

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-10th DECEMBER 1919.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 10th December 1919.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs Louis Barry, M. Cloney, M. Codd, Richard Scallan, P.N.O'Gorman, J. A. Doyle, M. Maddock, J.J.Kehoe, W. H. McGuire, James Lynch, N.J.Fowler, W. Thorpe, and N. J. Cowman.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr John Elgee, Solicitor, (representing his brother Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor who was ill) were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr M. Doyle (Vice-Chairman) wrote that he could not attend owing to another engagement.

Replies to Votes of Condolence.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following replies to Votes of Condolence were ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of Meeting.

"Miss Ennis returns most grateful thanks to the Chairman, Secretary and Members of the Wexford County Council, for their very kind resolution of sympathy in her recent sad bereavement, the death of her dear brother the late Michael A. Ennis."

"I thank you very sincerely for your kind letter of sympathy on my Father's death, and for the personal appreciation expressed therein.

Will you kindly convey to the members of the County Council our sincere thanks for their sympathy in our bereavement.

Yours faithfully

M. L. Hickey."

The late Rev Maurice O'Byrne.

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th November 1919:-

"That we offer our esteemed Colleague-Mr J. J. O'Byrne - our deepest sympathy in the loss of his brother-Rev Maurice O'Byrne- Grahamstown, South Africa, a great Churchman, and a wise administrator, who, while ever

mindful of his native land, was foremost in every movement for the advancement of his adopted Country."

"The above resolution was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Application County Council Staff for War Bonus.

Under date 3rd November 1919, Mr D. Logue, Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers' Union, wrote as follows:-

"With reference to the claim forwarded by this Union on 8th September, that Award 84 of the Conciliation & Arbitration Board dated 31st March '19, be applied, and all accrued arrears paid according to provisions of same, and to your letter of 9th October, notifying your Council's willingness to grant increases as set out thereon, I have been instructed by my Committee to point out that the offer cannot be accepted, as the minimum claim made by the Union is for the application of the Award in its entirety.

Trusting your Council will expedite settlement of this just claim."

The Secretary stated that following this letter a telegram was received from Mr Logue as follows:-

"National Executive this Union demand special meeting your Council 19th inst., to decide application of Award 84 and to receive Alderman Corish to state case."

The matter was put before the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 8th October, when it was decided that it should be referred to the County Council Meeting.

Under date 19th November 1919, Alderman R. Corish, President of Wexford Trades Council, wrote on behalf of the officials who are Members of the Clerical Workers' Union, demanding that a special meeting of the County Council be held on 26th November, to deal with the granting of Award 84 War Bonus, as directed by the National Executive of Irish Clerical Workers' Union. In default of the holding of the meeting he would have to call on the officials to cease work until the matter was definitely settled."

The Chairman consulted the Members of the Council, who were not in favour of having a special meeting.

Under date 2nd December 1919, the Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers' Union, wrote:-

"With reference to the claim preferred by this Union, I shall be glad if your Council will receive Alderman Corish at their next Meeting. This

Gentleman has full power to act on behalf of this Union."

The following telegram under date 9th December 1919, was read from Mr D. Logue:-

"National Executive decided to withdraw clerical labour Saturday 13 inst if demand not granted."

Alderman Corish laid the claim of the County Council Staff before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee who made a recommendation that War Bonus be fixed on the pre-war salaries of Staff, and that any increase in salaries since the beginning of the War be withdrawn.

The following letter was read from Alderman Corish, under date 10th December 1919:-

"I laid the proposal of your Council before the men concerned, who are prepared to accept same provided increases given during the War exclusive of October are allowed to stand.

If these increases were to be scrapped your offer would be practically useless, failing this we insist that in fixing new Rates War Bonus should be calculated on salaries as they stood on April 1st of this year, which coincides with the terms of the Award which your Council have had so often before them.

Failing a satisfactory settlement on either of these lines, your staff will cease work on Saturday next, in accordance with decision of the Executive of the Irish Clerical Workers Union.

In the event of either of the above being offered, it shall have to be retrospective as from July 1st the date of County Surveyor's increase."

