

SPECIAL MEETING.- 20th DECEMBER 1916.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council, Courthouse, Wexford, on 20th December 1916.

Present:- Mr John Belger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, Stafford, Kehoe, Lynch, M. Codd, Barry, Keating, Whelan, Scallan, Cowman, Kinsella, Mayler, James Codd, Cloney, Redmond, Asple.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Sir David Beatty.

The Chairman moved the suspension of Standing Orders.

"Passed"

The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Chairman proposed and Mr Lynch seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That we wish to convey to Admiral Sir David Beatty our warmest congratulations on his promotion to the highest rank in the British Navy. And also for the bravery he has displayed in all Naval battles since the War began. We feel proud of a Wexford man being in one of the highest positions in the British Empire, and we hope and trust he will be spared until the War is brought to a successful ending."

Election of Coroner.

The Secretary having read advertisement as to appointment of Coroner for South Wexford vice Mr P. Ffrench, resigned, Applications for the position were read from Mr John J. Roche, J.P., Cleariestown, Deputy Coroner, and Dr P.A. Doyle, Bridgetown.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Roche:- Messrs M. Codd, Barry, Keating, Whelan, Scallan, Cowman, Kinsella, Mayler, James Codd, Cloney, Redmond, Asple.-12.

For Dr Doyle:- Messrs M. Doyle, J.J. Stafford, J.J. Kehoe, Lynch, and the Chairman.-5.

The Chairman declared Mr Roche elected.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I beg to offer myself as Candidate for the vacant office for South Wexford.

Your Council is aware that for many years I have been deputy Coroner, and during those years of "probation" I trust your Council will consider I have done my duty to their entire satisfaction. I enclose testimonials herewith. Some years ago, I was a Candidate for a Land Commission appointment, and it was then necessary to furnish "proofs of Character" with your application. The testimonials which I then asked (and received) are herewith enclosed in addition to one dated December the 9th inst., from the Most Rev Dr Browne, Lord Bishop of Diocese."

He submitted testimonials from Lord Bishop of Ferns, the Lord Bishop of Ossery, John R. Cooper, Crown Solicitor, and the late Lord Maurice Fitzgerald.

Clehamen Bridge.

The Chairman asked if any resolution had been received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council as to erection of temporary bridge at Clehamen.

The Secretary stated that the resolution in question was received by him on that date (20th December).

Mr Cowman proposed:-

"That, should the Enniscorthy Rural District Council desire to appoint a Committee to consider the advisability of having a temporary bridge erected at Clehamen or to proceed at once with the repair of the existing structure, the County Council will direct the County Surveyor to meet the said Committee at Clehamen to consult with them and prepare a report for presentation to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council to be held on 3rd January 1917.

That the Chairman (Mr J. Belger) Messrs Whelan, and Lynch, be requested to attend with the County Surveyor, to meet the Committee of Enniscorthy Rural District Council."

Mr Kehoe seconded the resolution which was passed.

(Signed)

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Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7th day of February

1917.

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-6th DECEMBER 1916.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th December 1916.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Lynch, P. O'Neill, P. Keating, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, M. Codd, J. J. O'Byrne, M. Doyle, N. J. Cowman, L. Barry, J. J. Stafford, J.J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. T. Mayler, J. Redmond.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Vote of Condolence.

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

"That we offer Lord Courtown our sincere condolence in the loss which he has sustained in the demise of his Sister-Lady Strachan Bridges."

Lord Courtown returned thanks.

Sanction of Chief Tuberculosis Nurse.

Under date 7th November 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 53520 : 1916 Wexford County) approving of the appointment of Miss E. O'Connor, as Chief Tuberculosis Nurse for County Wexford.

"No Order"

Fethard Sewerage-Sealed Order.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 44,195- 1916, under date 22nd November 1916, fixing Fethard Dispensary District as the area of charge for improving and maintaining the sewerage system of the village of Fethard.

"No Order"

Barony of Forth Postal Arrangements.

