

CONFERENCE UNION AMALGAMATION. 30th AUGUST 1921.

A Conference between the Wexford County Council and Representative of the Board of Guardians, was held in the Boardroom, Wexford Union on Tuesday 30th August 1921, to consider the question of Union Amalgamation.

The following were in attendance:-

Mr. J.R. Etchingham M.C.C. (Chairman) presiding

Other Members:- Dr. J. Ryan, M.C.C. Messrs. R. Corish M.C.C. James Byrne, M.C.C. Michael Byrne M.C.C. Michael Cloney, M.C.C. C. Culleton M.C.C. J. Cummins, M.C.C. James Doyle M.C.C. Michael Doyle M.C.C. E.P. Foley, M.C.C., James Hall, M.C.C. Simon Kehoe M.C.C. Charles McCarthy, M.C.C. John Murphy, M.C.C. Thomas Murphy, M.C.C. J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) M.C.C. J.J. O'Byrne M.C.C. (Cushinstown) John Pender M.C.C. Michael Redmond M.C.C.

The following delegates attended:-

Enniscorthy Union:- Messrs. Thomas McCarthy, Michael Maher, Nicholas Whitty.

Wexford Union:- Miss O'Ryan, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs McTaminey, Messrs. D. Whelan, and John Larkin.

New Ross Union:- Messrs. P. Lynch, J. Dunphy, Thomas Cashon.

Gorey Union:- Messrs. Moses Bolger, John Gannon, John Sheehan.

The Assistant Secretary, four Clerks of Unions and three Inspectors from Dail Eireann, were in attendance.

Welcome to Chairman and Imprisoned Members of Council.

Mr. John J. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. John Cummins seconded the following resolution:-

"That we extend a hearty welcome to Messrs. J.R. Etchingham T.D. Seumas Doyle T.D. and Dr. Ryan T.D. on their return amongst us. We recognise their sterling worth and all they and the other Members and Officials still in custody have done and suffered for the cause of Ireland. We feel assured the return of our Chairman will result in much benefit to the deliberations of the Council".

"Passed unanimously and with acclamation".

Mr. Etchingham thanked the meeting for the vote of welcome

The following report from Special Committee appointed at last

Conference on 29th June, to prepare Scheme showing separately and in detail the cost of equipping and running one County Home and one County Hospital and comparing same with the cost of the existing arrangement was read:-

Union Amalgamation.

Report of Special Committee to the Conference to be held on 30th August, 1921.

Your Committee beg to report having met on the 12th inst. There attended- Mr. O'Byrne Chairman, Co. Council., Miss O'Ryan, Chairwoman Wexford Guardians., Mr. E.P. Foley, M.C.C., two Inspectors from Dail Eireann., the four Clerks of Unions., and Mr. T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, Co. Council.

From Statistics submitted it appeared that the net cost of running the Workhouse System for the ended the 31st March last (excluding the maintenance of 95 inmates from the Counties of Kilkenny and Carlow in New Ross Workhouse, who will be transferred to their respective counties) came to £33,262, the Main House Divisions accounting for £14,844 and Hospitals for £18,418.

In addition there was paid £725 in giving patients special treatments in Dublin and £1,494 to the Co. Infirmary, making a gross total of £35,481 spent on institutional relief for the year.

There was maintained in the Workhouse a daily average of 332 sick and 336 healthy, making a total of 668 persons.

The Staffs consisted in Main Houses of 35 Officers, in General Hospitals 39, and Fever Hospitals 12, totalling 86 officers, whose salaries and cost of rations amounted to £8,967 or 22 per cent of the net expenditure. If all the Staff were pensioned off it would involve a pension bill of 1,800 a year and a lump sum of £14,137 in compensation.

It is however, proposed to retain 31 of the existing Officials, and by this means the pension roll will be reduced to £1,266 a year, and the compensation payment to £8,270 extinguishing an annual charge of £5,097 in respect of salaries and rations.

Regarding the new institutions, the figures put before you contemplate the establishment of one County Home and one County Hospital.

The Main Houses cost at present £14,844, while the County Home

with an inmate population of 336 persons is estimated to cost £12,786. It is proposed that the Staff of the new institution will consist of 16 Officers whose salaries are put down at £2,287.

The Institutional Medical Service at present cost £20,637, while the new County Hospital, which it is anticipated will meet all present day requirements, is estimated to cost £16,263.

The new Hospital Service allows for the maintenance of 330 inmates with a Staff of 26 Officers whose salaries are returned at £3,844.