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

"That the undermentioned officers be paid as salary and War Bonus the following sums, being the War Bonus calculated on pre-war salaries, and withdrawing any increases granted since the beginning of the War:-

T. A. Frizelle, Accountant.	£130 per annum.
C. H. Richards, 1st Clerk	£136 "
J.H. Cadogan, 2nd "	£122 "
T. Cullen, Clerk Co Surveyor's Office	£153 "
T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor	£300 "
W.H. Jones, Assistant Surveyor	£180 "

R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor		£180 per annum.
C.P. Curran,	"	£180 "
John Kehoe,	"	£130 "
James Kirby,	"	£135 "

these figures to become operative as from 1st October 1919."

Mr Fowler proposed and Mr O'Gorman seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, stating that it was in accordance with the "full terms as asked by the Clerical Staff".

The Secretary stated the Staff denied this. The Staff held that in making the Award the salaries as in force on 1st April 1919, should have been taken into consideration as provided by the terms of Award No. 84 of the Conciliation & Arbitration Board, and not the pre-war amounts as had been done by the Council.

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Payment Salaries Monthly.

Under date 12th May 1919, the following letter from Assistant Surveyors T. Treanor, R. J. Ennis, James Kirby, and C. P. Curran, was read.

It was not considered at an earlier meeting as owing to Standing Orders of the Council the proposal having been refused could not be brought up for reconsideration until six months had elapsed.

"Sometime ago we applied to the County Council to have our salaries paid monthly, but our application was refused. We are sure if this matter receive your considered judgment you will readily see the justice of agreeing to it. Under the present system we are paid at meetings held in February, April, August, and October, so that for two periods in the year we have to do without payment for four months. For example our salaries were paid last April and it will now be August before we are again paid, which is really a hardship, particularly when it is taken into account that the amount received in April is mostly paid out to meet expenses incurred from previous quarter, thus necessitating our getting credit until again paid, which is not a very enviable position to be placed in.

As we believe the monthly system of payments would not to any appreciable extent affect the County Council finances, and as it would be of considerable advantage to Assistants we confidently expect you will meet us in this matter."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the salaries of Assistant Surveyors for the future be paid fortnightly as is the case with the members of the permanent staff of the Council."

Ballyboggan & Carrigfoyle Quarries.

Under date 18th October 1919, Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, wrote that in making demands on the Council on behalf of quarrymen, the name of Michael McEvoy, employed as foreman at Ballyboggan and Carrigfoyle, was inadvertently omitted, and consequently the Union now requested that this man's wages be raised to the same standard as that paid other quarrymen in the Council's employment.

The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"We recommend that the wages of Michael McEvoy, foreman at Ballyboggan and Carrigfoyle Quarries, be fixed at £2 per week as from 20th August 1919."

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

Opposition to Road Contract.

Mr T. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote he would object to contract for Road No. 5E being given to John Kehoe, Baylands, Camolin, on the grounds that the sureties or one of them was not duly qualified as surety.

Mr Kelly L. L. B., Solicitor, New Ross, appeared on behalf of Mr Dunbar and withdrew the objection."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for Roads and Works as submitted by the Proposal Committee, and by the Rural District Councils of the County, on Form 20, be, and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications or other alterations noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the proposal

Committee and Rural District Councils, on Form 22, and transfers to Public Bodies financed by the County Council, be and are hereby adopted, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee and by the Proposal Committee."

Road Limit-Gorey Rural District.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order No. 50,824 (under date 27th November 1919) fixing the limit of Road Expenditure for Gorey Rural District for year ending March 1920, at £8631. 7. 3d.

Audit Accounts-Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the following Public Bodies:-

County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

County Wexford Infirmary.

County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee.

Marked "Read"

Death of Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector.

The Secretary reported that Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector for No.4 Collection District, died on 21st November 1919. The amount of Rates collected and lodged by deceased was £126. 6. 11d and the amount outstanding £2098. 4. 5d total amount of warrant for second moiety £2224. 11. 4d.

The Local Government Board and Insurance Company had been informed of the death.

Under date 28th November 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 60071-1919 Wexford County) that the sureties of the late Collector Blake should not be released from their obligation under the bond until the rate for the entire year has been accounted for.