Under date 28th November 1916, the following letter No. 13328- 16, was read from the Secretary General Post Office, Dublin, relative to the Postal Arrangements in the Barony of Forth:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, conveying a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council, I have to inform you that the representations made regarding the recent revision of postal arrangements in the Forth district have received careful consideration and to explain that the changes which are in conformity with restrictions of services now being carried into effect throughout the United Kingdom, have been necessitated by the imperative need of economy in expenditure in present circumstances. It is to be regretted that any section of the public should suffer inconvenience as a result of the changes but reversion to the old arrangements would not be justified at the present time."

"No Order"

Applications.-Increases of Salary.

Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor, Enniscorthy District, wrote applying for the third annual increment of £5 to his salary and also for an increase in his salary. He explained that the reason why he had refused the £10 increase offered him sometime ago, was because the increased work meant a cost to him of £40 per annum. When he was appointed the County Council owned three quarries in his district none of which was being worked. To-day there were 13 quarries in active operation in the district. This year 55 per cent of the total tonnage specified in his district was provided from these 13 quarries, and he (Mr Flood) had to employ the men engaged thereon, look after all the details of how they carried out their work, keep records and certify to the County Surveyor for the payments.. He had also to look after men in charge of machinery. Of 24 roads in the hands of the County Surveyor in his district, nineteen were maintained by direct labour, for which he was responsible. As a result of the change of Surveyors made sometime ago the mileage of his district was about 80 miles larger than that of any other Surveyor in the County. Fortyfive men were daily employed in his district last year, and he was responsible for arranging for their work and payment. While he was most anxious to continue the work, he submitted that it was not fair to expect him to spend £40 per annum out of a salary of £90 or £100

solely to enable him to cope with extra work from the time of his appointment, and he respectfully pointed out that next year he could not continue to do so unless the County Council would allow him the expenses which the increased work entails.

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

"We recommend that Mr Gerald Flood, be granted his increment of £5 per annum, as from the date that same became payable, and £10 per annum increase of salary owing to additional duties."

Under date 29th November 1916, the following application for increase in his salary, was read from Mr T. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District:-

"I tender no apology other than that of absolute necessity for bringing this application before you, in the hope that you will allow me something in the way of compensation against the enormously increased cost of living.

I am sure Gentlemen, it needs no words of mine, to convince you of the reasonableness of this application.

You are no doubt aware, that the cost of the necessaries of life have increased and are increasing to an enormous extent, also the cost of travelling wear and tear, even to the smallest item.

Situated as I am, depending solely on my salary, having to pay out at every turn, I feel I am not unreasonable in making this application when I only ask you to make good to me the loss sustained owing to the high prices caused by the War.

I do not ask, nor do I expect, to make any monetary profit from this application, but simply and solely to compensate me for loss owing to the War."

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

"That we recommend the application of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor for an increase of salary be refused."

Resignation of Mr Ffrench, M. P., as Coroner.

The following letter under date 28th November 1916, was read from Mr P. Ffrench, M. P., Coroner for South Wexford:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as Coroner for South Wexford. Some of the

Co. Councillors may remember that when I was unanimously voted in Coroner, I said "No Man can do impossibilities and if I find it impossible to perform the duties of Member of Parliament and the duties of Coroner I will resign one of these positions". This statement was voluntary. I do not resign because I am

unable to do it now as ever I was, but owing to present circumstances and increased Parliamentary duties (the longer one is a Member of parliament the more he finds he has to do) I feel it incumbent on me to tender my resignation.

I am loath to put the County Council to any inconvenience but seeing that they have an efficient Deputy Coroner who has faithfully discharged the duties of Coroner in my absence, I do not see how any inconvenience can arise. Were it otherwise I would continue to do the duty until a new Coroner was appointed.

During my thirteen years of Office I am happy to say that the most cordial relations have existed between the Co. Council and myself and it is with deep regret I must sever the connection between us."

Mr Kehoe proposed, and Mr O'Neill seconded:-

"That we accept Mr French's resignation as Coroner for South Wexford with regret, and request him to hold office until the appointment of his successor."

Mr Cowman moved as an amendment:-

"That Mr French be asked to reconsider the subject of his resignation as Coroner."

Mr Scallan seconded.

This amendment was put and declared lost.

The resolution of Mr Kehoe was then put and passed.