After making allowance for pensions amounting to £1,266, which will of course, be a terminable item, the gross estimated annual saving will amount to £6,432, which, being deducted from the compensation payable, viz:- £8,269, leaves a net loss for the first year of £1,837. If the saving estimated is maintained it will mean that on the second year there will be £4,595 of a gain, and in subsequent years this gain will amount to £6,432.

If the payment of compensation is spread over a short term of years, or if a loan is obtained for the purpose, there would be no loss even in the first year, in the working of the new Scheme.

The question of the change of the method of paying outdoor relief will arise. We have ascertained that the total amount paid out last year was £9,603, while the R.O's salaries came to £714.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOHN J. O'BYRNE.
Chairman.

WEXFORD COUNTY.

Return of the Cost of the Main House Divisions of Workhouses in
the County and Estimated Cost of the Proposed County Home.

Pop.	Main Houses	Per Head		Per Week	
		Per Annum			
75	Enniscorthy	£39	17 6	15 5	2991 0 0
47	Gorey	58	17 0	£1 1 6	2760 0 0
152	New Ross	33	5 1	12 7	6056 0 0
67	Wexford	47	6 1	18 2	3170 0 0
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341					14977 0 0
5	Less cost of maintenance of 5 Carlow and Kilkenny inmates at £26.10s.				132 10 0
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336					14844 10 0
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					£ 14844 10 0

By Maintenance of 336 persons at £26 10s per annum 8904 0 0

" Officials Salaries as follows:-

	Secretary	£300 0 0	
	2 Chaplains	180 0 0	
	Doctor	250 0 0	
16	6 Nurses	600 0 0	
	Porter	80 0 0	
	Van Driver	182 0 0	
	3 Tradesmen	546 0 0	
	Agriculturist	149 0 0	
		<u>£2287 0 0</u>	
"	Medicines and Appliances	100 0 0	
"	Establishment Charges	600 0 0	
"	Pensions	605 0 0	
"	Interest on Compensation		
	£5805 at 5 per cent	290 0 0	
		<u>3882 0 0</u>	
			<u>£12786 0 0</u>
	Estimated Gross Gain		<u>2058 10 0</u>
			<u>£14844 10 0</u>

To Estimated Gross Gain		By Compensation	5805 4 0
brought down	£2058 10 0		
" Estimated Loss first			
year	3746 14 0		
	<u>£5805 4 0</u>		<u>£ 5805 4 0</u>

NOTES.

Pensions and compensations extinguish a salary roll (including cost of rations) of £2,862 a year.

No account has been taken of realisable stock in the Workhouses proposed to be abolished owing to likelihood of most of it being taken over by the new institutions.

WEXFORD COUNTY.

Return of the Cost of the Present Hospitals in the County, and the
Estimated Cost of the Proposed County Hospital.

Av. No.	Fever Hospitals.			
3	Enniscorthy		£324 0 0	
3	Gorey		225 0 0	
8	New Ross		435 0 0	
3	Wexford		741 0 0	
				1725 0 0
17		Weekly Cost s d		
Pop	General Hospitals			
91	Enniscorthy	18 3	4319 0 0	
72	Gorey	20 0	3846 0 0	
113	New Ross	17 5	5684 0 0	
129	Wexford	17 5	5770 0 0	
405			19619 0 0	
T. 422				
Les 90	Less 90 Kilkenny and Carlow			
	inmates at £32.10.2d.		2925 15 0	
N. T332				16693 5 0
	Maintenance of Patients sent to			
	Dublin for special treatment		487 0 0	
	From 4 Unions & Rural Councils			
	From 3 Urban District Councils		237 12 3	
				724 12 3
	Cost to Co. Council of upkeep of County			
	Infirmery			1494 0 0
				£ 20636 17 3

By Maintenance of 330 patients at £32 10 2d
per annum

10725 0 0

" Officials' Salaries

Secretary	£300 0 0
Apothecary	104 0 0
Chaplains	180 0 0
Surgeon	500 0 0
26 Physician	350 0 0
15 Nurses	1500 0 0
1 Van Driver	182 0 0
1 Porter Van Dr.	182 0 0
3 Tradesmen	546 0 0
	<hr/> 3844 0 0

" Medicines and Surgical

Appliances 300 0 0

" Establishment Charges 600 0 0

" Pensions 661 0 0

" Interest on Compensation,

£2464.9s 2d at 5 p.c. 133 0 0

5538 0 0

16263 0 0

Estimated Gross Gain

4373 17 3

£20636 17 3

To Estimated Gross Gain

brought down

£4373 17 3

By Compensation £2464 9 2

" Net Gain

1909 8 1

£4373 17 3

£ 4373 17 3

NOTES. Pensions and Compensation extinguish a salary roll (including cost of rations) of £2234.