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

"That the National Benefit Life & Property Assurance Company, be called upon to close the Rate Collection of the late Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector, or in the alternative, the County Council to appoint a deputy Collector, subject to the Insurance Company guaranteeing the deputy by fidelity guarantee bond."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 13th October 1919, the Clerk, Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee, forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted by his Committee:-

"That the Secretary write to the County Council asking them to increase the amount to their Secretary, Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee, by £5, to defray the law expenses of the Committee owing to the increase for the service of summonses to Civil Bill Officer and other expenses."

The following recommendation was submitted from Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th November:-

"That the amount of Imprest Account of the Secretary of the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee be increased from £5 to £10 in consequence of the increased fees payable to Civil Bill Officer, etc., said increase to be subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Under date 1st December 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 59654-1919, Wexford County) that they would not raise any objection to the proposal of the Finance & Roads Committee in this matter."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman.

War Bonus to Solicitor.

Under date 7th October 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 49226-1919, Wexford County) that they would not raise objection to the proposal of the Council to grant their Solicitor a bonus of 25 per cent on his salary.

"No Order"

Register of Electors.

Under date 10th November 1919, the Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office, Dublin, wrote that he had decided to terminate the contracts for printing lists and Registers of Electors and was preparing new contract forms. He expected that under present circumstances, together with the experience gained, the cost of preparing Registers in future years would be considerably lessened.

"No Order"

Orders Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Under date 14th October 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that the Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1916 (No. 3) Suspension Order of 1919 (No. 2) had been revoked.

Under date 18th November 1919, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction forwarded copies of Tillage (Ireland) General Order 1920.

No Order

Surety for Secretary County Wexford Insurance Society,

Mr W. Hutchinson, Secretary County Wexford Insurance Society, submitted the name of Mr Laurence McCarthy, Charlotte Street, Wexford, as one of his sureties, vice Mr Peter Hutchinson, deceased.

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

"That Mr Laurence McCarthy, Charlotte Street, Wexford, be accepted as surety for Mr Hutchinson, Secretary, County Wexford Insurance Society, vice Mr Peter Hutchinson, deceased."

Death of Mr George Newsom, V.S.,

Under date 27th October 1919, a letter was read from Mr Newsom V. S., that he would be obliged owing to the condition of his heart to take a month's absolute rest in bed.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that if any reports of Contagious Disease in animals were received they should be attended to by Mr James Maone V. S., Gorey.

"The Secretary stated that Mr Newsom had since died. He was a transferred officer under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, in respect of Moyacomb District Electoral Division, which had been transferred from County Wicklow to County Wexford. The salary paid the late Mr Newsom by Wexford County Council was £2. 7. 8d per annum, and provision should now be made for the performance of the work."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That Mr W. J. Doyle, V. S., Enniscorthy, be asked if he will undertake the duties of Veterinary Inspector for the District Electoral Division of Moyacomb under the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts at a salary of £2. 10/- per annum, vacant through the death of Mr George Newsom, V.S._"

University Scholarship Scheme.

Mr Fowler moved the following of which he had given previous Notice:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the above Council that the fourth University Scholarship be awarded Edward John Redmond, Courtown Harbour, notwithstanding the fact that his parents did not reside in County Wexford for the full five years preceding 1st January 1919, as provided by syllabus of University Scholarship Scheme."

He and his parents were born at Riverchapel or Courtown Harbour, and were temporary absent in an adjoining County for a short period. But to all intents and purposes Edward John Redmond and his parents should be regarded as residents of the County Wexford."

Mr Maddock seconded the motion, which was adopted.

Under date 5th November 1919, Major Richards, Ardamine, wrote that Redmond's people were essentially Co Wexford people on both father and mother's side. Both were born in Riverchapel as was the boy himself. His Grandparents at both sides and their successors, have been, and now are, tenants upon his (Major Richards') Ardamine estate. His Mother's people have been constant ratepayers for over 50 years. To him (Major Richards) it would appear hard to disqualify the boy owing to the fact that his father had not constantly been a ratepayer, especially as the County Council have a clause which empowers them to meet exceptional cases. Mr Owen Redmond, father of the boy, had been a tenant of his (Major Richards) at Seamount Courtown Harbour, since April 1915.