Mr Whelan proposed:- "That the salary of incoming Coroner for South Wexford be fixed at £125 per annum."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

Mr M. Doyle proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded as an amendment:-

"That the salary of the incoming Coroner for South Wexford be fixed at £100 per annum."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For £100 per annum:- Messrs O'Byrne, M. Doyle, Cowman, Scallan, Stafford, Lynch, James Codd, Redmond, and Lord Courtown.-9.

Against:- Messrs Whelan, Keating, O'Neill, M. Codd, Kehoe, J. T. Mayler, and the Chairman.-7.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

"It was decided that the election of Coroner for South Wexford be held on 20th December (Wednesday) at Special Meeting to be held at 2.30 p.m.,"

Summer Time Act.

Under date 27th November 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 55953-1916) asking to be furnished with replies to queries as to the views of the Wexford County Council as regards the working of the Summer Time Act 1916 in the County. The information was required by the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Lynch, the Secretary was instructed to forward the following answers to queries::

- 1.- The effects of the Act have been against the interests of Agriculture.
- 2.- Particular difficulties were that labourers went to work an hour earlier than usual and when their work, such as, making hay, saving corn, and thinning turnips, could not be properly carried out, and that they finished work at a time in the evening when their services were most valuable and most necessary.
- 3.- (a) Only in towns. (b) None.
- 4.- No., shops in the towns of the County were closed to accord with the Summer Time Act.
- 5.- (a) The Co Council consider the Act should not be renewed in 1917.

Gorey Courthouse.

Mr P. J. Fanning J. P., Cullenogue, Inch, wrote, complaining of the want of a fire in the Magistrates' Room in the Courthouse, and in the petty sessions office in Gorey Courthouse. "Surely, -He wrote- "if it were only to keep the building from falling from damp the County Council might recognise the necessity of allowing a supply of coal for the Courthouse. for the winter. He considered little coal over three tons could be obtained for the £9 allowance to the Courtkeeper, and he (Mr Fanning) considered this allowance would be sufficient for only one fire daily.

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

"That Mr Fanning be informed that the Finance & Roads Committee see no reason to change the views already expressed by them as to the adequacy of the

coal allowance for Gorey Courthouse."

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

Coast Erosion- D. & S. E. Railway.

The Chairman moved the following resolution:-

"That the frequent interruptions of the Railway Service of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway between Bray and Wicklow due to the injury of the line caused by the continual encroachments of the sea, have caused most serious inconvenience to Traders, Farmers, and in fact to all residents in the County. That we therefore, call upon the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the Railway Company will carry out such works as may be necessary to prevent the recurrence of such interruptions.

That unless some complete and satisfactory scheme of works can be carried out for this purpose, we greatly fear that still more serious disorganisation in the trade and commerce of the food producing Counties served by the Railway may at anytime take place, so as to be most disastrous to the interests of the district which we represent.

That the necessity of preserving the continuity of the connection between the producers of the County and their markets is so urgent that we earnestly hope that immediate steps will be taken in the direction indicated.

With this view it is proposed that Mr Redmond be asked to arrange for a deputation to lay the views of the Council before the Government."

Mr O'Neill seconded.

"Passed"

Illness of Mr O'H. Walsh, Rate Collector.

Under date 21st November 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (No.56168 1916, Wexford County) approving of the appointment of Mr P. F. O'Byrne, as deputy Rate Collector for Mr O'H. Walsh, during the illness of the latter.

Marked "Read"

Enniscorthy R. D. Council and Tuberculosis Act.

Under date 20th November 1916, the Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council, wrote forwarding resolution adopting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 in the district, subject to the approval of the County Council.

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

"That the Wexford County Council approve of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council putting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 into force."

Flooding of Road at Ballybro (Wexford District)

In connection with the flooding of road at Ballybro, Tagoat, (Wexford District) the following report of a Committee of Wexford Rural District was laid before the meeting:-

"We the undersigned Members of the Committee appointed by the Rural District Council to visit Ballybro, met there on the 10th instant. The County Surveyor was in attendance and gave information as required by the Committee. We are of opinion, that it would be most inadvisable to raise the road at Ballybro Bridge. This, no doubt, would keep the water off the road, but would intensify the flooding of the adjoining houses and premises and would probably render the Council liable to action at law.

