

Meeting, August 7th 1899
 Minutes of Meeting of County Council held August 7th 1899:-

Present:-

Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde Bt Chairman presiding
 Lord M. Fitzgerald M P
 Capt Walker D.L
 Messrs C H. Peacocke J P
 W^m Whitty
 John J Walsh
 P. Ryan (Mayor of Wexford)

Treasurer's Authorities

The only business transacted was the signing of the authorities for making payments and which included the following amounts £15. 15. 0 to Doctors for giving Medical Evidence at Inquests and £7079. 6. 2 the amount of compensation approved of by the Local Govt Board to officials whose ^{services} are not continued under the Local Government (Ireland) Act. also the following amounts for the District Councils and Boards of Guardians:- Gorey Union £1000, Gorey District Council £150. Enniscorthy Union £750. Enniscorthy District Council £150. Wexford Union £1000. Wexford District Council £250.

County Surveyors

In ~~consideration~~ connection with the amount claimed by Mr. Webster County Surveyor for drawing up the main roads' scheme, on the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to pay on account a sum of £25 and to recommend to the Finance Committee to appoint two auditors to go into the Account with Mr. Webster. and to report as soon as possible

Tho: H. Grattan Esmonde.
 17 August 1899

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Quarterly Meeting, August 17th 1899
Wexford County Council

Minutes of Meeting (Statutable Quarterly) of the Wexford County Council was held ~~in~~ in the Council Chamber Wexford Courthouse on Thursday 17th August 1899.

Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde B^t M P Chairman of the Council presided;

The other members of the Council present were:-
Messrs. Jas Donohoe J. P. J. J. Walsh John Cummins
Jas E. Mayles Edmond Hore Vice Chairman. Myles Smyth, C. H. Peacocke J. P. Bryan Bolger. William Whitty Jas. A. Doyle Jas. Sinnott M. J. Keamond Michael Browne P. Ryan. S. Sempsey. S. Power Capt. Walter. Lord Maurice Fitzgerald H. M. L. Lord Viscount Stopford. Capt. Pigott Secretary. Mr. H. Webster Co. Surveyor and Mr. R. W. Elgee Solr to the Council were also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Loc. Coll. Brislawn's remuneration The recommendations of the Finance Committee of the 31st July 1899 were read and approved without alteration. They included a resolution asking the Local Government Board to sanction payment of compensation to ex-collector Brislawn. Also a resolution regarding payment to officers mentioned in the scheme and sanctioned by the Local Govt. Board. The Secretary was directed to forward these resolutions to the Local Govt. Board by the Finance Committee and he now announced that he did so in due course.

The following resolutions of the Finance Committee were also confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke Seconded by Mr. Doyle and passed. That the Secretary be directed to apply to the Board of Works for the balance of money to complete the building of the additional works at the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum and we request that

that the cheque be sent direct to the National Bank Ennisworthy to be placed to the credit of the Asylum Account"

"Proposed by Sir Thomas Esmonde Seconded by Mr. Doyle and passed: That we recommend the payment of £100 to the Secretary's Petty Cash Account"

Regarding the question of the payment of compensation to Ex-Poor Rate collector S. M. Donald (Ennisworthy Rural Collection District) Mr. J. A. Sinnott Solr Ennisworthy appeared for Mr. Donald, and held that he was entitled to compensation as his acceptance of office was conditional on the amount of remuneration to be allowed the collectors. Immediately Mr. Donald understood the amount of the poundage he resigned.

Mr. Hore said it would be a great injustice to deprive either Mr. Donald or Brislawn of compensation for having made a slight mistake in the reading of the Local Government Act, which they could not be expected to properly understand.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Peacocke seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously: "That the whole facts in connection with Mr. Donald's case be put before the Local Government Board, and that they be invited to favourably consider it"

Chairman - Of course we were all under the impression that this gentleman would get compensation, and this case like Brislawn's appears to be a very hard one. We are anxious to help these men as far as we can, and I think the resolution which has been adopted a very good one.

Ex-collector Brislawn

In the case of collector Brislawn the Secretary said the following was the reply he had received from the Local Government Board, to the resolution which had been forwarded to that body by directions of the Finance Committee

No. 45,027 1899
Wexford County

Local Government Board
Dublin 4th August 1899

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland.

Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter transmitting a copy of a resolution passed by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council respecting the proposal to allow compensation to Mr. Matthew Bislawn Poor Rate collector under the circumstances mentioned, and I am to state that Mr. Bislawn expressed his willingness to serve as collector under the County Council and was continued in office under the Scheme made by the Council under section 115 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and approved by the Local Government Board. Under the circumstances it seems to the Board that the County Council have no authority to award a gratuity or other form of compensation to this collector.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

H. M. Swaine

for Assistant Secretary

The Secretary
Wexford County Council.

Relative to two sums amounting to £25. 1. 9 lodged by collector Poole in Gorey after the appointed day, the Secretary was instructed to see that these amounts were lodged with the Treasurer of the County Council.

Sealing collector's Warrant The Warrants of all the ^{collectors} of Poor-rate were sealed and signed with one exception that of Enniscorthy Rural for which no collector has yet been appointed.

Election Expenses. With reference to the expenses of the returning officer (Mr. Thomas Wilkinson) for the late County Council Elections and for which a cheque for £1000 had already been paid on account, a letter was received from the returning officer under date August 14th 1899 stating that H. T. Coffey Esq. Registrar to the County Court Judge had issued his certificate of taxation amounting to £1072. 1. 6 and asking for a cheque for the £72. 1. 6 still due. Sir Thomas Esmonde moved that the amount be paid. Passed unanimously.

Arthurstown Court House

The following letter was read from Mr. E. J. Bowen J.P. Agent for the Templemore Estate:

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst re rent of Arthurstown.

Arthurstown Court House. I desire to say that Lord Templemore considers the present rent of £10 a reasonable and moderate one, and consequently is not prepared to reduce it."

to Infirmary Committee

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald proposed and Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded: That Mr. P. Ryan Mayor of Wexford and Mr. J. J. Walsh be appointed members of the Wexford Infirmary Board: Passed.

Investigations of reported Rabies. - Expenses of.
The following letters were read:

No. 41. 447 1899
Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board
Dublin 12th August 1899

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward for the information of the County Council of Wexford the accompanying copy of a letter which the Board have addressed to the Veterinary Department of the Privy Council relative to the payment of a fee, particulars of which are given below, due to Professor O'Sullivan F. Z. C. S. by the Board of Guardians of Gorey Union for experimental investigations made by him prior to the appointed day in reported cases of rabies.

I am Sir
Thomas A. Mooney.
Secretary

The amount claimed from this letter appeared to be ^{10/6} 10/6 the owner of the dog being John Kavanagh Ballycanew and the date when forwarded 16th Oct 1898

The letter to the Veterinary Department pointed out that as the Accounts of the former Boards of Guardians were now closed it appeared to the Local Government Board that the proper course for Professor ^{O'Sullivan} to adopt was to apply for payment of his fees to the Councils of the Counties in which the Unions were situated.

Lord Stopford moved: That the amount be not paid. Mr. Smyth seconded the motion was carried nem con.

not contracted for at the meeting of the District Council
A tender was now received for one: 1100 perches between Nathaniel
Websters gate in Ballincor and the road leading from Gorey to Barnes
at Carrigbeg including Fowlers Lane. Walter Dalton now proposed
for four and a half years at 4^d per perch. naming as his
sureties Laurence Doyle Killowen and Moses McDonald Ballinacoola
"The tender was accepted". The other three roads from Gorey
were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for one half year.
From the Enniscorthy Rural District there was one road not
contracted for. No tender was received by the Co Council and
it was decided that the road be placed in charge of Mr.
Webster, Co Surveyor for one half year.

On the motion of Mr. Whitty seconded by Mr. Sempsey it was
decided that the County Surveyor's attention be directed to
the barbed wire fences on the roads leading from the District
Lunatic Asylum to Enniscorthy and between Enniscorthy
and Seavale bridge and that he be requested to furnish
a report thereon to the County Council with a view of making
these test cases.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved that
the several proposals sent up by District Councils of the
Several Rural Districts of the County to the County Council
as set forth in the Schedules A, B, C, D be approved
subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon
and initialled by the Chairman.

Paying Orders for the Quarter ending 30th June were examined
and signed. Three applications were received for the position
of Poor rate collector for the Enniscorthy Rural Collection
District. Murtha J. Brean 29 Main Street Gorey offered to carry
out the duties for 5^d in the £. He did not mention the names
of any sureties in his application.

James Ryan Coolnaboy Oylegate tendered at 6^d in the £
offering as his surety. The Equitable Fire and Accident
Office 30 College Green Dublin.

John Mullett Davinstown tendered at 7^d in the £ offering
as his surety. The Ocean Guarantee Corporation Society for
which the Manager of the National Bank Enniscorthy was
Local Agent. If required he could be said offer solvent
private security for any reasonable amount.