Under date 15th October 1919, James Hayden, Annagh, Kilanerin, Gorey, who was next in award for University Scholarship, wrote again pointing out that Mr Redmond did not fulfil the conditions as set down in the Syllabus. It was not the case that Redmond's family lived in Courtown except for a short time. This was not the case as they lived in Dublin previously and also in some part of England.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Mr Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey."

Road Contractor's Grievance.

The following letter from Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Enniscorthy, to the Enniscorthy R. D. Council was forwarded by that body to the County Council with the following resolution:-

"That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Co. Council, and that they be asked to take into consideration the cases of Contractors who may feel aggrieved owing to it being necessary for them to get the material out of the Co Council Quarries, and that we request the Co Council to give the matter their favourable consideration."

"I hold certain contracts which expired on the 31st March last, and I had several times in the years 1916 and 1917 applied in person to your Council asking you to take these contracts off my hands, but on each occasion you asked me to hold the Contracts and you promised to treat me very fairly.

When War Bonuses were awarded to Contractors, I received a Bonus of 20% whereas other contractors received a bonus of 12½% plus 2/6 per cubic yard for the material taken from Council Quarries. At the time the bonus was awarded this proportion was fair, but subsequently the price of material went up very much, with the result that I had to pay 6/6 per cubic yard for stones and materials, and consequently, was in a far worse position than those contractors who were awarded a bonus of 12½% and 2/6 per cubic yard for material. I need hardly say that this difference has caused me a serious loss which I estimate at £92. 14. 3d, and I should be very grateful indeed to your Council if they would kindly take these facts into consideration and endeavour to do what they can to recompense me for the loss which I have sustained in carrying out these contracts.

I may say that I have been a Contractor for the repair of roads since the Local Government Act came into force, and I do not think the Surveyors have ever had any fault to find with the work which I have done.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following dates of meetings were agreed to:-

Proposal Committee.- Wednesday 11th February 1920, 11 0'C.,

Do., " 7th April 1920 - 11 0'C.,

Gorey R. D. Council.-Thursday-8th April 1920, 11.30 0'C.,

Wexford " Saturday-10th " 11 0'C.,

New Ross " Tuesday, 13th " 11.30 0'C.

Enniscorthy " Wednesday-14th " 11 0'C.,

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Adjourned Proposal Committee " "

Irish Education Bill.

On the motion of Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we protest against the provisions of proposed Education Bill for Ireland, as being undemocratic and reactionary. Under the semblance

of quasi-popular all power in educational matters is centred in three nominees of Government. We consider that the amount of financial support given by the Government under the Bill entirely inadequate and devised on an improper basis. Further, we fail to understand why it should be proposed to impose heavy additional taxation on the ratepayers without making some effort to consult their representatives, the County Councils of Ireland. We suggest this matter should be taken up by the General Council of Irish County Councils."

County Surveyor's Office.

Under date 28th November 1919, the County Surveyor wrote:-

"Will you please bring before the Council the matter of cleansing of my office which is at present in a disgraceful condition."

In connection with above Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Mrs McNally:-

"We have been asked by Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper in the Courthouse, Wexford, to write to you with reference to her remuneration for caring and cleaning the offices of the County Surveyor.

We are informed that the matter is coming before the County Council meeting on Wednesday next, and we shall be glad if you will kindly place our letter before the Council. We understand that before the present County Surveyor, Mr Barry, was appointed, Mrs McNally was always paid by the former County Surveyors, Mr Webster and Mr Stafford Gaffney, for looking after their offices while they held the position of County Surveyors, but since Mr Barry's appointment he has refused to make any payment to Mrs McNally. This is manifestly unfair, as of course, no one would expect Mrs McNally to do this work without receiving reasonable payment.

Mr Barry complains that his offices are in a disgraceful condition, but recently Mrs McNally has refused to carry out any work at all there, until there is some understanding about payment for her work, as she could not see her way to continue working without remuneration.