As there is a fall of some two feet in the water level from Ballybro Bridge to the next Bridge we are of opinion that steps should be taken to clean the stream between these points as it would undoubtedly prevent the high flooding at Ballybro.

We recommend that the County Council be asked to take such steps as may be necessary to compel the adjoining owners to clean out this stream and, further, that if possible, steps should be taken to have the stream cleaned out down to the Slob Embankment.

We consider that, if necessary, Counsel's opinion should be taken as regards the legal steps necessary to enforce the cleaning of the stream."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to obtain Counsel's Opinion as to the power of the County Council to compel landowners between Ballybro Bridge and the next bridge downstream to clean up the stream between these two bridges so as to obviate the flooding of the road."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 7th November 1916, a letter was read from the Male University Students of the Wexford Co. Council, all of whom are in residence in Hostel attached to Blackrock College, Co. Dublin, complaining that they are obliged to subsist upon food positively insufficient for their needs and consisting

of bread butter and tea morning and evening, and lunch in lieu of dinner. This lunch is in no way equal to a dinner and fails to satisfy the appetite of any ordinary student. This lunch served in town is necessitated by the impracticability of returning to and from Blackrock between lecture hours. The County Council, the students pointed out, might see some way to improve the matter and prevent the hardships from which the present state of affairs are inseparable.

This letter was considered at the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 3rd November, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the authorities at Blackrock College, and call attention to the complaint received as to food etc., supplied County Wexford University Scholars."

Under date 22nd November 1916, letter was read from Rev M. J. Downey, C. S., Sp., Blackrock College, that the question raised in the letter of Wexford Students had already engaged his serious attention. Last year the Dublin Co. Council had increased their hostel fees from £30 to £45 per annum. He had arranged that this was to be the pension paid by all students, but at the beginning of the academic year he found that other Councils had no information of the step taken by the Dublin County Council, and he had to be content with the existing arrangements of £1 per week. The best plan he could devise in the circumstances was to have students take lunch in the City so that they would not have the necessity of incurring cost of tram fares to return to the College. This lunch cost 10/6 per student, per week, so that what was left for the College was 9/6 per student. Each student for this sum had his own room, his own light from November 1st to May 1st., the rooms were heated either with a fire or with pipes. There is a billiard room, a library, a piano, a football ground, a tennis ground, a cricket ground, and breakfast and tea. The real grievances of the students could be summed up in two words, they wanted a meat breakfast and a little more meat than they actually received at dinner. But at the present time War prices would not allow the College Authorities to do any more than they are doing.

Under date 24th November, the Principal, Loreto Hall, 77 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote that the Sisters had been obliged to raise pension for Co Council Scholars to £33 per annum, an increase of 13/4 per term over previous charge, and which had become necessary owing to abnormal rise in prices. The Scholars were satisfied with the increase, and she hoped

the County Council would see the justice of their claim as the amount asked was the very lowest figure which made it at all possible for the Sisters to maintain the Scholars while cost of living was so high. The fee for Board and Residence paid by the ordinary students for Loreto Hall was 36 guineas per annum.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed:-

"That the County Council be recommended to take no further action regarding complaint of University Scholars at Blackrock College."

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to pension for University Scholars at Loreto Hall, Dublin, being fixed at £33 per annum, the £2 extra over amount in Scheme to be taken from the balance provided for books and travelling expenses for the scholars who, we understand, are satisfied that this arrangement be made."

Under date 3rd November 1916, a letter was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, stating that he was directed by the President to state that in view of the special circumstances in connection with the case of Mr N. P. Corish, the President recommended that his Scholarship should be continued for 1916-7.

The Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation at the meeting of 3rd November:-

"That in view of the letter of the Secretary of University College, Dublin under date 3rd November 1916, We recommend the County Council to continue Scholarship to Mr N. P. Corish for 1916-7".

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

Rates on Bantry Commons.

Under date 22nd November 1916, the following letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross:-

"I respectfully ask you to bring before your Council at next meeting a request from me to ask the Councillors to reconsider their former decision with reference to refunding me the sum of £45. 18. 2^d which I had to lodge to credit of Council at last September's closing. I had to get personal security for an overdraft in Bank, and pay for same, which I must meet at end

of present month.

