

Quarterly Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 1901.

The Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber Court House Wexford on Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Present - In the Chair: Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde Bart. and subsequently Mr Edmond Hore, vice chairman. Other Councillors - Messrs D. Dempsey, James C. Mayler, Michael Broune, James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, William Whitty Daniel Power, James B. Hearn, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, Charles H. Peacocke, Laurence Murphy, John F. Walsh, Patrick Ryan, Michael Hickey, James Codd, Lord Stopford, and Lord Maurice Fitzgerald.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Pigott Secretary to the Council, Mr H. Webster, County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance. The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald proposed the following resolution  
 "To His Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward VII. We the County Council of County Wexford, respectfully tender our deep sympathy in the irreparable loss that your Majesty, the Royal Family, and the British nation have sustained in the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria."

Lord Stopford seconded the resolution.

Mr Cummins dissented from the motion and demanded a poll, which was taken with the following result.

For - Messrs Ryan, Mayler, Stopford, Hore, Peacocke, Fitzgerald, Donohoe, Doyle, and the chairman. 9.  
 Against - Messrs. Murphy, Hickey, Codd, Dempsey and Cummins. 5.

Declined to vote - Messrs Sinnott, Power and Hearn 3.  
 The chairman declared the resolution carried.

The following resolution was moved by the chairman.  
 "That we tender the expression of our extreme grief in the loss of our late colleague Mr Owen Doyle to his friends



"and relatives."

Mr Donohoe seconded the motion which was supported by Messrs Dempsey and Hore, and passed in silence.

*appeals re Surveyors Salaries*  
Mr Elgee reported that the appeals by the County Council against the orders of the Local Government Board fixing the salaries of the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors were heard on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and almost the whole of Thursday of last week. The Court had reserved judgment.

New Form of Rate Book.

Circular letter No. 9M. 1901 from the Local Government Board under date 15<sup>th</sup> January 1901. with reference to the adoption of a new form of rate book in case the Council would decide upon adopting the rate for the whole year, was read.

The Council decided that for the present year they would strike the rate separately for each half year, as they considered it would be advisable to have the opportunity of revision at the end of the first six months.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Lord Stobford it was agreed that this question of yearly rating, and the new form of Rate Book be referred to the Finance Committee to prepare a report for the future guidance of the Council.

Adjustment Order New Ross Bridge

The Secretary read the terms of the Adjustment Order New Ross Bridge No. 22962. 1900 from the Local Government Board under date 15<sup>th</sup> January 1901.

Letters No. 3898/1901 and 5801. 1901. from the Local Government Board under date respectively 26 January 1901. and 1<sup>st</sup> February 1901. on the subject of the poundage fees to be allowed Mr Michael McGrath, were read.

Sanction - Scale of Expenses - Elections

The Secretary reported that the Local Government Board had sanctioned the scale of expenses agreed to by the Council for Urban Council Elections and read letter from Local Government Board No 74.722 : 1900 under date 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1900. dealing with this matter.



Case of Mr John Kehoe

With reference to the appointment of Mr John Kehoe as Assistant County Surveyor or Road Overseer. Letter No 13821. 1900 under date 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1900. and circular letter No. 99. 1901 Miscellaneous from the Local Government Board under date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1901 was read.

Claim - Mr Edward Somers

With reference to the claim of Mr Edward Somers, for loss of emolument as Barony West Collector letter No 21470. 1900. from the Lord Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury was read.

The Secretary said he had answered this letter after advice from Mr Elgee.

Food & Drugs Act

Circular letters No 535 and 555 from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction under date 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1901 with reference to the Food and Drugs Act were read.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that Mr Peacocke look over the correspondence in this matter and report to the Council.

Under date January 15<sup>th</sup> 1901. a letter was read from Mr J. H. Rolleston Organizer of Pioneer Lectures, with reference to the delivery of a lecture on the dairying industry in Enniscorthy by Mr John Spier.

It was decided that the Council accept the offer of the Department, and on the motion of the Chairman it was agreed that the Council defray the necessary cost of advertising the lecture and hire of hall.

As representatives of the Council on the local Committee to arrange for the delivery of the lecture, Messrs Dempsey, Bolger, Donohoe, and Capt. Bryan were appointed.

Claim - Daniel Doolan

Letters were read from Messrs Boyd & Co. Solicitors, New Ross with reference to the claim of a road contractor named Daniel Doolan, for the maintenance of the roadway over New Ross Bridge.

Mr Webster explained that this matter could not possibly have been settled until the adjustment order of the Local Government Board had been issued. He would see that it was properly arranged.



for the next quarterly meeting. The County Wexford portion of the contract had been decided, and the Kilkenny portion would be paid under the terms of the adjustment order in May. With regard to the payment claimed by Mr Doolan for what was known as the "Missing Quarter" he considered it was the duty of Kilkenny County Council to settle for this.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were then considered.

*Expenses of Inspectors  
of Explosives*

With reference to the payment of Expenses of Inspectors of Explosives Mr Talbot County Inspector R.D.C. wrote that it was the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown that these expenses should be borne out of the local Rate.