We have referred the matter to the High Sheriff and he states he has nothing to do with any arrangement about having the offices kept in order. He also states that in his opinion the cleaning of the offices is not included in the duties of the Courtkeeper.

If therefore, the County Council think that Mr Barry is not liable for these expenses, we would respectfully submit that the Council should make some provision for payment to Mrs McNally for her work in connection with these offices.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That Mrs McNally, Courthouse Keeper, Wexford, be voted a sum of £3 per annum, for the cleaning of County Surveyor's offices."

Office of Clerk of Crown & Peace.

Under date 26th November 1919, Mr J. N. Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace, wrote as follows:-

"I would respectfully call your attention to the condition of the Entrance to the Offices of Clerk of the Crown & Peace and Local Registrar of Titles Office in Wexford. To say the least of it, it is disgraceful. The pathway of Flags are all smashed and is practically impassable during wet weather:

Further, the Spout carrying the rain water from the roof of the Courthouse is broken and all the water forms into a lake or pond in front of the offices.

The condition of the roadway is extremely bad and people are allowed to block up same with loads of timber and other articles.

I would, therefore, feel obliged if you would let me know or inform me who is responsible for the upkeep of this, and unless something is done forthwith I shall be reluctantly compelled to bring it under the notice of my Authorities and take their directions on same."

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

"That a copy of the letter of Mr J. N. Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace be furnished the Wexford Harbour Board for their observations."

Working of Hanlon's Quarry

The following extract from the Report of the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th November 1919, had been referred from that meeting to the County Council Meeting:-

"At the New Ross District Council a resolution was passed that 4d per cubic yard should be paid to Mr Hanlon for material from his quarry at Ballygarvan and I ask your directions in the matter."

"Postponed to next meeting."

Blasting at Doran's Hill Quarry.

At the meeting of the County Council on 3rd September 1919, a letter was read from Mrs Borthistle, Effernogue, Ferns, under date 13th August 1919.

that she would be satisfied to accept £5 for damage done her corn and premises at Doran's Hill Quarry.

The Council adopted the following resolution:-

"That in view of the fact that the dwelling house of Mrs Borthistle, Effernogue, Ferns, was injured by blasting at Doran's Hill Quarry as well as her crops injured, the question of the amount of compensation to be paid her be again referred to the County Surveyor for a further report from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district."

The County Surveyor read a report from Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, who stated that having again seen Mrs Borthistle, he thought it advisable that she should be paid £5 for the injury done to her dwelling house and crops. It would be well (Mr Ennis continued) that it should be made clear to Mrs Borthistle that this amount was in settlement of all claims to date, as she had since been complaining of injury to a mowing machine by stones.

On the motion of Mr McGuire, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor furnish the Insurance Company with a copy of report of Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, and ask them to settle with Mrs Borthistle on the terms proposed."

Kerlogue Quarry.

At the meeting of the County Council on 5th August 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That proceedings against Moses Power, Kerlogue, Contractor, for supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry, and his Sureties, be held over for the present."

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

"That the question of instituting proceedings against Moses Power, Kerlogue, Contractor, for supplying material from Kerlogue be again adjourned."

Clohamon Bridge.

Under date 15th October 1919, Mr John Browne, Contractor for repairs, Clohamon Bridge, wrote that he had seen Mr Thomas Murphy, Ryland, as requested by the Council. Mr Murphy was satisfied to leave the question of the damage done to his land to arbitration, and had named Mr Myles

O'Connor, Clohamon, and Mr C. J Irwin, Auctioneer, as Arbitrators, the Council to name two more, and appoint a day to meet. the matter required immediate attention and if there were any floods the land would be further damaged.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Cinema Licence.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Cinema licence be issued to Mr Patrick Breen, for old school house in Castlebridge, provided that after inspection, the County Surveyor reports to the Secretary that the premises comply with the requirements of the Cinematograph Act of 1909."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Gorman."

Kilmore Pier & Harbour.

Rev J. W. O'Byrne, P. P., Kilmore, forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted at a meeting of the fishermen of Kilmore Quay:-

"That the County Council be asked to make a grant in aid of the improvement of the Harbour and breakwater."