Mr. Donohoe proposed the election of Ryan
Capt. Walker seconded.

Barbed wire fences.

District Councils of
Payments to

Appointment of Rate Coll.

Mullett

Mr Smyth proposed, Mr Whitty seconded.

Mr Cummins moved that the consideration of the applications be postponed.

Bapt Walker moved that the sense of the Meeting be taken as to whether they accept a collector at a lower poundage rate than that already given to other collectors.

Mr Peacocke objected to this motion on a point of order, and pointed out that Bapt Walker had already ^{seconded} given to the ^{a proposal before the chair} other collectors.

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald also moved the adjournment of the consideration of the applications and said he would give notice, or if allowed at that meeting move, that an advertisement similar to the last be inserted in the papers which stated that the poundage was not to exceed 7^d in the £ but allowing lenders at a lower figure to be dealt with.

The Chairman seconded Mr. Cummins' proposition and on a show of hands this was carried by 10 to 7.

Mr. Cummins said on the 17th May the Council had passed a resolution agreeing that the collectors should be paid at the rate of 7^d in the £ and until that resolution was rescinded they could not consider applications sent in at a lower figure.

The consideration of the matter was then adjourned to the 28th inst.

Mr Peacocke moved the following resolution of which he had already given notice: That whereas the Industrial School Acts (Ireland) as administered up to October 1898, were doing a great work in Ireland in reducing the criminal class by keeping waifs from the contaminating influence of the workhouse and saving them from dangerous surroundings and whereas after the issue of a circular by Government in that month, practically restricting the application of the Act to a very limited number of cases, this good work has been greatly retarded and impeded; now, we the County Council of the County of Wexford, are of opinion that the said circular should be considered by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with a view of withdrawal, and that the Industrial School Acts, should as has been the case for the past 20 years be interpreted in a liberal spirit in the best interests of the community at large, and for the welfare of.

Industrial Schools.

of the deserving poor. That a copy of this resolution be sent to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and the Members of Parliament for this County."

Mr Browne Seconded the adoption of this resolution which was passed unanimously.

Notice of Motion given by Lord Maurice Fitzgerald in connection with Railway communication in the South of the County, was by permission of the Council postponed.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins the names of Capt. Samuel Barrett - Hamilton Major Boyse Canon Doyle Messrs Godfrey & Taylor Laurence Henry Duncannon and H. J. Stephens Esq. were added to the Committee already appointed to consider the condition of the Harbours and Piers in the New Ross District with a view to their improvement and development. Notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. Smyth to the effect that Mr. James Malone V.I. be appointed Veterinary Inspector for the entire of the Gorey Union Area was withdrawn by permission of the Council. The report of the standing Orders Committee was approved of and adopted with a few alterations proposed by Lord Stopford.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Rural ^{District} Councils were fixed provisionally on the following dates: Wexford Monday October 9th Enniscorthy Thursday Oct 12th New Ross Tuesday Oct 17th Gorey Oct 19th. The hour of meeting was fixed for 10.0.6. The proposals Committee Meeting of the County Council was fixed for Thursday October 26th, and Quarterly Meeting of the Council on Nov 12th.

Arising out of the report of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider the present condition of Kilmore Pier with a view to its improvement the following recommendation of the Committee was approved of: - That the following be appointed a permanent Committee to look after the pier and see that damage to it be immediately repaired. Lord Maurice Fitzgerald (Chairman) Messrs Browne, Hore, Dodd, Mayler, Peacocke, Dempsey and Walsh, County Councillors; Messrs Rockford and Parle Kilmore, C. J. Walker Ballymagy and the District Councillors for the District Messrs Joyce and Barry. The recommendation of the same Committee that the Committee above mentioned have control of the Revenues of Kilmore Harbour so as to be able to make good any sudden damage that might occur to the pier and

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keep the Harbour in order subject to the approval of the County Surveyor, was approved of.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke it was decided that Mr Michael Browne County Councillor act as Treasurer and Secretary to the permanent committee.

Demands on Urban Districts

Demands on the Urban Councils of New Ross Enniscorthy and Wexford were approved and signed.

The apportionment of separate charges and the apportionment of General charges as already agreed to were signed and sealed by the chairman.

A memorial was read from the fishermen of Cahore and the following were appointed a committee to consider the state of the pier there and report: Capt L. A. Bryan Lord Stopford Sir Thomas Esmonde Messrs Myles Smyth. M. J. Redmond C. M. Soyre and D. Power County Councillors with Capt Richards and the District Councillors for the District.

