Rates Bantry Commons:- "That we recommend the Co Council to furnish the Local Government Board with copy of letter from Clerk New Ross R. D. Council, as to refund of arrears of rates on Bantry Commons to Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, with a statement of the amount of same, and that the Local Government Board, in view of the decision of the New Ross R. D. Council in this matter, be requested to sanction refund to Mr Murphy."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Seallan."

Material taken from Ryland Quarry:- "That Patrick Murphy, Cloneybyrne, Newtownbarry, Road Contractor, be called on to furnish a written apology to the Council for having taken material from his road depot for the metalling of yard of Miss Murphy, and that he be directed to pay to sum of £3 which, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, represents the loss sustained by the road being deprived of this amount of material. The Committee recommend this lenient view to be taken of the action of Mr Murphy from the fact that he has been a satisfactory contractor up to the present. That Miss Murphy, Cromogue, be asked to explain how she came to state that the road metalling found in her yard by Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, was hand broken and was taken from a bog, whereas as a matter of fact it had been procured from Ryland Quarry, and was machine broken."

Under date 28th March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr Patrick Murphy, Cloneybyrne:-

"I am sorry for taking stones from Ryland depot for metalling of yard of Miss Murphy, and hereby tender you every apology. I enclose you Postal Order for £3 which, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, is the value of the metalling taken."

Under date 28th March 1918, the following letter was read from

Miss Murphy, Cromogue House, Clohamon:-

"I hereby apologise for having stated that road material found in my yard was broken by hand and taken from a bog, when it was really from Ryland Quarry, and I wish to say in explanation that I was so flustered and taken-a-back by the questions of Mr Treanor, and so fearful of getting Pat Murphy into trouble, that I did not like to admit that the stones were taken from Ryland."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr James Codd, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

The late John Lannen:- "That the communication of Messrs O'Connor & Co Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of the representatives of the late John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, and under date 5th March 1918, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Under date 23rd March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"As I take the amount due by the County Council to the Reps of Lannen would be £83. 14. 1d and as against that there is £76. 3. 9d amount of Imprest Account due by him to the County Council leaving £7. 10. 4d due to Lannen's Estate, legally the Council are only bound to pay this to Lannen's Administrator, but as the sum is so small it is hardly worth while putting him to this expense, and that therefore I think the Council would be safe in paying same to Lannen's brother, he of course satisfying the Council that he is Lannen's sole next of kin, and also indemnifying them against any claims which might be brought by any person against them hereafter for any monies due by Lannen."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That as recommended by Mr Elgee the sum of £7. 10. 4d due to the Estate of the late John Lannen be paid Martin Lannen on the condition that the instructions contained in Mr Elgee's letter of 23rd March are observed."

Kilmore Harbour:- "That as provided for by the Specification for Work at Kilmore Pier a sum of £25 be paid Mr Denis Hughes, Contractor for Work at Kilmore Pier, for supplying 13 tons 16 cwt of concrete blocks over and above the specified quantity."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Increase Wages-Ryland Quarry:- "That the wages of John and Laurence Doyle, and Owen McCann, employees of the County Council at Ryland Quarry be fixed at 22/6 per week, as from Saturday 23rd March, provided this recommendation receives the confirmation of the County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Glonhasten Quarry:- "That the County Council be recommended to pay Peter Carty, Drumgoold, 4/- per cubic yard for breaking and quarrying all broken stone to be taken from the quarry from this date, and 2/- per cubic yard for quarrying only."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Scallan."

A. Nolan, Rockdrill Operator:- "That the weekly wage of A. Nolan, Rockdrill Operator, be fixed at 32/6 per week, as from 23rd March 1918, provided this recommendation meets with the approval of the County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Tuberculosis Committee:- "That we recommend the County Council to adopt the resolution of the Co. Wexford Tuberculosis Committee asking for a contribution of one-fifth of the salaries of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse from the County Insurance Committee for year 1918."

The following is copy of Resolution submitted by Tuberculosis Committee:-

"That in view of the fact that the income of the County Insurance Committee has fallen considerably below the normal figure owing to War conditions, we agree (in order to assist the County Insurance Committee in their financial difficulties) to accept for the year 1918 only, from the County Insurance Committee, a sum of one-fifth of the salaries of the Tuberculosis Officer and Chief Tuberculosis Nurse as their contribution to the salaries of these officers. That the question of contribution for 1919 be considered before the close of the present year."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following

recommendation:-

"We recommend the County Council in the event of the County Insurance Committee not accepting offer of Tuberculosis Committee as to the terms upon which the services of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse are placed at the services of the Co Insurance Committee, -to withdraw the services of these officers from the Co Insurance Committee."

