

Wexford Co. Council

Special Meeting 11th August 1924

A Special Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Yortview, Wexford, on 11th August, 1924.

Present: - Mr. E. P. Holey, Chairman, (presiding) also present Messrs James Byrne M. L. Lonly, John Cummins, R. Borish, James Lawlor, Patrick Hayes, James Hall, D. Kavanagh, Sean O'Byrne, Patrick O'Byrne, John G. O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon & Philip Lennan.

Mr. Joseph Yrith co-opted some time ago was also present. He subscribed the usual declaration of office.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the Senior Assistant Surveyor & Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Explanations for Non-Attendance

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne: -

"That the explanation given by Mr. Philip Lennan & Mr. Joseph Yrith, County Councillors, for non-attendance at meetings of County Council during the statutory period be regarded as satisfactory."

Congratulations to Mr. Lennan

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

"That we offer our congratulations to our colleague, Mr. Lennan, on his release from internment."

Quarries & Machinery

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

That Mr. Yeaman, Senior Assistant Surveyor,

be appointed to take charge of Quarries + Machinery + that he be responsible for same.

Mr. Hall seconded.

After considerable discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Proposed Re-Valuation of Land.

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

"That, the Government should, as soon as possible, have a re-valuation of the land of Ireland carried out"

Mr. O'Donoghue seconded.

After considerable discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs Clonely + O'Donoghue - 2.

Against:- Messrs Kavanagh, Cummins, Lawlor, Hall, Lennon, P. O'Byrne, Hayes, Shannon, Borish, J. Byrne, J. J. O'Byrne, Smith + the Chairman - 13.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors

In connection with the above the meeting decided that they would consider applications only from those residing in the District.

Enniscaulley District:- One Inspector who is to be responsible for supervision of sheep dipping in the following district electoral divisions:-

Ballindaggin, Newtownbarty, Moyacomb, Rosard, St. Mary's Kilrush, Killoughnam, Castledockrell, Killanne, Kiltaly, Yonbrack, + Ballycanly.

The following candidates were in attendance:-

Thos Roban, The Moyne, Enniscaulley.

John Delaney, Askenvillar, Kiltaly.

John P. Sinnott, Clonroche.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For Roban - Messrs Kavanagh, Cummins, Lawlor, Lennon, P. O'Byrne, J. J. O'Byrne, J. Byrne, Clonely + the Chairman - 9.

For Delaney:- Messrs Hayes, Shannon + R. Borish - 3.

For Mr. Sinnott:- Messrs Hall, O'Donoghue, Smith + Sean O'Byrne = 4.

Mr. Roban having a clear majority of those

present & voting, was declared elected. He returned thanks for his election.

Gowly No. 1 District - Comprising the District Electoral Divisions of Coolgreany, Ballylarkin, Kilgorman, Limerick, Wexfield, Monaseed, Kilmahue, Gowly Urban, Gowly Rural, Ballinestragh & Courtown.

The only candidate for the position in No. 1. District was Morgan J. Laherty, Ballyellis, Carnew, & he was elected on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

No. 2 District comprising the Electoral Divisions of Ballybeg, Ballyellis, Ballygough, Huntington, Kilcomb, Rosminogue, Ardamine, Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Cahore, Ford, Killnagh, Killincooly, Manamolin & Wells.

The following candidates were in attendance: Michael Stedman, Shrule, Craanford.

John O'Leary, BallinamonaBeg, The Ballagh.

Martin Kelly, Yonbrick, Ballycanew.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimlin, Oulart.

Patrick Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater.

The applications of O'Leary, Kelly & Whelan were ruled out as they lived in Curristown District.

This left in only Stedman & Prendergast.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For Prendergast - Messrs Hall, J. G. O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, James Byrne, C. Lohy & the Chairman 6.

For Stedman - Messrs O. O'Byrne, Hayes, Shannon, Carish, Frith & John O'Byrne - 6.

The following did not vote - Messrs Kavanagh, Cummins, Lawlor & Leman.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Prendergast, whom he then declared elected.

Mr. Prendergast returned thanks for his election.

New Ross District - comprising all the District Electoral Divisions in the Rural District

The following candidates were in attendance:-

Messrs Richard Sinnott, Grange, Kellanne.

M. G. Hennessy, Manamolin, Rathnure.

Patrick Barty, Donard, Blannocke &

John Kavanagh, Gibberwell, Duncormack.

The Chairman ruled out the applications of Sinnott & Kavanagh as they lived in Enniscorthy & Wexford Districts respectively.