No account has been taken of realisable stock in the Workhouses proposed to be abolished owing to likelihood of most of it being

taken over by the new institutions.

SUMMARY RESULT OF FOREGOING STATEMENTS.

To Estimated Gross Gain		By Compensation	
Main Houses	2058 10 0	Main Houses	5805 4 0
Hospitals	4373 17 3	Hospitals	2464 9 2
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	6432 7 3		8269 13 2
" Net Loss first year	1837 5 11		
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	£ 8269 13 2		£ 8269 13 2

NOTE. Pensions and Compensation extinguish a salary roll and cost of rations of £5,097 a year.

The following letters were read from the Clerks of Wexford and Enniscorthy Unions respectively:-

"I have to inform you that at Saturday's meeting of my Board it was decided, in the event of the findings of the Conference on to-morrow not coming before them for consideration, to instruct their delegates to vote for District Hospitals".

I brought the Agenda Sheet for Amalgamation Meeting before Guardians on Wednesday last, they have no suggestions to make with regard to any item except Outdoor Relief question, they request that any Scheme drafted in connection with this should be submitted to the various Boards for their approval.

In the other matters our Delegates are free to act as they consider best".

After a lengthened discussion, Mr. Lynch proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded:-

- "1. That the four General Workhouses be abolished as such.
2. That the necessitous aged and infirm, including epileptics and idiots be accommodated in a Central Institution to be called County Wexford Home".

Passed Unanimously.

Dr. Ryan proposed the establishment of one County Hospital and three District Hospitals.

Mr. C. McCarthy seconded.

Mr. Lynch proposed as an amendment:- "That the Hospital arrangements remain as they are for the present. The Workhouse Hospitals to be called District Hospitals".

Mr. Bolger seconded.

Mrs. Keating, Inspector from Dail Eireann, stated she did not believe the Dail would sanction any arrangement embracing District Hospitals.

stated

Dr. Ryan/that the Medical members of An Dail had held a Meeting about the matter and came to the conclusion that small District Hospitals accommodating about 15 or 20 beds would be necessary.

They had interviewed Alderman Cosgrave, T.D. Minister of Local Government in the matter and had shaken his determination in holding out for a County Hospital only.

A show of hands was taken with the result that 23 voted for the amendment and 13 for Dr. Ryan's motion.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried. It was then put as the substantive motion and agreed to unanimously.

Location of County Home.

Mr. McCarthy proposed that the County Home be located at Enniscorthy in the present Workhouse Buildings.

Mr. John Murphy seconded.

Mr. Bolger proposed that it be located at Gorey.

Mr. Sheehan seconded.

Mr. Corish proposed Wexford. Mr Whelan seconded.

After discussion Mr. Bolger withdrew his motion and a show of hands was taken as to selection of Wexford or Enniscorthy, resulting in 5 for Wexford and 24 for Enniscorthy.

The Chairman declared Enniscorthy selected. Mr. McCarthy's motion was **then** put and carried.

Establishment of Public Health Committee.

Dr. Ryan proposed that a Committee consisting of the following be appointed to deal with all matters pertaining to Public Health, including the making of arrangements for the carrying out of the Amalgamation Scheme as agreed to.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

County Councillors 8., Chairmen R.D. Councils 4., Representatives of the Towns Council of Enniscorthy, New Ross (one each) Corporation of Wexford (Two) Town Commissioners of Gorey (one), 4 Persons nominated by County Council, Insurance Committee 3., Boards of Guardians 4 County Medical Association 2. Total 30.

Payment of Outdoor Relief.

The question as to advisability of making a change in the method of payment of outdoor relief was discussed, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the new Public Health Committee and the Boards of Guardians.

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(Signed)

Seán R. Eweeney

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 20th day of Apr 1921

QUARTERLY MEETING. 30th AUGUST 1921.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Boardroom, Wexford Union, on Tuesday 30th August 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) and subsequently Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) presiding.

Also:- Dr. J. Ryan, Messrs. R. Corish, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Michael Cloney, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, James Doyle, Michael Doyle, E.P. Foley, James Hall, Simon Kehoe, Charles McCarthy, John Murphy, Thomas Murphy, J.J. O'Byrne, (Ballyduff) John Pender and Michael Redmond.

The Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and three Inspectors from Dail Eireann, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

University Scholarships.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the Marks calculated According to the Council's Scheme obtained by applicants for University Scholarships at the recent Senior Grade Intermediate Examinations as follows:-

McGrath Thomas V:- Irish (Honours) 219, English 100, Arithmetic & Algebra 155, History & Historical Geography 150, French 113, Total 737.

Bright, George Joseph:- Irish 33, English 155, Arithmetic & Algebra 45, Physical Science Course 123, History & Historical Geography 155, Total, 511.

Furlong Stephen Joseph:- Irish (failed) English 130, Arithmetic & Algebra 60, Physical Science Course 134, History & Historical Geography 180. Total 504.

Dempsey William Kevin:- Irish 109, English 65, Arithmetic & Algebra 55, (Failed in Algebra) Geometry 20, Commercial Course 79, Total 328.

The Assistant Secretary stated that one of the conditions of the Scheme was that candidates should obtain Honours in two of the subjects set out in the Scheme. None of the applicants had fulfilled this condition.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. Corish:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of the County Council, that the regulations of the University Scholarship Scheme be varied so as to allow of the consideration of Scholarships being awarded to the four Applicants allowed to compete by the Co. Council".

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. Foley:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of the County Council, that the resolution re County Council Scholarships passed at June Meeting disqualifying three applicants from competing for University Scholarships be rescinded".

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. James Doyle:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of County Council, that Examinations for Co. Council Scholarships be carried out under the direction of the County Council".

Under date 19th August 1921 a letter was read from the General Secretary, Gaelic League, Dublin, forwarding copies of Schemes of University and Primary Scholarships in operation in County Limerick and asking the County Council to establish similar Scheme for next year.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the County Council had adopted a Scheme of Primary Scholarships on 25th January last, their University Scholarship Scheme had been running for some years.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the Limerick Scheme be considered when the Regulations for next year's Scholarship were being considered.

Leave of Absence of Junior Clerk.

The Assistant Secretary submitted doctor's certificate received from Mr. Stephen Hayes, Junior Clerk in County Secretary's Office, that he would not be able to resume duty until 5th September.

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

"That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Stephen Hayes, Junior Clerk in Co. Secretary's Office, until 5th September 1921, as from

7th July 1921, the date of the beginning of his illness".

Preparation of Franchise & Jurors' Lists.

Under date 26th August 1921 the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann:-

"The Local Government, Dail Eireann, has decided that Jurors' and Franchise Lists are not to be prepared and all officials of Public Bodies are hereby instructed not to take any action in connection with the preparation of such lists".

Under date 3rd August 1921 the following was read from the Irish Co. Councils' General Council:-

"The General Council recommends the County Councils to suspend the preparation of Electors and of Jurors Lists pending further instructions".

Under date 18th August 1921 the following letter was read from the Registration Officer, Crown & Peace Office, Wexford:-

"Kindly say by return of post, if you as Overseer and your Assistant Overseers, are prepared to carry out your Statutory duties in the preparation of the fourth Register of Electors under the above Act".

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the Assistant Secretary was directed to carry out the instructions of Dail Eireann regarding Electors' & Jurors' Lists.

Under date 3rd August 1921 the following letter was read from the Registration Officer, Crown & Peace Office, Wexford:-

"I beg to apply for an advance of Two hundred Pounds to enable me to meet current expenses in the preparation of the fourth Register under the Representation of the People Act 1918".

Refused on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)/

Under date 30th July 1921 the Clerk of the Crown & Peace Wexford, forwarded an account from Messrs. English & Co., Wexford, for £7. 5/- for the printing of forms in connection with revision of Jurors' Lists.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) it was decided that payment of the account be refused.

Trailers.

Under date 27th July 1921, Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote forwarding the following letter from Thompson's Motor Car Co., Ltd., Dublin:-

"As four of the trailers were dispatched from Liverpool on the 10th July, and should have by this time reached the Wexford County Council, I shall be glad if you will endeavour to get them to now pay for another two or four trailers so that we can get same sent along, even if the Wexford Co. Council only paid for one every fortnight it would be easier for them and would suit us as well, but the point is, we must get the matter settled definitely within the next six weeks or we will have this trouble all over again.

Will you please do what you can for me in the matter".

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

"That the question of payment for the two trailers referred to in Messrs. Thompsons' communication be adjourned pending delivery of trailers".

The County Surveyor submitted bills amounting to £39. 13. 6d received from Thompsons' motor Car Co. Ltd., for freight on trailers already supplied. The charge for demurrage and also rate for sea freight were questioned by the County Surveyor, who was directed to enquire further into the matter and report to next meeting.

