

MEETING.- 20th APRIL 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Wednesday, 21st April 1921.

Present:- Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. P. Buckley, R. Corish, J. Cummins, G. Devereux, E. P. Foley, W. J. Furlong, J. Hall, D. Kavanagh, S. Kehoe, J. J. O'Byrne, (Raheen) J. Shannon.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Estimate of Rate.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon, and adopted:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1921-22, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County be as follows:-

District	Land	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy	7/8	7/8
Gorey	7/-	7/-
New Ross	8/6	8/6
Wexford	7/9	7/9

And we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County to be as follows:-

District	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total
Enniscorthy	£2573: 1: 0		£2573: 1: 0
New Ross	2929: 9: 0		2929: 9: 0
Wexford	5651: 4: 8		5651: 4: 8

Irish Manufacture.

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

"That we again call the attention of the Agricultural Community to the necessity of supporting Irish Manufactured Machinery. In view

of the fact that the employes of local engineering firms are working only three days per week no farmer should purchase Mowing Machines, Horse Rakes, Swathe Turners, Hay Trolleys, (Rick Shifters) Ploughs, Corndrills, Root Cutters, Sprayers, Manure Distributors, Harrows, and Tumbler Rakes of foreign manufacturers.

A decree has been issued against the purchase of these articles manufactured in England, and we consider it should be loyally adhered to.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Farmers' and Labour Unions with a request that they would give all possible assistance in having it put into operation".

Proposed Appointment of Analyst.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Wexford County Council take the necessary steps to appoint a County Analyst, and that advertisements for the position be issued".

Salary of County Surveyor.

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

"That the salary of Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, be fixed at £537 per annum, (being a reduction of £179) in view of the fact that Road Work in the County has been suspended. That this reduced salary remain in force until such time as the finances of the Council will allow of the resumption of this work".

Government of Ireland Act 1920.

Under date 19th April 1921. Mr. Gerald Horan, Clerk of Crown and Hanaper, Dublin, wrote asking for names and addresses and occupations of the Members of the ^{Wexford} County Council, in connection with the appointment of 14 representatives of County Councils on Senate for Southern Ireland.

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

"That letter from Mr. Horan, Clerk Crown and Hanaper, be referred to General Council of Irish County Councils for their advice and

instructions".

Pay Orders.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to use ordinary form of Pay Orders in future instead of Bank Cheque, when making payments on behalf of the County Council".

Rate Collection.

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

"That poundage fees on amount collected be paid Mr. P. J. O'Byrne, Collector for No. 9 District as soon as same can be arranged".

Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, and adopted:-
"That Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor (interned) be given indefinite leave of absence as from the date of his arrest".

Duncormick Courthouse.

Sergeant Drake, R. I. C. Carrig-on-Bannow, under date 18th April 1921, reported that Duncormick Courthouse was broken into on the night of the 14th April and all the chairs, and tables, also a box containing brass weights, all the property of the County Council were broken to atoms. Two windows in the front were also broken.

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

"That Wexford County Council make no claim for destruction of brass weights etc., at Duncormick Courthouse, the property of the County Council".

Trailer Wagons.

Several communications were read from Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd., from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, for same, and from the County Surveyor as to payment for and delivery of trailer wagons.

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

"That as already decided by the County Council no further

payment be made on foot of account for trailer wagons to Messrs. Thompsons Motor Car Co., until the four trailer wagons already paid for have been delivered in Wexford. That the County Surveyor insure these four wagons for the voyage in the event of insurance not being effected by the Carriers".

Amalgamation of Unions.

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

"That Mr. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Union, be requested to furnish replies to queries asked for by Wexford County Council as regards New Ross Union in view of Conference which County Council are about to summon relative to amalgamation of Unions. That copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Rochford and the Chairman New Ross Guardians".

Suspension of Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 10th April 1921, Messrs. James Kirby, C. P. Curran, and R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, wrote as follows::

"Having received notice from the County Surveyor that all road work has been suspended for the present, and that five Assistant Surveyors have been suspended, we on their behalf, demand payment of the part of our salaries deferred for approximately four months past. As this amount is very small we do not believe that it would inconvenience the County Council in any way, and we would be obliged if you would certify payment of same at your next Finance Meeting.