A vote was taken between Hennessy & Barty with the following result.

For Hennessy:- Messrs Lawlor, Hall, P. O'Byrne, Hayes, Shannon, Borish, John O'Byrne, & the Chairman - 8

For Barty:- Messrs Kavanagh, Cummins, J. J. O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, J. Byrne, C. Conley & Frith - 7

The Chairman declared Hennessy elected.

Remuneration to be calculated at £1 per week during period of actual employment appointment to be governed by advertisement & conditions issued each candidate.

Amendment Sheep Dipping Order, 1915.

Under date 17th July, 1924, (V. 1591-24) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that a new Order had been made under which sheep exposed at Free State fairs, markets, etc., during the month of August, must be accompanied by a Declaration of dipping carried out subsequent to the 31st May previous.

Proposed Local Government Reform

The following resume of Recommendations made by General Council of County Councils were considered:-

Councils & Committees

1. abolition of Rural District Councils
2. Electoral area to be substituted & to be managed by committees composed of local Co. Councillors & Co-opted Members. To deal with matters delegated to them by the Co. Council
3. Co. Council to delegate such functions as they consider practicable to an Executive Committee
4. - Number of County Councillors to remain as at present.
5. - No. deputising Ratepayers to have a Local Government vote.

6. Actual travelling expenses to be refunded to councillors for meetings
7. Record to be made of members voting in favour of payments.
8. Estimate of works to be set out in detail to be examined at end of year with expenditure & balances in favour or against to be included in next year's Estimates
9. Rate collection to be carried out through Post Office: Co. Councils to set out on Demand Note amount of Consolidated Rate only; landlords to be liable for rates on houses up to a certain valuation; vacant houses & sites to be rated; no rates to be written off unless collector proves he has failed to recover by process of law.
10. National Civil Service to be estimated for all Public Bodies
- II Pension scheme for manual workers & age limit for service
12. Charges for Home Help & Health Services to be County-at-Large charge. Opinion of Committee of General Council divided as to whether Roads should be continued on present chargeability or be a County-at-Large charge.
13. Uniform Standing Order to be adopted
14. No Income Tax to be paid on houses under Housing Schemes & which are let at an uneconomic rent
15. Co. Councils to be empowered to take over roads which are not of the statutory width
16. Prerogative of Ministry of Local Government in dealing with matters requiring their sanction

Central Road Authority

I Ministry of Local Government to be Central Road Authority assisted by Advisory Roads Committee & Advisory Committee of Highway Experts.

II Central Road Authority to deal with Motor Taxation

III Central Road Authority to arrange State contributions to road & works & to deal with all matters affecting roads now dealt with by other Ministries

IV Surveyors - County & Assistant - to be appointed by Central Road Authority

County Road Authority

5. Co. Councils to be the County Road Authority
6. all Motor taxes, including Customs Revenue on Motors, to be administered by Central Road Authority

State Health Authority

- I. Proposed Health Scheme to be placed for the present under Ministry of Local Government.
- II. Health Council (to have control of general policy of the Ministry in Health matters) to be established & to be representative of medical profession; Local Health Authorities; Insured Persons; Labour; other organisations concerned with Health services; Ministry of Education

Local Health Authorities

- I. All Public Health functions to be discharged by Co. Council
2. all functions under Diseases of Animals Acts should be discharged by Co. Councils
3. Health functions of Co. Council to be carried out by a Local Health Council, representative of the various interests concerned

Functions of Local Health Councils

- I. To administer County Schemes of Health & Veterinary services
2. To take over functions of District Councils as Sanitary Authorities
3. To supervise administration of Outdoor Relief
4. To arrange for District Nursing Associations
5. To examine & co-relate estimates of County & District Hospitals, Mental Hospitals, Insurance Committees, & to co-ordinate services of Medical Nursing & Clerical Staffs
6. To prepare Budget for Health Services

County Officers of Health

- I. Appointment of
 - (a) Whole-time Medical Officer of Health
 - (b) Whole-time Veterinary Medical Officer
 - (c) Medical Examination of School Children
- Qualifications of all candidates to be in accordance with Regulations issued by Minister of Local Government, which are to include competitive examinations so far as is practicable.

Medical Treatment

Repeal of Medical Charities Act; Extension of Medical Benefit to Insured persons & their Dependents; compilation of Register of Persons unable to contribute towards cost of Medical Treatment & provision of such treatment

State Medical Service

Establishment of Medical Service paid by the State.