A petition from the fishermen and people of the district in favour of the work was also submitted.

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

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, bring in a proposal to the February 1920 meeting of the Proposal Committee for repairs etc., Kilmore Pier, in the meantime that he call the attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Fisheries Branch) to the necessity of the Department providing half amount of cost of dredging Kilmore Harbour. Unless this is done the place will be absolutely no use to the fishermen of the locality."

Waterproof Clothing.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That we approve of provision of waterproof clothing for operators of Rock Drill, and agree to payment of £3. 4/- for Bills for same presented to this meeting."

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the above recommendation was adopted.

Prosecution Road Contractors.

On the motion of Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr McGuire, the following

recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee directing the County Surveyor to proceed against Road Contractors whose names are set out on Page 305 of the Minute Book of Finance & Roads Committee, or to take such further action against these Contractors as he may consider necessary to have the terms of their contracts enforced, was adopted.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against the following road contractors for non-fulfilment of their Contracts, or take such action against these contractors as he considers necessary:- William Roberts, 92E, 88E, David Lennon 258E."

Injured Employee.

Under date 10th November 1919, Mr T. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote applying for compensation pursuant to the provisions of The Workmen's Compensation Act 1906, for injury caused to his Client's (John Murphy, Clonee) right eye while engaged in quarrying at Doran's Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was being dealt with by the Insurance Company.

"No Order"

Quarrying in Barmoney Quarry.

In connection with claim of Mr James Keeley, Rathquile, Adamstown, for £3. 10. 10d for quarrying in Barmoney Quarry, the Council adopted a resolution offering Mr Keeley 15/- in settlement.

Mr Keeley under date 16th October 1919, wrote that the 15/- could be sent "on account as it will be making the bill smaller".

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That if Mr James Keeley, Rathquile, informs the Council that he is prepared to accept the 15/- passed by the Council as discharge in full for their liability on foot of his claim for quarrying in Barmoney, a Paying Order for this amount will issue from next meeting.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan.

Technical Class at Wexford Industrial School.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was

adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan.:-

"That in the event of a Domestic Economy Class being continued for girls of Wexford Industrial School we hereby agree to contribute as from May 1919, the sum of 5/- per pupil not exceeding twenty pupils for each session up to and including year 1922."

Proposal Joint Industrial Council.

Mr D. F. Condon, Secretary National Union of Municipal Officers, (Ireland) wrote calling attention to the recommendations of the Whitley Report, which provided for the formation of a Joint National Industrial Council composed of a representative of Local Authorities in Ireland and their officers, for the purpose of securing the largest possible measure of combined action between both sides in the development of Local Government in Ireland, and the regulation of the service condition of all those engaged therein.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

OLD AGE PENSION BUSINESS.

Proposed Resignation of No. 7 Sub-Committee.

Mrs Howard, Clerk No. 7 Sub Committee, under date 8th December 1919, wrote as follows:-

"At a Meeting of above on Saturday the 6th inst., my Committee on hearing the decision of the Local Government Board refusing a pension to Mr J. Maddeck, Templeshelin, (in whose case the P. O. appealed against Committee's decision) refused to do any further business as they considered the applicant had been unfairly and unjustly treated, and that a fair and impartial investigation will prove him qualified for the pension and, unless this investigation be made they refuse to act on the Committee in future."

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

"That in view of the attitude of No. 7 Sub-Committee Old Age Pension Committee as to action of Pension Officer in the case of J. Maddeck, Templeshelin, we request the Local Government Board to send down a special Inspector to deal with the matter."

Old Age Pension Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, Seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That in the event of any amendment being proposed to the Old age Pension Act, we consider a provision should be embodied to give an appeal by the applicant for pension to the County Court Judge."

County Surveyor's Report.

Road Board Grants & Machinery:- The County Surveyor reported to the Finance & Roads Committee that the Road Board had sanctioned the grants already referred to in former reports and which were before the District Council Meetings. The total amount of the grant is £16,600 towards an expenditure of £22573. In connection with this matter he (County Surveyor) had been in communication with the Road Board's Engineering Inspector with regard to cost of the work, and he suggests that the County Council would be well advised to purchase plant in order to reduce the cost.