Application for Refund of Motor Registration Fee.

Under date 11th August 1921 the following letter was read from Mr. Thomas Sutton, Kilmore Quay:-

"On February 4th I paid £1 for registration of Motor Car and 5/- for driver's licence. Being refused same I now claim for above

Thanking you in anticipation".
owing

Adjourned/to the fact that all business under the Motor Car Acts has been taken over from the Council/

Vacancies on Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Letters were read from Mr. James Leary, Grange Upper, Rathmure, and Mr. Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, resigning membership of the County

Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as they found it impossible to attend the meetings.

The following recommendation was submitted from the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That the County Council be recommended to appoint Mr. Richard Murphy, Milltown, Killanne, as a member of this Committee vice Mr. James Leary, resigned. If Mr. Murphy is unwilling to act, that the County Councillor resident in the district (Mr. James Shannon) be asked to submit the name of a successor to Mr. Leary.

That the County Councillor resident in the district (Mr. James Byrne) be asked to submit the name of a successor to Mr. Crosbie".

The Assistant Secretary stated he had received a letter from Mr. Richard Murphy, Milltown, Killanne, declining to act on the Committee as he could not attend the meetings.

Under date 29th August 1921 a letter was read from Mr. James Shannon M.C.C. submitting the name of Mr. Thomas Whitney, Gurrawn, Killanne, as a member of the County Committee. Mr. Whitney had expressed his willingness to act.

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

"That Mr. Thomas Whitney, Gurrawn, Killanne, and Mr. James H. O'Connor, Mount Walter, Taghmon, be appointed members of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr. James Leary, Grange, Rathnure, and Mr. Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, resigned".

Vacancy on Gorey Sub-Committee- Old Age Pension Act.

Under date 9th August 1921 Mr. J.J. Fanning, Clerk Gorey Sub-Committee Old Age Pension Act, wrote stating that his Sub-Committee had recommended the appointment on the Sub-Committee of Rev. J. Rossiter, P.P. Gorey, vice Very Rev. Canon Lennon, resigned.

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

"That Rev. J. Rossiter P.P. Gorey, be appointed a member of the Gorey Sub-Committee Old Age Pension Act, vice Very Rev. Canon Lennon, resigned".

Asylum Committee.

Under date 5th August 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. J.M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross:-

"I am much obliged for yours intimating that the Co. Council had co-opted me a member of the Asylum Committee.

Will you be good enough to please thank the Council for favour they have done me".

"No Order"

Agreement with County Insurance Committee.

Under date 3rd August 1921 the following letter was read from the Clerk, County Wexford Insurance Committee:-

"At Meeting of above Committee held on 27th ult., it was decided that I should write you to lay before your Council at their next meeting the question of Agreement between this Committee and Tuberculosis Committee, which has been in abeyance for some years, and at Sub-Committee of mine held some short time ago the members present desired me to impress upon the County Council the fact, that the failure to bring in this Agreement results in a loss of from nine to ten hundred pounds a year in the treatment of Tuberculosis in this County generally. As we have been informed by a representative of Insurance Commission that the grant you receive would be paid on the sum you raise plus our contribution and not on your present income solely. Will you please ask your Council to elect Delegates to meet representatives of this Committee at an early date, to discuss this matter thoroughly".

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

"That, owing to the fact that the Grant from the British Government would cease owing to regulation that the accounts of the Tuberculosis Committee must not be submitted for audit in future, no action be taken in the matter at present".

Mountgarrett Bridge.

Under date 13th August 1921, a letter was read from the New Ross Employers' Federation calling attention to the Ferry Mountgarrett

Bridge and requesting that steps be taken to make the structure available for the public traffic.

The following resolution was read from the New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That we, the New Ross Urban Council, call the attention of the Wexford and Kilkenny County Councils to the grave danger to life and property caused by the existing condition of the Ferry Mountgarrett Bridge, the serious inconvenience to Ratepayers large and small in the wide and populous districts served by the bridge, and the very material loss to the trade of New Ross, which is their market town.

Pending the erection of a permanent bridge we suggest that a temporary structure be erected to replace the span connecting with the Wexford shore, so as to make provision for light traffic, and we respectfully ask the County Councils concerned to take immediate action in the matter".

The County Surveyor stated that he had received a communication from Mr. Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, that this bridge could be made safe for light traffic at an expenditure of £600.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to make an inspection of the Ferry Mountgarrett Bridge, and in the event of his agreeing with the estimate furnished by Mr. Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, we agree to have a timber structure erected to carry light traffic at a cost to County Wexford not exceeding £300".