The question of compensation to Inspectors of Explosives was deferred.

The Bank Book was produced.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde Seconded by Mr Cummins it was agreed that three weeks leave of absence be granted Capt Pigott County Secretary to be taken during the month of September.

It was directed that the Secretary pay the cost of postage of Paying Orders in connection with the Road contracts out of the Petty Cash Account. A recommendation from the Diseases of Animals Committee, that Mr Taylor V.S. Veterinary Inspector New Ross be granted a weeks leave of absence owing to an accident, be confirmed.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Monday 28th August at 2.30 p.m. and the Secretary was directed to insert the following advertisement in the papers:-

"Wanted a poor rate collector for the collection District of Enniscorthy Rural the Valuation of which is £9,760. 0. 0 at a remuneration not exceeding 7^d in the £. Applicants appointed will be required to give £900 security or the security of an approved Guarantee Society. Applications to be sent to the Secretary County Courthouse Wexford on or before Saturday 26th August."

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde the following resolutions of which he had given previous notice were adopted:

That the question of the remuneration of officials be referred to the consideration of the National Council

That the question of County Council Standing Orders be referred to the consideration of the National Council

That.

County Stock

That the question of creation of County Stock be referred to the consideration of the National Council

Main Roads The Scheme of the County Surveyor in connection with the scheme main roads was approved.

Rate Collectors The following notices of motion were handed in: Lord Maurice Fitzgerald, I give notice that I shall at the next meeting of the County Council propose that the resolution of the 17th May '99 fixing the remuneration of poor Rate collectors at 7^d in the £ be rescinded in as far as relates to future contracts and that in future advertisements inviting tenders not exceeding 7^d in the £ be adopted.

Arthurstown Court Mr. Cummins: That Mr. Webster be directed to prepare a plan and Specification for the building of a Court House for the Arthurstown Petty Sessions district and that a committee be appointed consisting of Messrs Cummins, L. Murphy Jas A Doyle J. E. Mayles and M. Hickey County Councillors to obtain a site.

Contractors of Co. Bridges Capt. Walker. I give notice that I will move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council that the contractors who have contracts for keeping the County Bridges in repair be ordered to name a competent person living within two statute miles of such bridges, who shall repair any sudden breach of these works, and immediately report the same to the contractors. And the tools and appliances for opening and closing the drawbridges shall be entrusted to the custody of such persons by the contractors.

Main Roads - Wicklow Urban District Mr. P. Ryan: I hereby give Notice that I will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the question of the amount granted by the County Council for the maintenance of Wexford Urban Mail coach roads be reconsidered.

Sir Thomas Esmonde Resolution relative to the re-adjustment of the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland.

Augt 28th 1899

Edmond Hore

Wexford County Council

Minutes of Meeting August 28th 1899.

An adjourned Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Council Chamber Wexford Courthouse on Monday August 28th. In the absence of the Chairman Mr. Edmond Hare Vice Chairman presided. The other members present were Messrs S. Sempsey, Owen Doyle, M. Smyth, J. E. Healy, M. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, J. Sinnott, M. Hickey, W. Whitty, J. F. Walsh, P. Ryan, J. Good, B. Bolger, John Cummins, Lord Viscount Stopford and Lord Maurice Fitzgerald. H. M. J. The Secretary Capt. W. H. Pigott, Secretary to the County Council and W. H. Webster County Surveyor, Mr. Elgee Solicitor to the County Council were also present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed:- The first business taken up was the question of the advertisement in the newspapers for the appointment of poor rate collector for the Rural District of Enniscorthy. The Chairman Mr. Doyle and Mr. Cummins mentioned that they had left the room under the impression that the appointment was to be made at 7^d in the £. Yet the advertisement was the same as the previous one, "not exceeding 7^d in the £." Mr. Browne explained that the reason the advertisement was inserted in this manner was to allow of the decision of the Council being taken on a notice of motion given by Lord Maurice Fitzgerald to rescind the resolution fixing the collectors poundage at 7^d in the £. Had the advertisement been worded in another way the matter of rescinding the resolution could not be satisfactorily settled. Mr. Healy, Solicitor appeared on behalf of Messrs John ^{Dotan} ~~Bryne~~ John Leary, James Neville, William Parker and Charles Nolan, Deputy Poor Collectors for the Barony of Ballaghkeene South and who claimed that they were entitled to further compensation than had been awarded them. On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Doyle it was decided that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. A series of resolutions from Mr. James Donohoe J. P. Enniscorthy, a member of the County Council and Hon. Sec. of the Union amalgamation Committee of the General Council County Councils Association was read. They referred to the obtaining of information

appointment of collector for Enniscorthy Rural D.