"In consideration of the heavy work that is to be undertaken"-the County Surveyor continued in his report- "it is essential that we should have plant of our own for some portion at any rate of the work, and I suggest that one or two rollers should be purchased. An extra Rock Drill also will be required as one of the present drills will be almost exclusively at work in Tara Hill Quarry. We will also require at least two steam lorries with trailer waggons. Sometime ago the Rural District Meetings in Enniscorthy and New Ross passed resolutions asking the Co Council to purchase rollers for their use but owing to War conditions it was impossible to obtain same. If rollers be now purchased for the Road Board work they will be allocated afterwards for work in the two districts named, and as regards steam lorries there will always be enough work to keep them employed.

At present there is a second-hand roller in County Kildare for sale, and I ask for authority to visit the place and see it at work, taking with me Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer. Perhaps the machine might suit and it could be obtained for a reasonable figure."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise in a Mechanical paper for engine and roller combined, rock drill steam lorry with two trailers (both tilting) and living van."

Courtown Harbour:- In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, the County Surveyor stated:-

"During the Summer with the aid of a grant from the Department of

Agriculture, I was able to build a concrete wall at Courtown Harbour. This as you are already aware was consequent of the river embankment having been breached early this year. The work is now completed and is a satisfactory job. Subsequent to this I had holes filled in the south pier of the Harbour, as the fishermen made complaint that the sand was stopping the channels between the piers. With the exception of one small hole which has not been filled yet the work is now completed and there is no ingress of sand at present. As the weather conditions suit the remaining hole will be filled in.

On the 1st inst., a portion of the retaining wall adjoining the river at Courtown Village collapsed to the extent of some forty lineal feet. I have made some temporary arrangements for fencing but it will be necessary to rebuild the wall. I inspected the site on the 3rd inst., and suggest that an advertisement be inserted asking for tenders for rebuilding. The work will be fairly heavy and will require a large sum of money, particulars of which I shall have for the Meeting."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted--

"That the County Surveyor be directed to advertise for gravel at Courtown Harbour and that a Sudden Damage Order amounting to about £35 be issued to cover cost of same and to enable the gravel to be obtained in good time."

Illness of Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, the County Surveyor stated:-

"On the 2nd inst., Mr Kirby, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, wrote me enclosing Doctor's certificate from which it would appear he will be unable to do duty for a couple of weeks. Mr Kirby himself states he will be able to attend to necessary office work himself though he will not be able to make outside inspections."

The County Surveyor stated that since issuing his report he had a letter from Gorey that Mr Kirby was suffering from severe septic throat and would not in all probability be able to attend to his duties before the new year."

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

"That the question of having the duty of Assistant Surveyor carried out in Gorey District, in consequence of the illness of Mr James Kirby, be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Aggrieved Contractors.

Mr J. R. Brennan, (Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors) appeared on behalf of 43 Road Contractors of Wexford and New Ross Districts, and who stated they were unable to carry out their contracts at the prices at which they were taken. The Contractors in question wished to be released from their contracts or to obtain a War Bonus in which none had been given, and an increased war bonus where war bonus had been granted.

After some discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr O'Gorman:-

"That the application of 43 Road Contractors as to cancellation of Road Contracts or for War Bonus be referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting."

Analyst's Report.

The following report of Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, was read:-

"Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th September 1919.

77 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows:-

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	15
Butter	9
Margarine	6
Buttermilk	5
Brandy	4
Cheese	3
Rum	3
Cocoa	3
Tea	3
Sugar	3
Cornflour	3
Mustard	3
Tobacco	3
Gin	2
Rice	2
Port Wine	2
Geneva	1
Sherry	1

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Lard	1
Oatmeal	1
Currants	1
Whiskey	2
Total	<u>77</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 13 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

One specimen of water analysed for the New Ross Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	14.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.008
Nitric Acid	3.120
Chlorine	1.390

A Good Water.

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in specimen of water received from F. W. Taylor, Esq, V. S., New Ross.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

In the original report on the water referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses 109

Adulterated & Defective articles..... 5

"Marked Read"

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(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 23 day of December 1920.