It was decided to recommend the Council to pay the amount - £2 " 4 " 8 confirmed.

*Payment for Storage of  
Weights & Measures*

Mr O'Neill. J. Kelly D. J. R. M. wrote that pending it being determined whether any allowance can be made for the storage of weights & measures, ~~he could not accept~~ out of fees paid by traders for the verification of weights and measures, he could not accept any payment from the Council for this purpose.

The chairman said that he and several other members of the Council had inspected the County Wexford standards etc in charge of Mr Kelly and found them in good order.

Mr James L. Doyle, Rate collector wrote -

*Rate collection -  
Collyer J. L. Doyle*

In reply to your letter re collection of current rate, I herewith enclose acknowledgment for £213 " 5 " 8. I beg to inform you and the County Council that I shall without fail always lodge the amount of my warrant within the prescribed time and have unimpeachable security for so doing.

Ordered - That Mr Doyle be informed that if the other Collectors adopted his method of collection the business of the County would reach a deadlock and consequently if he does not see his way



to fall into line with the other collectors the Council be recommended not to continue his services. Confirmed.

Mr J. W. Taylor's Salary.

Messrs Evans Boyd & Co. Solicitors New Ross wrote under date 26<sup>th</sup> January 1901 in reference to the apportionment of Mr Taylor's salary, as Veterinary Inspector for portion of New Ross Union. They pointed out that the county councils of Wexford, Carlow, and Kilkenny ~~had considered~~ were liable for the amount £50 per annum. The County Councils of Wexford and Kilkenny had considered that the liability should be apportioned between the three counties in proportion to the respective valuations of the portions of the counties situate in Mr Taylor's district.

The Carlow county council had refused to adopt this method, and considered £5 yearly a sufficient contribution from them toward the £50.

The apportionment according to the valuation would be Wexford £26. 1. 2. Kilkenny £14. 10. 6. and Carlow £9. 8. 4. Messrs Boyd called on the county council to apportion the salary between the three counties concerned.

Recommended - To be referred to Mr Elgee. Confirmed.

Subsidiary acc.

It was recommended to the council that £200 be transferred to the subsidiary account. Confirmed.

Safe - to Council Office.

With regard to the purchase of a fire-proof safe Mr Cummins proposed that Messrs Ryan, Redcocks and Walsh, with the Secretary look into the matter, and if necessary agree to the purchase of a safe subject to the approval of the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr Codd seconded.

Passed. Confirmed.

Claim of Coroner  
Murphy.

With reference to a claim for £3. 14/- made by Dr Murphy coroner for North Wexford, for holding an inquest in Broadway outside his district a letter was read from Dr Murphy pointing out that he was entitled to £2. for holding this inquest. No order was made, payment



"of this sum having been refused in November 1899. on the advice of the Solicitor to the Council"

Confirmed

Mr J. W. Taylor & Co.  
Salary for Inspection  
of Swine Lairs

For inspection of fairs and swine lairs in New Ross under the Diseases of Animals Act the Committee appointed under these Act recommended that Mr Taylor be paid a sum of £12: 1: 6. for 23 fairs and that he be given an increase of salary of £10. per annum so long as these orders remain in force."

"Recommended that the decision of the Diseases of Animals Committee be confirmed"

Confirmed

Wexford Dist. Council  
Payment on Demand

The Clerk of the Wexford District Council applied for £400 instalment on foot of demand for next year. This sum the Clerk pointed out was necessary in consequence of the vast amount of the rent of the labourers' cottages not being received until the close of the half year, and in the meantime the salaries and other expenses of the Council have to be met."

Recommended - That the sum of £400 be advanced to the Wexford District Council on foot of their demand for next year."

Confirmed.

Purchase of Duplicator  
for Co. Council Office

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that a duplicator be purchased for the County Council offices. Mr Keacock proposed that the Secretary of the Council be given discretion to purchase either a neostyle or duplicator, whichever he considered most suitable.

Mr More seconded the proposition which was carried.

Auditor's Report - Gorey Union & Council

Reports of Mr J. A. Baker Local Government Auditor, as to his audit of the accounts of the Gorey Guardians and Gorey District Council accounts were read.

Amalgamation of  
Forms 12 & 14

Circular letter No 20 M. 1901 from the Local Government Board under date, January 31<sup>st</sup> 1901 with reference to the amalgamation of Forms 12 and 14. in the District also order was read.

Dated 10th

Mr J. J. Healy, Solicitor, reported that in accordance



with the directions of the Council he attended in Dublin at the taxation of Mr Elgee's costs. The bill in the case of the Local Government Board, was certified at £180. 4. 1. and the Miscellaneous costs were certified at £28. 8. 1.

On the motion of the Chairman it was ordered that the amounts be paid.

Circular letter No. 21 M/1901 from the Local Government Board under date Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1901. and pointing out that when an amount for road maintenance had been struck off it cannot be reinstated was read.