In addition to the above we also claim payment for work carried out after 31st March. The County Surveyor requested us to square up all outstanding accounts and to furnish him with particulars of same, this work has been carried out, and we think it only reasonable that we be paid for same.

Thanking you in anticipation".

Letter from Local Government Board, Dublin, under date 16th April 1921, (No. 8726-1921, Wexford Co.) stated that it had come to their knowledge that the County Council had passed a resolution purporting to suspend the five Assistant Surveyors in the County from 31st March until further notice. The Council had no power to suspend

any officer from duty or remove him from office.

The resolution of the Council purporting to suspend the Assistant Surveyors was accordingly illegal and invalid.

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

"That Messrs. Jones, Kehoe, Kirby, Curran and Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, be paid the 25 per cent which was deferred from their salaries from 4th December 1920 to 31st March 1921, and that they be paid full salary in each case from 31st March 1921, to 16th April 1921, as County Surveyor states that it was necessary to retain them in office to last mentioned date in order to clear off arrears of work".

Assistant in County Surveyor's Office.

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

"That Denis Radford, Junior Clerk in Co. Surveyor's office be placed on full salary as from 23rd April 1921, and that all arrears on account of deferred salary to that date be paid him at next meeting of Finance Committee".

The late Archbishop Walsh.

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

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the people and Clergy of the diocese of Dublin in the loss sustained through the death of Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop, a great Churchman, and a sterling priest."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Most. Rev. Dr. Byrne, Lord Bishop of Spigaz".

Old Age Pensions.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, (Raheen) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rev. Dean Gibson, Ferns, and Mr. Patrick Nolan, Tombrack. Ferns, be appointed members of Sub-Committee No. 6 Old Age Pensions (Newtownbarry & Ferns) vice Rev. R. Talbot who has been removed to Killanne, and Mr. John Kavanagh (interned)".

Income Tax- Return of Salaries of Officers.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed that he is not to furnish any information to the Surveyor of Taxes as regards salaries of Officers of Wexford County Council".

Gorey Courthouse.

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

"That Account for £3:13: 6 to Patrick Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey, in respect of work at Gorey Courthouse, previous to surrender of the premises be paid".

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING.- 5th APRIL 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday, 5th April 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, S. Kehoe, G. Devereux, J. Cummins, M. Cloney, M. Hughes, E. P. Foley, M. Byrne, C. Culleton.

Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. W. F. Barry County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of Road Conference.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following report of the Conference regarding Road Estimate was adopted:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCILConference re Estimate of Road Expenditure.

At the Meeting of above County Council on 30th inst., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Conference between the County Council and Roads Committee be convened for Tuesday, 5th April 1921, at 11.30 a.m. in the County Hall, Wexford, to consider the advisability of agreeing to the suspension of road work for next financial year, other than work absolutely essential with a view to having the road rate for 1921-22 reduced to as low a figure as possible.

That the Chairman of the four Rural District Councils as Members of the Roads Committee be specially requested to attend the above Conference.

The Conference met in the County Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday. 5th April 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, M.C.C. M. Cloney, M.C.C. E. P. Foley, M.C.C. G. Devereux, M.C.C. M. Hughes, M.C.C. J. Cummins, Simon Kehoe, M.C.C. M. Byrne, M.C.C. Chairman New Ross Rural District, C. Culleton, M.C.C. Chairman Wexford Rural District and representative of South Wexford Labour Executive.

Denis Whelan, Representative of North Wexford Labour Executive.

Also, Messrs. J. S. McDonald and W. Boggan, representing the Farmers' Union.

Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary acted as Secretary to the Meeting, and the County Surveyor was also in attendance.

The following resolution from the Standing Committee of the Farmers' Union was read:-

"That this Standing Committee is of opinion that much ultimate expense to the ratepayers would be saved by a small amount of work on the roads in the immediate future.

That they are of the opinion that all who are in a position to do voluntary work of this nature, would deserve well of the farming Community".

After considerable discussion the following resolution proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Cummins, was unanimously adopted:-

"That owing to the conditions at present prevailing, the Rural District Councils be informed that this Conference is of opinion that no rate should be struck for Road Maintenance for year ended 31st March 1922, except the amount required for Sudden Damages.