Wexford Bridge.

Under date 15th August 1921 a letter was read from Mr. N. Whitty, Kilahard, Blackwater, calling attention to the dangerous state of Wexford Bridge, and asking to have it repaired or closed to traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that he estimated a sum of £60 would be required to make the bridge safe.

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

"That a sum of £50 be allocated for repairing Wexford Bridge to make it safe, and that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Foley and Corish inspect the bridge before any expenditure is incurred".

Suspension of Staff in Co. Surveyor's Office.

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

That the Typist and Junior Clerk in County Surveyor's Office be suspended pending resumption of road work".

Repairs to Gorey Streets.

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £5 on repair of Streets in town of Gorey".

Kilmore Dredging.

The County Surveyor stated that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland had requested him to ascertain if the Council would be agreeable for the dredging work at Kilmore Harbour to be completed. Of the £500 allocated for this work a sum of £153. 11. 5d was unexpended.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. McCarthy the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland be informed that the County Council do not desire that this work be carried out at present".

Damaged Bridges and Roads.

On the motion of Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted--

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to send in registered claims for compensation for all bridges damaged and roads trenched in the County".

Interference with Material.

The County Surveyor submitted a report from Moses Power, Caretaker Kerlogue Quarry, that material was about to be taken from the quarry for the purpose of repairing trenched roads.

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

That no action be taken against persons taking material from Kerlogue Quarry for the purpose of repairing trenched roads".

New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor asked for instructions as to repair of New Ross Bridge, which was maliciously damaged. He stated that the restoration of the flooring would cost in or about £300.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) M. Byrne and Thomas Murphy was appointed to meet the County Surveyor at the Bridge and decide what immediate repairs should be undertaken".

Purchase of Material at Ferrybank.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That 500 cubic yards of material at Ferrybank be sold to the Wexford Corporation at a cost of 16/- per cubic yard broken. That the County Surveyor be authorised to employ the Council's breaker at present hired to the Wexford Corporation when the latter body can release same, at Ferrybank for about three weeks. That the County Surveyor be empowered to use the Council's steam lorry at Ferrybank for about three weeks".

Outstanding Accounts.

The County Surveyor submitted accounts from Traders.

It was decided that Traders be notified that the Co. Council will consider applications for payment of accounts due by the Council at close of the current half-year, viz:- 30th September 1921".

Road Work.

The County Surveyor was authorised to make payments to road Workers for work already carried out up to a limit of £1252.

Drainage of Roads.

The County Surveyor stated that if a little work was done on Road Drainage at present, it would save considerable expense later on.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Byrne (Cushinstown) it was decided that this matter be referred to the meeting of the

Roads Committee to be held on the 20th September 1921.

Meeting of Roads Committee.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that a meeting of the Roads Committee be summoned for the 20th September to consider certain matters in connection with roads.

Arrears of Salary.

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

"That Officials of the Council, portion of whose salaries was deferred, be placed on full salary and arrears paid".

Proposed Loan from Dail Eireann.

The Assistant Secretary stated that, owing to the stoppage of the Government Grants, a loan amounting to £4,400 had been granted to the Council, by Dail Eireann, who had arranged for the issue of a loan for a similar amount by the Treasurer of the County Council.

National Bank, Enniscorthy.

A discussion took place as to a complaint that the Enniscorthy Branch of the National Bank had refused to accept cheques made payable to the Treasurer of the Council for lodgment to the Council's account in the Wexford Branch, which is the Treasurer to the Council.

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

"That Messrs. James Doyle, John Murphy and Hall be instructed to investigate the complaint against the National Bank (Enniscorthy) Branch) and, in the event of it being substantiated, to notify the Secretary to the County Council, whom we instruct to forward the following resolution to the Directors of the National Bank:-

"That the Directors of the National Bank be informed that cheques made payable to the Treasurer of the Wexford County Council, have been refused by the Enniscorthy Branch of the Bank for lodgment to the Council's account in their Branch at Wexford.

We request the Directors to investigate the matter as such action on the part of a Branch of the Bank in putting obstacles in the way of Ratepayers lodging Rates to the Council's credit would result in serious financial loss to the Council".

Stall Holders at Courtown.

Under date 18th August 1921, the following was read from the Chairman:-

"Had an urgent message from Courtown residents in Trade re a permit given by Harbour Master Stapleton to a travelling refreshment camp owner. This man applied to Lord Courtown who refused and told him he considered the people paying rent and taxes. Mr. Stapleton then gave permit. I am instructed there will be trouble".