General Recommendations

1. Present permissive Health legislation to be mandatory
2. Tuberculosis (human + bovine) and all diseases, infectious or contagious, which are dangerous to public health to be made compulsorily notifiable
3. Isolation of persons, suffering from Tubercular disease where essential for public health.
4. Inspection of cattle in respect of bovine Tuberculosis, + application of Tuberculin test to milk supply; inspection of cowsheds, dairies, slaughter-houses + bakeries
5. Preventive treatment for persons not actually suffering from Tuberculosis, but who, in the opinion of the Tuberculosis Medical Officers, are liable to contract the disease
6. Provision of Treatment - Training colonies for Tuberculosis patients
- I Regulations against overcrowding when housing accommodation has been provided
8. Establishment of Public abattoirs
9. Registration of Slaughter-houses + surprise visits to these places.
- II. Employment of District Nurses with provision to look after Boarded-out children + children at service
- II. More effective supervision + distribution of Outdoor Relief.
12. Safeguarding the rights of officers prejudicially affected.

The following were the decisions arrived at by the meeting.

Councils + Committees

- I Disapproved of already by resolution of County Council
- II Governed by No. 1. In the event of Rural District Councils being abolished the County Council are in favour of No. 2 as substitute
- III Approved.
- IV To be 27 for Wexford if R.D. Councils be

abolished, to remain at 25 if R. D. Councils continue to function

5. Strongly objected to

6. Approved.

7. Approved.

8. Approved.

9. Rate Collection through Post Office not approved. particulars of Rates should appear on Demand Note as at present; landlords to be liable for Rates on all weekly tenancies, vacant houses, which in the opinion of Sanitary Authority are fit for habitation, & sites to be rated; no rates to be written off, which, in the opinion of the County Council, are recoverable by process of law.

10. Approved.

11. Mr. Borish proposed: - "That we agree to the proposal of pension scheme for manual workers - to be on a contributory basis to be approved by the Councils concerned."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

As an amendment Mr. J. Byrne proposed: - "That we approve of the principle of a pension scheme for manual workers provided no loss be incurred to the Ratepayers through its establishment."

Mr. Clorly seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result: -
For the amendment: - Messrs Kavanagh,

Lawlor, Hall, J. J. O'Byrne, J. Byrne, Clorly & O'Donoghue = 7.

Against: - Messrs Cummins, Shannon, P. O'Byrne, Hayes, Borish, Yrith, Sean O'Byrne, and the Chairman = 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put & passed nem. con.

12. Wexford County Council considers Home Help & Health services should be district charges; as regards Roads they believe Trunk Roads should be taken over & maintained by the State on a National charge, that main Roads should be County - at Large charges & District Roads should be District charges.

13. Approved.

14. Approved.

15. Approved.

16. Council in view of the manner in which the Ministry of Local Government are now dealing

with sanctions, do not consider any necessity arises for any recommendation in the matter

Central Road Authority

No. 1 to 4 (inclusive) disapproved

County Road Authority

3 Approved of

6 All Motor Taxes including Customs Revenue on Motors to be administered by County Road Authority

Local Health Authorities = 1: 2 & 3 approved

Functions Local Health Councils : No. 1.

Approved; 2 approved in the event of the abolition of Rural District Councils. 3: 4: 5 & 6 approved.

County Officers of Health

1. (a) Mr. Corish proposed: - "That this Council approves of the appointment of a 'whole-time' Medical Officer of Health
Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

a vote was taken with the following result:-

For the motion:- Messrs Shannon, Hayls, Corish & Sean O'Byrne. = 4

Against:- Messrs D. Kavanagh, Cummins, Lawlor, Hall, J. G. O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, James Byrne, C. Loney, Griffith & the Chairman = 10.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

1 (b) = Disapproved

1 (c) = approved, provided work be carried out by existing Medical Officers.

Medical Treatment Agreed to.

State Medical Service: Council feel they are not in a position to offer an opinion as they are not in possession of sufficient information to enable them to come to a decision

General Recommendations

1 Passed

2 Disapproved

3 Agreed with in cases in which it can possibly be carried out

4 Agreed to.

5. adopted
6. adopted
7. adopted
8. adopted
9. agreed to
10. adopted
11. adopted
12. The Council did not discuss this matter.

Griffith Collins Anniversary Celebration

The following were appointed to attend the Griffith Collins Anniversary Celebration in Dublin on 17th August, 1924.

The Chairman, Messrs James Hall, James Lawlor, Sean O'Byrne, Patrick O'Byrne & the Secretary.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

(Signed) Edmond O'Connell
Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 1924

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