"The above recommendations were adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Fuel Gorey Courthouse:- "That the question of the utilisation of fuel supplied Gorey Courthouse, be considered at the second meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee in September 1918."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Malicious Injury Appeals:- "That Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, be empowered to prosecute appeals against the decision of the County Court Judge in any claims for compensation for criminal injury in which he considers this course advisable."

Under date 4th March 1918, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee:-

John Nolan v Co Council.

In this case I have to report that the Lord Chief Justice at the Assizes affirmed the decree £338, in above case with Costs, same to be a County-at-Large Charge in place of a Rural District Charge."

Johanna Doyle v Co Council

Edward Somers v Co. Council.

"In these two cases the decrees of the County Court Judge were reversed."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr James Codd."

County Surveyor's Clerk:- "That Thomas Cullen, Ballylucas, Screen, be elected Clerk to County Surveyor. Carried by 6 to 4."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Sheep Dipping Fine:- "That a copy of letter of Mr McLean, D. I., R. I. C., New Ross, as to prosecution against Mr E. Browne, Creacon, New Ross, for a breach of the Sheep Dipping Order, be furnished Mr

Browne, and that he be informed that as the fines under this Order are paid into the General Cattle Diseases Fund which is administered by the Crown, he should apply to the Crown for any refund of fine to which he considers he is entitled."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Blasting at Ryland Quarry:- "That copy of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 6th March 1918, be furnished to the Chairman of the Council, for his signature, and that our Secretary explain to Mr Bolger the necessity of having this carried out as Mr Fry declines to recognise the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee unless countersigned by the Chairman of the Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill."

Proposed Purchase of Steam Roller:- The following Minute of Finance & Roads Committee was submitted:-

"The County Surveyor stated that with Mr William Murphy, Machiner Overseer, he had seen the steamrollers offered for sale by Messrs Grainger Bros., Hollywood, Co. Down. The only machine likely to be satisfactory was that working for the Kildare Co Council, but when they saw it they could not make an examination when the engine was cold. The gearing was a bit gone but he (Co. Surveyor) would not have rejected the machine on that account. He then arranged with Mr Murphy to bring Mr Davis's mechanic to see the engine when cold. The latter estimated that it would be necessary to spend in the first instance £50 to put the engine into repair and he (County Surveyor) believed they would have to spend another £50 within the next few years in replating the wheels, and besides the fire box was very small. Mr Murphy and he (Co. Surveyor) had come to the conclusion that it would not be satisfactory to purchase this second-hand machine at the price offered, viz:- £480."

Damage to Roads:- "That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to attend the Meeting in London of County Surveyors of the United Kingdom, to be convened by the War Office, and at which the measures which have been decided upon by the Treasury as to compensation for damage to public roads by timber traffic will be considered."

Under date 26th March 1918, a letter No. 8/818 (D.L.2) was read from the War Office fixing the meeting of Surveyors for Tuesday 9th April at 2.30 at Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, London.

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Address to Most Rev Dr Codd D. D.,:- "That an address of congratulation on his appointment as Lord Bishop of Ferns, be presented to Most Rev Dr Codd, D. D., "

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

Advertising:- "That the County Council be recommended to reject the proposal of the three local papers to carry out the advertising of the County Council as per specification for £150 each for financial year 1918-19 and on condition that the tender of each paper be accepted. That we recommend the County Council to offer one local paper a sum of £225 for the specified advertising for the year, the paper to be selected by the County Council.

That in the event of the Council being unable to carry out this suggestion, we recommend that other steps be taken to secure the publicity of the advertising of the Council than through the medium of the local papers."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the agreement arrived at by the Finance & Roads Committee at the meeting held this date, 3rd April 1918, the above recommendation be not adopted."

Road No. 33E :- "That Mr Vincent M. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, be summoned to attend next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to explain what steps he had taken to have Road No. 33E put into proper repair and also gullett which was broken down at the Ballagh."

"That Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Assistant Surveyor, furnish a written statement as to the various dates on which he inspected Road No. 33E., and his observations as regards each inspection for the year ended 31st March 1917, and also the dates on which he measured material for this Road."