The Assistant Secretary stated he had communicated with Mr. Stapleton, Harbour Master, in the matter and had received the following reply:-

"In reply to yours of the 20th inst., I beg to state that I issued no permit in this case, I simply gave the man permission to erect his tent in the ordinary course which I had perfect right to do.

Neither did I look on it as a travelling Camp as stated by the parties complaining, he is from the village of Monamolin outside Gorey where he keeps a small shop.

He came to me on Saturday and asked me to allow him to erect his tent and I did so telling him he should see the Sports Committee as there would be a charge for crossing the bridge, he told me he would do so, and proceeded to erect his stall, this was about one p.m. I heard nothing further about it till eleven p.m. that night, when a party of objectors came to my house and left with my wife what I looked on as a threatening letter, thought they saw this man working all the evening and made no complaint. I saw the Stall owner on Sunday morning and showed him the letter I got the night before, and we both called on Mr. Etchingham but he was not at home. He then told me he would not open, but later on the Volunteers took the matter up and communicated with headquarters at Ferns, who told him to sell away.

There were dozens of standings including one from County Carlow and they were not objected to. I may add that the general public were highly indignant over the matter.

I had an interview with Mr. T. Stokes, D.C. and a prominent member of the Volunteers who can bear me out in the above".

"No Order"

Compensation for Removal from County Hall.

Under date 16th August 1921, Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council submitted condition report on County Hall, which he had received from Capt. Brennan, Brigade Lands Officer.

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

"that the Council make a claim for £200 for disturbance and cost of removal from County Hall on the occasion of its being commandeered by the R.I.C. That a further claim of £20 per week be made for the period of its occupation by the R.I.C. in addition to any charge for damage to the buildings while in possession of the R.I.C."

Agreements, Overline Bridges.

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement with the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, regarding the maintenance of the bridges over their Railway system".

Report of Committee on Inspection of Kilcarbery

Under date 16th August 1921, the Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, wrote forwarding the following copy of report of the Committee appointed by the County Council to inspect Kilcarbery

"The Committee appointed at last meeting to visit Kilcarbery and meet there Mr. W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, with a view to an examination of the mill buildings at present unused, met on 20th July, there being present Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman, Rev. J. Rossiter, Adm., Vice-Chairman, and Mr. James Hall, M.C.C.

After an inspection of the premises it was decided to make the following recommendations:-

- (1) That the large chimney be taken down and that tenders be invited for its purchase with this in view.
- (2) That the roofs of the two mill buildings which are beginning to show signs of requiring attention in a couple of places be immediately repaired.
- (3) That no repairs be carried out at present to the other portion

of the mill buildings at north end but that ivy surrounding it and adjacent to dwellinghouse be cut alongside facing drive.

(4) That a corrugated iron roof be put on small washhouse at rere of yard and ivy surrounding same be cut.

(5) That the mantelpiece formerly in premises now occupied by Attendant Patrick Murphy be sent to O'Neill's Yard for auction.

(6) That a report be furnished as to number of appletrees now in the garden/set to Miss Breen and the number originally in it.

The Committee further request that Electrician Bernie and Attendant Patrick Murphy be in attendance at next meeting of the Committee of Management on 11th inst".

"No Order"

Teaching of Irish.

Under date 3rd August 1921 a letter was read from the Irish County Councils' General Council, recommending the inclusion of the teaching of Irish in Scheme for Technical Instruction, and the provision of special facilities at such Classes for the instruction of Teachers.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Managers of Schools in County Wexford be requested when filling vacancies for Teachers in Schools, to appoint only those applicants who are qualified Irish Teachers".

Rate Collection.

Under date 3rd August 1921 the following was read from the Irish County Councils' General Council appeals with confidence to the Ratepayers of Ireland to co-operate with the County Councils in their efforts under extraordinary difficulties, to maintain efficiently the Poor Law System and other local services, by immediate payment of the Rates due, and where possible of the full year's rate. The Ratepayers must realise that it is very much in their own interests to maintain the local services, as any failure to do so would involve very serious consequences in their midst. The General Council recommends the County Council to immediately make special efforts, by appeal to the Ratepayers in the local press or otherwise, to complete

their collections".

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Cummins the following resolution was adopted:-

"That an advertisement be inserted in the next issue of the local Press, stating that a space would be reserved for the names and addresses of defaulting Ratepayers, who will have not paid, by the 16th September 1921, rates due by them in respect of the period ended 31st March 1921, list to be published in issue for 24th September 1921.