I would thank you to bring matter before your Council and respectfully ask the Council to kindly reconsider their decision and allow me this rate."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of Mr E. J. Murphy, rate Collector, for refund of £45, 8. 2d arrears of rates on Bantry Commons."

Printing Jurors Lists.

Under date 16th November 1916, the following application was read from Messrs English & Co., Quay, Wexford, Printers, for Jurors Lists:-

"With reference to our contract for the printing of the Jurors Lists, the first year of which we completed, we beg to apply to your Council for an increase on the contract price to cover the extraordinary increase in the cost of paper and materials since the contract was taken. We made an exhaustive calculation of the cost involved in the production of the work during July and August 1916, and that compared with the price ruling in November 1915, resulted in an increased cost to us of £15. We would point out to your Council that similar claims made by other Printers have been allowed by the Local Government Authorities, and we trust your Council will be kind enough to consider our claim sufficiently justified to enable them to submit it to the Local Government Authorities."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of Messrs English & Co."

Meter Car Act.

Under date 9th November 1916, the Local Government Board (letter No. 50141 1916, Circular) forwarded regulations with regard to distinctive sign to be exhibited on a Motor Car exempted from duty as being a Hackney Carriage."

"The Secretary stated that he had advertised these Regulations in the local papers."

Application for Allowance for Motor Cycle Mileage.

Under date 13th November 1916, Mr T. Treaner, Senior Assistant Surveyor,

wrote applying for mileage allowance for Motor Cycle. Mr Treaner pointed out in his application that prices had gone up to such an extent as to make use of motor cycle without an allowance prohibitive, and to use push cycle to keep in proper touch with increased work was almost a physical impossibility.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of Mr Treaner for mileage allowance for Motor Cycle."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr. Kehoe."

Ballybrennan Quarry.

Under date 14th November 1916, the following was submitted from the quarrymen employed in Ballybrennan Quarry:-

"We the undersigned quarrymen, seek a rise in our wages as everything we want to buy is 100 per cent dearer, we have nothing to sell, and everything to buy. All Public Bodies have given an advance only ours. You know what we earn as the books will show it. We have Steel and Powder and Fuse to provide, and it is little we get for 10/- in that respect, and we can very badly afford it."

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

"That the rate per cubic yard paid quarrymen at Ballybrennan while engaged at task work in quarrying and preparing for Stonebreaker be raised from 1/7 to 1/9 per cubic yard."

Newtownbarry Road Contractors.

The following Road Contractors from the neighbourhood of Newtownbarry applied for allowance on their contracts in the hope of extra payment or reduced tennage:-

Henry Cox, Gurteen, Newtownbarry, Road 71E, Annual Amount £14, 10, 11d (72 cubic yards approved)

Thomas Finn, Ryland Lower, Clehamen, Road 94E Annual Amount £11. 5/- (42 cubic yards Ryland or approved).

Thomas Finn, Ryland Lower, Clehamen, Road 95E Annual Amount £13 (38 cubic yards approved).

Patrick Dillen, Newtownbarry, No. 296 Annual Amount £45. 10/- (150 cubic yards-Ballycarney).

John Foley, Killanure, Newtownbarry, No. 347E Annual Amount £6 (24 cubic yards approved).

Thomas O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew, No. 13E Annual Amount £34. 9/- (156 limestone gravel).

John Kane, Killanure, Newtownbarry, Road 350E, Annual Amount £7 (24 cubic yards approved)

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

"That acting on the advice of our Solicitor, the County Council be recommended to make no order with regard to the application of the Newtownbarry Road Contractors."

Audits of Accounts.

Under date 18th November 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded (letter No. 55185-1916, Wexford County) the following report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Wexford County Council for half-year ended 30th September 1916:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Co. Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last, and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your order.

The Accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a most satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark upon my part."

Marked "Read"

Under various dates the Local Government Board forwarded copies of reports of their Auditor on his audit of Accounts for half-year ended 31st March 1916, of the following bodies with attested Abstracts of the Accounts:-

New Ross Union and Rural District Council, Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council, also Waterford Bridge Joint Committee of Management for the two half-years September 1915 and March 1916.