That the Executives of the Farmers and Labour Unions and Rural District Councils, be informed that the present suspension of Road Work is due to the nonpayment of Rates by a large number of Ratepayers.

That these Boards be informed that if the amount of Rate outstanding in respect of year ended 31st March 1921 was paid it would enable the County Council to carry out the ordinary road work up to the 31st March 1922, and there would be no necessity for any suspension.

That these Bodies be further informed that the Co. Council have no objection to Rates being paid direct to the Treasurer of the County Council (The National Bank, Ltd) as a number of ratepayers have already done.

That the Farmers' Union be asked to have a Special Meeting of their Executive to consider the matter".

Importation of Foreign Grain.

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

"That in view of the great amount of unemployment at present in the Rural Districts of Ireland, and owing to the importation of foreign

grain and Irish Barley being left in the hands of the producers, we suggest to the National Executives of the Labour Party and the Farmers' Union to hold a Conference as soon as possible to consider the best means to be adopted to stop the importation of foreign grain, and thereby give an incentive to Barley growing in Ireland".

Payments to Public Bodies.

The following amounts were passed for payment to Public Bodies:-

Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum £1897, County Infirmary £34, Enniscorthy Union £979:10- 0, Gorey Union £261: £: 0, New Ross Union £692: 15: 0, Wexford Union £412: 15: 0.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the payments ordered at the present meeting cleared off in full the demands of these Bodies for the year ended 31st March 1921, the total amount paid for the year being:-

Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum £23244, County Infirmary £1400, Enniscorthy Union £14568, Gorey Union £9656, New Ross Union £14536, Wexford Union £14965.

County hall Committee.

The following report from the County Hall Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"A Meeting of the above was held on 1st April 1921, in the County Hall, Wexford, to consider accounts in connection with preparing County Hall as County Council Offices etc.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (presiding) Also:- Messrs. E. P. Foley and G. Devereux.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

As regards Bill of Mr. T. Underwood for gasfitting etc., for £286, the Committee after considerable discussion recommended a payment of £219, being £77: 9: 0 for wages and £141: 11: 0 for materials etc., the latter being based on 25 per cent increase of prices from a Dublin firm.

In connection with account from THomas Malone, Newtown, Wexford. for £57 for erection of Gate, gully traps etc., at Machinery Yard, entrance of County Hall, the County Surveyor stated that in his opinion the amount charged for gate (£45) was entirely too high. He

had received a quotation from a reputable firm for £23: 10/-. Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, who was away at present, had had this matter in hands and received a written quotation from Mr. Malone. It appeared that Mr. Treanor informed Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, that he considered the quotation excessive in price, but J. McEvoy Quarry Foreman, subsequently went to Mr. Malone and informed him that he had been directed by Mr. Treanor to have gate made and erected. And in view of this an "open" order was given for the work.

"The Committee considered that in view of the statement made by Mr. Malone as to McEvoy's action in the matter, and to the fact that no price was set out in the official order for the gate, that they had no option but to pass the payment".

Machinery, Tools, etc.

In connection with tools, materials etc. for quarries at which work was now suspended the County Surveyor was directed to arrange for Caretakership at as low a figure as possible.

He was also directed to see that all Machinery of Council was properly stored and attended to.

It was further decided that the services of three employees of the County Council who were supervising the work of Ex-service men under Grant from Ministry of Transport should be retained.

Cartage of Timber.

Mr. Martin Laffan, Kereight, applied for permission to draw timber on roads from Ballyvergin, Bellevue etc. to Wexford.

He stated he would only draw in suitable weather. He would pay whatever the County Council considered reasonable.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the necessary permission be given Mr. Laffan provided he pays the charges fixed in the case of Mr. E. Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, which were as follows:-

£1 per day, and subject to County Surveyor stopping work whenever he considers it necessary, date to be fixed by County Surveyor to start work, no haulage to be allowed in wet weather".

Hire of Engine.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley, the County Surveyor

was authorised to certify payment of £200 to Edward Kavanagh, St. John's
Enniscorthy, for hire of Engine.

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19