That a similar list be posted on the various Church Gates of the County".

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rate Collectors who have not yet got new Collecting Books be summoned to next meeting of the County Council".

Mrs. Keating, Inspector from Dail Eireann, stated in reference to the interviews which she had arranged with the rate collectors in each town, that the undermentioned Collectors did not attend:-

Wexford District:- Mr. Richard Sinnott, No. 4 District.

Enniscorthy District:- Mr. Joseph Cummins, No. 8 District.

Gorey District:- Mr. Michael Kinsella, No. 13 District.

New Ross District:- Mr. T. Sullivan, No. 21 District.

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

"That Messrs. Patrick Donohoe, Coolatore, Ferns, and Edward Walsh, Effernogue, Ferns, be appointed temporary rate collectors for No. 8 Collection District to complete the Collection in respect of the period ended 31st March 1921.

That Mr. McCarthy ascertain definitely this week, if Mr. R. Sinnott is in a position to continue in office as Collector for No. 4 Collection District, and in the event of Mr. Sinnott being unable to do so, that Mr. McCarthy submit the name of a temporary Collector to close the collection in this district for the period ended 31st March 1921.

That advertisements be issued for the appointment of a person

to fill vacancy (if any) in this district for collection of current rate".

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

"That Mr. Michael Kinsella, Collector for No. 13 District be asked to forward his resignation in writing as this Council understands he wishes to relinquish the position. That Mr. Daniel Byrne, Coolnaleen, Camolin, be appointed temporary Collector for this district to complete the collection for the period ended 31st March 1921. That advertisements be issued for the appointment of a Collector for the current rate in this district".

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

"That Mr. Matthew Sullivan, Dunmain, Gusserane, be appointed as deputy for his brother, Mr. T. Sullivan, No. 21 Collection District, to close the collection for period ended 31st March 1921, and that he be given until the 14th September 1921 to complete the collection in this district.

That advertisements be issued for the appointment of a Collector for this district for the 1921-22 rate, as Mr. T. Sullivan has stated he has not sufficient time to devote to the duties of the office of Rate Collector".

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

"That advertisements be issued for the appointment of Collector for No. 7 District held at present by Mr. Patrick Codd, who was dismissed by the Council in January 1921".

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

"That advertisements be issued for the temporary appointment of a Collector for current rate for No. 6 District, to hold office until the release of Mr. M. Kelly, the existing Collector, who is at present in prison".

As regards No. 15 Collection District, the question of Mrs. K. McGrath, Market Square, Gorey (who had been appointed Collector vice Mr. J.C. Smith) taking up the appointment for the collection of the

current rate was considered. Some members expressed the view that she would not make a satisfactory Collector.

"It was decided that the matter be considered at the next meeting".

As regards No. 8 District the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That the local Councillors interview Mr. Joseph Cummins, Rate Collector for No. 8 District, and ascertain from him if he intends to continue in office for this district, as in the event of his not devoting sufficient time to the discharge of the duties of the position the Council must proceed to advertise for the appointment of a successor".

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

"That advertisements be issued for the temporary appointment of a Collector for current rate for No. 16 District, who will hold office until the release of the present Collector, Mr. John P. Sinnott, who is at present in prison".

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Foley the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Chairman be requested to interview the Collectors in Gorey District and arrange with them for the expediting of the Collection in this district, which is the most backward in the County".

The Chairman stated he would meet the Collectors at Courtown on Sunday 4th September.

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

"That the Solicitor to the Council be instructed to communicate with Mrs. Hanton, Cottage, Taggart, Capt. Maher, Ballinkee, R.H. Peare, Kilmallock, directing them to lodge amounts of poor rates due by them, and in the event of their refusal to do so, that proceedings be instituted against them in the Republican Courts for the recovery of the amounts".

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

"That the Solicitor to the Council be instructed to communicate

with the former Rate Collectors of the Council who hold sums of money belonging to the Council directing them to lodge same with the Treasurer of the Council, and notifying them, in the event of their refusal to do so, that proceedings would be instituted against them for the recovery of the amounts".

Mr. Philip Roche, Loginsherd, Churchtown, Carne, made application to the Council for extension of time in which to pay rates due by him in respect of the period ended 31st March 1921. He was at present financially embarrassed owing to loss of cattle. If the Council granted his application he would be in a position in a month's time to pay the rates due for March 1921 and September 1921 periods.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) the application was agreed to.

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19