Marked "Read"

Expenditure Books.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, tender of Messrs J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford, to supply expenditure Book Subsidiary Account at £3, and Road Expenditure Book at £2. 2/- was accepted."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Kehoe,

"That the several Proposals for Roads and Works as appearing on Form 20 for Proposal Committee, and for the various Rural District Councils of the County, be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by Lord Courtown,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

"That the several Proposals for payments as submitted by the Proposal Committee and by the various Rural District Councils of the County, as appearing on Form 22, and as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved."

Contract for Coals-County Courthouse.

The only tender for supply of coals to County Courthouse, was received from Mr William Kinsella, Quay, Wexford, at £2. 15/- per ton, and this was accepted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Confirmation of Minutes.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the Minutes of Proposal Committee of 3rd November 1916, and of 6th December 1916, were confirmed.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed::

Clehamon Bridge:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have timber barrier erected at either end of Clehamon Bridge, and employ a night watchman pending the repair of the structure in order to provide for the safety of the public."

"Confirmed on the Motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Barbed Wire at Monree:- "That as it appears the barbed wire placed as a fence on road adjoining the lands of Charles Murphy, Monree, Screen, is in our opinion a nuisance, we instruct our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- to communicate with Mr Murphy, and direct its removal, as in the circumstances the Co. Council have no other alternative."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

Kiltealy Quarry:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to have Kiltealy Quarry fenced. That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to communicate with

Messrs O'Flaherty & Sen, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, as regards claim of Mr Thomas McCarthy for compensation. That provided Messrs O'Flaherty offer no objection, we request Rev D. A. Kavanagh C. C., Kiltale, Messrs Mark Codd, County Councillor, and Philip Bows, D. C., Kiltale, with the County Surveyor to furnish a report to the County Council as to the amount of compensation which they consider Mr McCarthy should receive."

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

Boyce's Bay:- "That copy of letter from Mr F.H. Gahan, under date November 14th 1916, be furnished New Ross Rural District Council, and that they be informed that, if they are satisfied, the Finance & Roads Committee will recommend the County Council, to forward Mr Gahan's communication to the Local Government Board for their favourable consideration."

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

Salvage Duncannon Hulk:- "That the Account from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners for £153. 11. 11d for repair etc., to hulk at Duncannon be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee. That the Finance & Roads Committee desire to express their surprise at the amount of the Account and ask the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to furnish them with a detailed a/c., and the vouchers in support of same."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed, and that the County Surveyor submit detailed account from Waterford Harbour Commissioners for £153. 11. 11d for repair Duncannon Hulk and replacing structure on station, to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Rate Collection:- That Mr Elgee be instructed to call the attention of Messrs Mullett, and Doyle, to the fact that they have not carried out the undertaking they gave as to lodging 20 per cent of their warrants by the end of the first month. From the state of the Rate Collection made up to the 14th November these Collectors have not, up to the present, lodged any of the current rate.

That our Secretary call the attention of the other Collectors to the fact that up to the 14th November they have appeared to have taken no steps to proceed with their collection of the current moiety, and inform them that at the next monthly meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee special

consideration will be given to the condition of the Rate Collection and serious notice will be taken of the case of any collector who is not carrying out his duties according to the terms of his bond, viz:- with all due diligence."

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

Under date 29th November 1916, Mr Mullett wrote explaining that he had been obliged to see a specialist in Dublin in connection with his eyes, also that he was under the impression that he was not expected to start collecting until middle of November, same as for past 18 years. He was doing his best to discharge his duties, but found it difficult to induce people to pay so early in the half-year.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Rate Collectors who up to the present have not collected 15 per cent of their collections and explain to them that the Finance & Roads Committee are dissatisfied with the progress they are making and will report the backwardness of the Collection to the Local Government Board after next meeting in any case where a substantial improvement is not apparent."

"That the explanation of Mr Mullett as to his failure to lodge 20 per cent of his collection within first two months of current financial half-year be regarded as satisfactory."