amalgamation of unions & Auxiliary Asylums.

information from the clerk of the unions with reference to the question of amalgamation of unions and invite county councils to consider this question and those for the establishment of auxiliary asylums, District Infirmaries, Industrial Schools and Benevolent Homes in conjunction ^{with} District Councillors, Boards of Guardians and Asylum committees, and to make such suggestions as they may deem advisable to the committee in relation to these matters. There was no action taken:-

The following resolution was on the motion of Mr. Peacocke seconded by Mr. Browne unanimously adopted:
Resolved:- That we the members of the county council of Kerry consider it most unfair towards the ratepayers of Ireland to have all commissions of Inquiry regarding the internal affairs of the country held in England at enormous extra cost to Ireland for instance as the Hybrid committee on the Railway amalgamation scheme; and whereas such investigation could ^{be} more conveniently conducted in Ireland, at a fourth of the expense it has cost in London. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chairman of the different county councils of Ireland for their adoption and the members of Parliament for Kerry". Mr. Luke Kehoe Drumderry wrote claiming compensation for being deprived of emoluments arising ^{out of} poundage fees in connection with the Moyacombe division which had formerly been attached to Shillelagh union but now transferred to the Enniscorthy union. On the motion of Lord Stopford the matter was referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. Sinnott said that Mr. Kehoe had been granted a division in the county Carlow to make up for the one which had been taken from him.

The following letter was read:-

Main Street, Gorey.

26th August 1899.

To the Chairman, Wexford County Council.

Sir

I in common with a number of other poor rate

collectors

collectors in this and other divisions of the County respectfully object to the payment of a fee of 10/- to the Solicitor to the County Council Mr Elgee, on the signing of their Bonds. We contend that we should not have been asked to pay this fee, and respectfully submit that it should be refunded, Mr Elgee being the Solicitor for the County Council and not the Solicitor for the rate collectors, surely it is the County Council who should properly pay his costs. We are of opinion that it is not just or proper to charge the collectors fees for work done on behalf of the County Council and for their benefits. Furthermore we wish to point out that at the time of our appointment originally as rate collectors we were not asked to pay any such fees in connection with Bonds. Though the amount paid in each case is small we object to it on principle. There is another matter of far greater importance on which we desire to have some information. We do not know whether, as the Secretary of the County Council informed us, we are bound to lodge our entire collection on or before the 30th Sept next; because if that be so we wish to state that it will be utterly impossible for us to do so owing to the short space of time. We may point out that the original order of the L.G. Board ^{dated 17th April 1899} (in Sec 1 of Article 12. Page 4) allowed the collectors four months from the date of their Warrant, within which time they were entitled to full poundage and (Sec 2) to half poundage on the sum collected during the remainder of the Financial Year.

We hope the County Council in case they have adopted the scheme requiring the collectors to lodge the full amount of their Warrants by 30th Sept as a condition of their receiving their full poundage, will reconsider the matter, as it would be a great hardship upon us, and in fact an impossibility for any collectors to fulfil these conditions.

Signed on behalf of the Rate collectors.

John B Smith.

As regards the payment of the fee Mr Elgee pointed out that the County Council had already to pay 30/- for the registration of each Bond. The collectors had only to enter into the one Bond for the whole time they were collectors. He was satisfied if the County Council paid the money. Mr. Browne said he thought

collectors. Objecting to pay 10/- fee on Bond.

the present Court House was held under lease.

On the motion of Mr Browne seconded by Mr Walsh. it was decided that the names of Mr. Peter French M.P. and Mr. J. J. Healy M.P. be added to the Committee of Kilmore Pier. The first Meeting of the Committee was fixed for Monday 25th Sept at three o'clock.

By permission of the Council the motion standing in the name of Mr Ryan asking for reconsideration of the grant for the maintenance of Wexford Urban Mail Coach Road was postponed. On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Hickey the names of Messrs Kenny, Barron, Murphy, Howell, Stephens, Gahan, Hendrick, Mullins O'Loughlin, Ryan, Power and Quinn were added to the Committee in connection with the development of the Harbours in the New Ross District.

The Financial Minutes were produced and examined. The Financial Statement Books of receipt and expenditure were also produced but the Certificate at the bottom was not signed as the totals had not been posted into the General Ledger as the book was not yet in the hands of the Secretary. Both books were written up to date.

Edmund H. H. H.
13 November 1899.