"Recommendations confirmed on the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Rate Collection:- "That our Secretary inform the Rate Collectors

who have not collected up to the 16th instant at least 55 per cent of the amount of their current warrants that in the opinion of the Finance & Roads Committee they are not carrying out their duties according to the terms of their bonds and the County Council will be asked to take drastic measures against them unless a considerable improvement be apparent by next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

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

Road No. 307E:- "That Michael Stafford, Bridgetown, Davidstown, contractor for road No. 307E be called upon for a written apology in connection with material taken from Road No. 307E, and put upon the lane leading to Mr Stafford's house, also for payment of 30/- amount of loss sustained by the Council by said material having been taken from the road unlawfully."

"That Mr R. W. Elgee, be instructed to call the attention of Mr Michael Stafford, Bridgetown, Davidstown, to the fact that he has not complied with the terms of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 6th March 1918, and to report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee as to what reply he may receive from Mr Stafford in connection with this matter."

"Mr Elgee stated he had received no reply from Mr Stafford, and on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman, it was decided to leave the matter in Mr Elgee's hands."

Ferryarrig Wall & Footpath:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the work of repair at Ferryarrig Wall and Footpath carried out as soon as possible."

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

Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 6th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 3205-1918) that the weekly payment of the wages of the workmen at Tara Hill Quarry can readily be secured by the County Council arranging for the attendance of a quorum of the Finance & Roads Committee once a week to authorise the necessary payments to be made for this purpose.

"No Order, as the County Surveyor considered the present method of financing the quarry would meet the situation."

Grant Tuberculosis Treatment.

Under date 28th February 1918, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 8853-1918, Wexford Co.,) that they had given directions for the issue of a Paying Order for £383 from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant on account of the current financial year.

"No Order"

Coal Consumption in Ireland.

Under date 28th March 1918, Circular letter No. T.M. 990/32/30, was read from Mr H. G. Burgess, Director of Cross Channel Transportation 19 Westmoreland St., Dublin., as to economising Coal consumption in Ireland.

"No Order"

RESOLUTIONS.Afforestation.

A resolution was read from the Irish Forestry Society, requesting the Government to immediately pass a regulation that, in all cases where trees in a wood or plantation were cut down exceeding £30 in value, an amount sufficient for replanting be paid over to the Department of Agriculture to be invested and held in trust for the Owner of the plantation until such time as he has replanted the felled area, or planted an equivalent area to the satisfaction of the Department's Forestry Officer.

A resolution was read from the Bray Urban District Council, asking their Representatives in Parliament to bring in a short Bill making it obligatory on people felling trees in Ireland to plant at least two trees for every one cut down, as they considered that no Afforestation Movement would be successful until compulsory planting was enforced by the Government.

"The above Resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr J. Codd, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Slaughter of Cattle.

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

"That we again call on all the Public Boards of the Country to urge the Government to order that the slaughter of all Cattle of both sexes under two years old be immediately stopped, the order not to

apply to the limited number of animals specially fed for veal purposes."

"No Order"

Tullamore Guardians and the Pope.

A resolution was read from the Tullamore Board of Guardians, tendering sympathy to The Pope in the unscrupulous conspiracy entered into by secret treaty between Russia, France, Italy, and England, in opposing any and every diplomatic step on the part of the representatives of the Holy See for the conclusion of peace or in regard to questions arising out of the present War.

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

Proposed Increase Dog Tax.

Under date 21st February 1918, a letter was read from the Irish Game Protection Association, forwarding copy of resolution adopted by the Food Control Committee for Ireland, expressing the opinion that the dog tax in Ireland should be raised from 2/6 to 7/6, and suggesting that the County Council should ask the County Parliamentary Representatives to support the matter of the increased dog tax in the House of Commons.

"No Order"

Grants for Irish Secondary Education.

The following resolution was sent from the Limerick Corporation:-

"We are of opinion that the Exchequer Grants for Irish Secondary Education should be increased by at least £100,000 per annum, as Ireland has up to the present received nothing like her proper equivalent of the Exchequer Grants made for Secondary Education in Great Britain, and that the Grants should be increased automatically with the needs of Secondary Education.

That the salaries and pensions of the Secondary Teachers should be a first charge on the funds of Irish Secondary Education.

That lay Secondary Teachers are entitled to the same security of Tenure as primary Teachers.