Read at Brandy Cross, Kilmore:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to put into repair as soon as possible the road from Brandy Cross, Kilmore to the Sea."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Dates of Council Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Scallan,

Seconded by Mr Keating, the following dates of Meetings were adopted:-

Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-Saturday-14th April 1917 at 11. 0'C.,

Gorey " " Thursday.-12th April 1917 at 11.30 o'clock.

New Ross " " Tuesday. - 10th April 1917 at 11.30 o'clock.

Wexford " " Saturday.- 7th April 1917 at 10. 0'C.,

Proposal Committee.- Wednesday.- 4th April 1917, at 10.30 O'C.,

Co Council Meeting.-

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COUNCIL ARCHIVES

Complaint Over-lapping Road Contracts.

The following letter under date 4th December 1916, was read from the Clerk Enniscorthy R. D. Council:-

"I have been directed by the District Council to request you to bring under the notice of the County Council, a case of overlapping of Road Contracts which has occurred in the neighbourhood of Oylegate, the County Surveyor will be able to give you particulars of the Contracts referred to.

Mr Cleary, who brought the matter forward, was to have given me particulars, but up to this, I have not received them.

The District Council desire that your Council should investigate the matter, as it would appear that two Contractors have been paid for the same piece of road, one in Enniscorthy District, and the other in Wexford District."

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

"That as the alleged overlapping on contract took place between the years 1914, and 1915 the County Council do not consider it necessary to make any order on the letter from Enniscorthy R. D. Council."

Sheep Scab.

Under date 2nd November 1916, a letter was read from the Secretary to the Irish Cattle Traders & Stockowners Association asking for the influence of the County and District Councils for the better carrying out of the sheep dipping regulations of the Department of Agriculture & technical Instruction.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Irish Cattle Traders Association and Stockowners Association be informed that the County Council of Wexford are doing all within their power to have the sheep Dipping Order of the Department of Agriculture carried out."

Sale of Artificial Manures.

Under date 30th November 1916, the following resolution was received from the Board of Guardians, Kanturk::

"That we strongly urge the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to take immediate steps to control the sale of artificial manures as prices are unduly high, and unless some steps are taken in this direction next year's crops will be seriously affected."

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

"That in consequence of the necessity of increasing tillage operations to provide food for the people of Ireland, we call on the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to take steps to use their influence to secure a proper supply of artificial manures for farmers.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Enniscorthy R. D. Council and Bridges Etc.,

Under date 4th December 1916, the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, wrote forwarding extracts from Minutes of proceedings of 30th November 1916:-

"That we hereby draw the attention of the County Council to the condition of the Bridge at Clehamen, portion of which fell sometime ago, and as a result of which some accidents have happened.

We request the County Council to proceed to have a temporary wooden Structure immediately erected for the convenience of the Public, as at present Newtownbarry and Kilmyshal Districts are shut off from Railway facilities etc., except by a backward route which necessitates passing over a part of the Mountain Road."

"It was also ordered that the attention of the County Council be called to Ballycarney Bridge, which if not seen to in time, will probably collapse like Clehamen Bridge."

"Attention of County Council to be called to the disgraceful condition of the public road outside Poulpeasty Chapel."

Proposed by Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Stafford, and adopted:-

"That a paling be erected at Clehamen Bridge to fence off present opening. That our Solicitor be instructed to prepare special notices that the public pass along present opening at their own risk in order to protect the interests of the Council. That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be informed that owing to the enormous expense necessary the County Council would not be justified in erecting a temporary Bridge at Clehamen."

The following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors:-

"Mr Patrick Reilly, of Court Street, Enniscorthy, instructs us that on the 22nd November last, he was riding a bicycle from Newtownbarry to Enniscorthy and about 11.30 a.m. he was crossing Clehamen

Lawless, 24a John Fitzpatrick, 8G Edwd Stanton, 124G James Hobbs, 130G Denis Kenny, 136G and 142G Patrick Mordaunt, 150G Wm Sunderland, 170G M. O'Reilly, 16G John Duffy, 55G Ed Staunton, 122G David Doyle, 176G Ed. Dwyer, 72G Jas Murphy, 82G P. Kinsella, 84G James Somers, 104G E. Fanning, 139G Peter Byrne, 140G John Duffy, 182G and 191G Peter Mythen, 70G M. Hughes, 75G and 76G Thomas Cline, 94G James Kavanagh, 175G Luke Smith, A15 E. Stanton, B.- Terence Dunne.