Special Meeting.- 23rd December 1919.

On 23rd December 1919, by directions of the Chairman (Mr John Bolger) a Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, to re-consider the resolution of the Co. Council adopted on the 10th December 1919, relative to the application of the Co Council Staff for War Bonus.

Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs M. Codd, M. Maddeok, N. J. Cowman, L. Barry, M. Cloney, R. Scallan, and Michael Doyle (Vice-Chairman).

The Secretary and Mr John Elgee (acting for his brother, Mr R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council, absent through illness) were also in attendance.

War Bonus to Staff.

The Chairman having explained that the figures arrived at by the Council at the meeting of the 10th inst., as War Bonus to the Staff had been based on the misunderstanding that Award 84 of Arbitration & Conciliation Board applied only to salaries as they stood pre-war, stated, that having interviewed the Ministry of Labour, and also Mr Logue, Secretary to the Clerical Workers' Union, he decided to act on the advice he received from the Ministry and Mr Logue, and direct a special meeting to be summoned to re-consider the matter.

The meeting then considered the circumstances of each officer as regards salary, length of service, position, etc., after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That a sum of £35 each be voted as War Bonus to Assistant Surveyors J. Kirby, C. P. Curran, and R. J. Ennis, making salary and war bonus in each of these cases £185. That Messrs Kehoe and Jones, Assistant Surveyors, be granted, owing to long service, a War Bonus of £50 making salary and War Bonus in these cases £200. That Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted War Bonus of £100, as his salary has never been increased, and which will make his salary and war Bonus £300 per annum. That Mr Thomas Cullen, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, be granted a War Bonus of £62 making his salary and War Bonus £153 per annum. That Mr Cadogan, Clerk in County Council Office, be granted a War Bonus of £80 making his salary and War Bonus £170 per annum. That Mr C.H. Richards,

First Clerk in County Council Office, be granted a War Bonus of £91 making his salary and War Bonus £234. That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, be granted a War Bonus of £92 making salary and War Bonus £277 per annum. These figures to take effect in each instance as from 1st August 1919." 2

"That the Local Government Board be asked to sanction these figures in respect of officers with whom they are concerned."

Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, accepted the proposals of the Council on behalf of the Staff.

Appointment Temporary Rate Collector.

In connection with the death of Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector, the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Co Council on 10th December 1919:-

"That the National Benefit Life & Property Assurance Company, be called upon to close the Rate Collection of the late Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector, or, in the alternative, the County Council to appoint a deputy collector, subject to the Insurance Company guaranteeing the deputy by fidelity guarantee bond."

Under date 13th December 1919, the District Secretary, National Benefit Assurance Company, Ltd., wrote as follows:-

"Replying to your favour of the 12th inst., we shall be obliged if your Council will immediately proceed and appoint a deputy Collector in the place of Mr Francis Blake."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That our Secretary be directed to advertise for temporary Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District, poundage to be 7d in the £ and appointment to be made on Wednesday 7th January 1920."

"Passed"

Veterinary Inspection-Moyacomb Electoral Division.

At the meeting of the County Council on 10th December 1919, a resolution was adopted asking Mr W. J. Doyle, V. S., to take charge of Veterinary Inspection of Moyacomb District Electoral Division, at a salary of £2. 10/- per annum.

Under date 16th December 1919, the following was read from Mr W. J. Doyle V. S. :-

"I wish to thank the Council for appointing me to the position which has

become vacant by the death of the late Mr Newsem, but I find it would be impossible for me to take it unless they allow me £10 per annum, as owing to the high cost of everything it would be impossible for me to drive such a distance. I sincerely hope the Council will consider this application."

Under date 20th December 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V.B., 3649-1919) wrote stating they would be prepared to approve of the appointment at £2. 10/- per annum.

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

"That, on re-consideration, we are satisfied to increase our offer to Mr W. J. Doyle, V. S., to deal with Diseases of Animals Act in Moyacomb District Electoral Division, at a salary of £5 per annum, and that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Veterinary Branch) be requested to sanction this arrangement which the Council consider the most satisfactory possible in the circumstances."

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Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 1920.