That a similar system of free places to that existing in Great Britain should be introduced to enable talented boys and girls to attend Secondary Schools."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Prices of Small Farm Seeds.

The following resolution was read from the Letterkenny Rural

District Council:-

"That the Food Controller be requested to fix the retail prices of small farm-seeds, including Turnip, Clover, Grass, and Seed Oats in order that farmers be enabled to lay down their lands when in proper order, at a reasonable cost, and thereby comply with the order in force as regards Tillage of lands, seeing that the prices of all Farm produce are now fixed."

"No Order"

Price of Pigs.

The following was read from the Cavan Urban District Council:-

"That we protest against the action of the Food Controller in fixing the controlled price of pigs bought dead at 133/- per cwt and 140/- for pigs bought alive and killed in public abattoirs, in face of the fact that the Bacon Curers of Great Britain and Ireland are prepared to pay 153/- per cwt., and still enable the consumer to obtain bacon at the present controlled price. That we regard this as a most deliberate attempt to destroy one of Ireland's chief Industries, that we demand that the price be fixed at 153/- per cwt, as agreed by all parties connected with the trade and industry, and that the weight of stores be increased from 50 lbs as at present to 112 lbs."

"That we call upon the farmers to secure that a sufficient supply of pigs be retained in this country for home consumption and not to sell all to government controlled factories who are sending the bacon out of the Country at a controlled price 20/- per cwt less than the Irish buyers are willing to pay."

"No Order, in view of the recent re-adjustment of prices by Food Controller."

National Health Insurance.

A resolution was read from Kerry County Council, expressing the opinion that the time had arrived when that Council and all other Public Bodies in Ireland should discontinue paying contributions in respect of Insurance under the National Health Insurance Act-an oppressive measure passed by a foreign legislature and unsuited to the needs of the people of Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kinsella

Messrs James Codd, and J. A. Doyle dissented.

Asylum Capitation Grant.

A Statement was read from the Waterford District Asylum Committee showing the diminution of the Capitation Grant in respect of the Pauper and Partly Paying Patients for the seven years ended 31st March 1916, and expressing the opinion, in view of increased estimates, that another effort should be made to stir the Government into action as regards increasing the capitation grant for asylums.

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

"That the Committee of Waterford Asylum be informed that the Wexford County Council will give all the assistance in their power to have the capitation grant to Asylums increased."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to take over the office and store at Cherryorchard Quarry, from the new owner, provided he enters into an agreement to hand over same to the Council."

Advertising.

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

"That we agree to the proposal of The People, Free Press, and Echo, to insert the advertisements of the County Council and its Committees (except the County Infirmary and District Asylum Committees) also the advertisements of the Clerk of the Crown & Peace at £150 per annum, and as per the conditions obtaining in previous years."

Steamrolling, Etc.,

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to direct the Assistant Surveyors to pay special and particular attention to any stonebreaking or steamrolling in their districts."

Confirmation Minutes Proposal Committee.

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

"That the Minutes of the Proposal Committee Meeting of this date be adopted and that the various works considered thereat be placed in charge of the Co. Surveyor."

War Bonus for Road Contractors.

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

adjusted on 20 April 1918

"That as the following Road Contractors, viz:- Peter Whitty, (121G) Patrick Redmond, (152G & 169G) James Darcy (65G) Richard O'Connor (161W & 110W) Patrick Flynn (68R) ^{Richd O'Connor} ~~James Whitty~~ (20W) John Connors (83G) ^{Pete Byrne (139G).} Michael Brennan (157G) Patrick Kane (148G & 151G), who entered into contracts on or before June 1915, have applied to the County Council 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 County 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 1918, and to such 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 out 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 the new increased annual amount for the unexpired term of his contract, the increased percentage only to be paid for the period ending one year after the conclusion of the War."

Analyst's Reports.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin.
21st March 1918.

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 September 1917.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	30
Whiskey	20
Milk	18
Rum	10
Buttermilk	9
Gin	7
Brandy	7
Margarine	7
Pepper	5
Drugs	5
Lard	4
Beef suet	4
Port Wine	3
Vinegar	2
Flour	1
Ginger Wine	1
Baking Powder	1
Mustard	1
Cheese	1
Total	<u>136</u>

On certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 8.9 per cent of added water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

One specimen of water analysed for the Town Clerk, Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	12,600
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.016
Saline Ammonia	0.002

Nitric Acid Trace.
 Chlorine 1.480
 Colour light yellow.