New Ross-- 171 T. Kinsella, 193 P. Doyle, 47R Wm Murphy, 50R Michael Roche, 51R J. Whitty, 209R T. Brown, 213R M. Roche, 109R P. Nolan, 270R J. Devereux, 89R P. Freeman, 202R P. Downes, 80R E. Galavan, 107R N. Pender, 285R P. Delaney, 101R J. Whitty, 204R T. Browne, 98R and 102R P. Freeman, 99R and 160R M. Nolan, 171R J. Evey, 37R J. Culleton, 188R Maurice Fitzgerald, 179 M. Fitzgerald.

Wexford:- 207 Reps M. Lacey, 240W. Reps J. Irvine, 249W R. Sinnott, 67W T. Walshe, 100W D. Connors, 79W P. Fortune, 125 John Lacy, Junr., 17W M. Browne, 91W D. Connors, 113W Thos Kehoe, 204W P. J. Hayes, 258W E. Browne, 63W P. Fortune, 66W W. Carty, 34W W. Kelly, B 236W -J. Goodall, M16 Thos Walshe, R16 Martin Corish, S16 Martin Corish.

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

Application for Road Material from Deran's Hill Quarry.

An application was read from Patrick Roche, John Fortune, Peter Fortune, and James Kenny, Efferogue, asking to be supplied with 50 cubic yards of broken stones from Deran's Hill Quarry for the purpose of repairing the road leading to their homes as they found it impossible to get any material. They were willing to pay the full price for the material.

A similar application for supply of 60 tons of broken stones from this quarry was read from Aidan Walsh, John Borthistle, Julia Byrne, and Bridget Bolger, Efferogue, who were willing to pay the full price for the stones.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee--

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to provide material from Deran's Hill Quarry for ratepayers in Efferogue District-110 cubic yards

if the County Surveyor has a surplus quantity over the

amount required for the maintenance of the roads supplied from this quarry."

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

Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury.

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

"That we consider it advisable that the Enniscorthy Urban District Council should appoint their Solicitor-Mr J. N. Scallan- to act with Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, at the hearing of the claim for compensation for malicious injury on behalf of Mr Thomas O'Reilly, Enniscorthy."

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Law of Compensation for Criminal Injury.

The following resolution was received from Down Co Council:-

"Having regard to the present unsatisfactory state of the law in the matter of compensation for malicious injuries, we the Down County Council desire to approach the Members of Parliament of our County with a view to having the law affecting Ireland revised and brought into line with that prevailing in Great Britain, and we request that the other County Councils in Ireland shall adopt a similar course so that Insurance Companies shall be obliged to discharge their contracts as in Great Britain."

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

Motor Car Licence Duties.

The following resolution was received from Down Co. Council:-

(Its adoption was recommended by Finance & Roads Committee)

"That it be represented to the Members of Parliament for this County and to the Government, that, in the opinion of this Council, all sums levied in a County as motor car licence duties, and duty on motor spirit be allocated for expenditure on the roads in the County, and it is further directed that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Member of Parliament for the County, and to each County Council in Ireland, asking for their co-operation and assistance in the matter."

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

Hospital for disabled Soldiers and Sailors.

A resolution was received from Dublin County Council pointing out that in the opinion of the Council it was the duty of the Government to at once establish an Hospital for Irish Soldiers and Sailors suffering from incurable diseases arising from the War.

"Adopted on the motion of Lord Courtown, Seconded by Mr Lynch."

Welfhill Collieries.

Resolutions were received from Killarney Rural District Council, and the Irish National Foresters Clonmel, as to the necessity of having a spur railway line run to Welfhill Collieries in order to cheapen price of coal in Ireland.

"These resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

South of Ireland Cattle Association.

A resolution was received from the South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association, requesting the Board of Agriculture in England to revoke the detention regulations on live stock arising in English Ports, as Ireland has now been three years free from any outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

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

(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7th day of February

1917