An inferior water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, three 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	6.300
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.000
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	0.890
Colour	Clear.

A very pure water.

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

Total analyses..... 162

Charles A. Cameron.

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 1917.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	58
Butter	44
Whiskey	23
Buttermilk	19
Margarine	30
Cocoa	7
Rum	3
Ginger Wine	3
Flake Meal	1

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Sherry Wine	1
Mustard	3
Bread	8
Drugs	11
Cheese	5
Lard	5
Beef suet	2
Port Wine	10
Relish	3
Cornflour	4
Rice	3
Tea	6
Brandy	2
Coffee	1
Gin	3
Cream of Tartar	1
Bread Soda	1
Baking Powder	1
Sugar	3
Vinegar	1
Oatmeal	1
Suet	2
Pepper	2
Flour	2
Claret	1
Ale	2
Jam	4
Stout	1
Dripping	1
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Total	279

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of Whiskey which was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent of water, two certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 25 and 32 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 14 per cent of added water and one certificate for specimen of Guinness's stout (in bottle) which was not up to the standard in original gravity.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy., for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 27 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed of churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tucky, Gorey, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 40 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Newtownbarry, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazil, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 11 per cent of added water and one certificate for specimen of cream of tartar which was impure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union seventeen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

For the Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, two fertilizers were analysed.

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

Total analyses.....307

Adulterated & defective articles.....11

Charles A. Cameron.

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this

7 day of

May

1918.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 20th APRIL 1918.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, called by the Chairman, to protest against the application of the Military Service Act to Ireland, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 20th April 1918.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs Michael Doyle, J. J. O'Byrne, P. Whelan, M. Maddock, J. J. Stafford, P. O'Neill, N. J. Cowman, James Lynch, J. J. Kehoe, Joseph Redmond, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, R. Scallan, T. Asple, James Codd, W. Thorpe.

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

Protest against Compulsory Military Service.

The Chairman having addressed the meeting the following resolution was adopted on his motion, the seconder being Mr Stafford:-

"That we protest with all the strength of our minds and souls against the enactment of Compulsory Military Service in Ireland. To translate this protest to action, we hereby make and sign the following declaration, which has been recommended for adoption by our spiritual and temporal leaders:-

'Denying the right of the British Government to enforce military service in this Country, we pledge ourselves solemnly one to another to resist Conscription by the most effective means at our disposal.'

"That we pledge ourselves to abide by the terms of this declaration in all circumstances whatsoever."

All the members present signed the resolution.

Political Union.

Mr Stafford proposed:- "That we appeal to the leaders of all Irish Nationalist opinions to unite, not only for the purpose of resisting conscription, but to advance the interests of our Country in the future."

Mr Kehoe seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

The New Train Arrangements.

Mr Stafford proposed, Mr Thorpe seconded and it was passed:-

"That in order to facilitate the business communities of New Ross and Wexford, we request the directors of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., to arrange for the arrival of the Mail Train from Dublin in Wexford at 11.30 a.m., instead of 12 noon, the advertised time, and for the departure of the mail train from Wexford to Dublin at 3.30 p.m., instead of 3 p.m., as advertised.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr James McMahon Secretary General Post Office, Dublin."

Larceny of Gelignite

The County Surveyor reported that on 18th April, while on his way to Ryland Quarry to carry out blasting operations there, four men with revolvers held up Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, William Murphy, and himself, and two of them marched the County Council Staff into Tombrick Wood and at the point of their revolvers held them prisoners while the others drove away their motor car, taking therefrom 250 lbs of gelignite, detonators, and an electric firer, all value for about £45.

Having been in custody for about an hour and a half they were released and informed they would find their motor car at Ballinahallen which was about three miles from Tombrick. The men had handkerchiefs over their faces to prevent their identity being disclosed.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Whelan::

"That we emphatically condemn the action of the persons who on the 18th April on the public road at Tombrick between Enniscorthy and Newtownbarry, committed an outrage upon the County Surveyor and other members of the County Council Staff, and stole explosives etc., the property of the County Council. Such occurrences, upsetting the work of the Council, the maintenance of roads, and interfering with the livelihood of quarrymen are deplorable more especially in view of the present outlook before the Country."

Proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, and adopted nem con:

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed not to carry out any further blasting operations in Co Council Quarries until he is assured of the safety of explosives and fittings."

(Signed)

John Boyer
Presiding Chairman.