#### Kilmore Pier & Harbour

In connection with the Pier and Harbour of Kilmore Mr Webster County Surveyor reported that he had received a communication from the Engineer of the Board of Works stating his intention of making an inspection on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst requesting him to attend and inform Messrs Browne, Peacocke, and Lord Maurice Fitzgerald who were appointed by the Council to be present at the inspection.

#### County Loans

The Secretary read a letter from the Board of Works under date Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1901 with reference to the repayment of the County Loans, and asking the dates of the quarterly meetings of the Council to allow of the receivable orders being sent in time.

The Secretary said he had forwarded the information required by the Board of Works.

With regard to the death of John Walsh, tenant to the Council for a cottage at Mountgarrett Bridge, it was decided that the matter be referred to Mr Elgee.

The Secretary reported that to replace Mr Donovan deceased, Mr James Barron Rate collector offered as surety Mr Bryan Hennessy Merchant New Ross.

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Hearn it was decided to approve of the name of Mr Hennessy.



*Contractors not signing their Bonds.*  
The Secretary reported that four road contractors had not signed their bonds from the meeting of the Wexford District Council.

On the motion of the chairman it was decided that the secretary inform these contractors that if they did not execute their bonds before the next meeting of the Council, the contracts be cancelled.

The following resolution from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council was marked "read"

*Copies of Abstracts & District Councilors*  
"That each member of this Rural District Council be supplied with copies of the half yearly abstract, and also with slips showing the contracts entered into at each Quarterly Meeting"

*List of Proposals etc*  
The following resolutions were proposed by the chairman  
"That the several Proposals sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County as respects payments, and New Works be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialed by the chairman."

"That the several Proposals sent up by the Proposals Committee of the County as respects payments chargeable to the County at Large; new works, and maintenance of works, be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialed by the chairman."

Mr Dempsey moved: "That the several Proposals sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County as respects maintenance of works be approved, with the exception of No. 9. in Enniscorthy for which Eliza Doran was accepted contractor which should be refused on the ground that



"the District Council accepted the higher tender, without sufficient grounds."

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald seconded.

Mr Donohoe moved: "That as the aggrieved party is not before us, we decline to interfere with the discretion of the District Council."

Mr Bolger seconded."

On a poll the following was the voting - for the amendment Messrs Bolger, Stopford, Power, Sinnott, and Donohoe, 5. Against - Messrs Ryan, Walsh, Murphy, Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Fitzgerald, Codd, Dempsey, Whitty, Doyle, Maylor, Cummins, Hearn, 14.

Mr Dempsey's motion was then put as a substantive proposition and adopted without discussion.

#### Dates of Quarterly Meetings

The following dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils, and Proposals Committee were adopted. New Ross. Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12.00.  
Wexford. Saturday " 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 O.C.  
Enniscorthy Tuesday " 9<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 O.C.  
Gorey. Saturday " 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.00.  
Proposals Committee. Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.00.  
Co. Council Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 O.C.

#### Kilmore Pier

By permission of the meeting notice of motion standing in the name of Mr Browne with reference to the expenditure incurred in deepening the passage alongside Kilmore Pier, was postponed to a future meeting.

#### Monument at Culart.

On the motion of the Chairman the application of the Culart Memorial Committee to erect a monument on the public road, according to the terms specified in their letter was granted.

#### Compulsory Land Purchase Scheme

Mr Hearn moved: "That this Council express its strong opinion in favour of an equitable compulsory land purchase scheme for Ireland, and that the present be deemed an opportune time to invite the co-operation in favour of this measure, of all public boards by



appointing competent delegates to meet at an early date in Dublin to put into practical form the wishes and opinions of the County regarding this most necessary subject, with a view to bring the demand in a clear definite, and forcible manner before Parliament."

The Chairman seconded the motion which was adopted Lord Maurice Fitzgerald dissenting.

Arthurstown Courthouse

Proposed by Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Dempsey and adopted - Resolved - "That if the plans, and details in connection with the proposed new courthouse for Arthurstown be considered satisfactory by the Council we agree to borrow £200. for the erection of the building."

Compulsory Land Purchase

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Whitty the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved - "That this Council tender their heartfelt thanks to Mr J. B. Russell M.P. for the great effort he is making to further a just measure of compulsory sale of land in Ireland, to the occupying tenants, and that we again express our belief that there can never be prosperity <sup>and contentment</sup> in Ireland until all the abuses connected with dual ownership are finally abolished."

Complaint of a gullet.

Under date February 4<sup>th</sup> a letter was read from Mr Keating Rackardstown complaining about the overflow of a gullet near his house.

Mr Webster said the outlet of the gullet was on private ground and only the sanitary authority could interfere. Referred to the Sanitary Authority.

On the motion of Mr Broune seconded by Mr Peacocke standing orders were suspended to allow of the following resolution being moved.



Tonnage Act.

Proposed by Mr Walsh - That having regard to the failure of the Tonnage Act of 1889 to prevent, a recurrence of the substantial grievance then complained of, and admitted by the Board of Trade in introducing that measure, or to secure an equitable measurement, for a class of steamers now being constructed with a nominal tonnage this Council desires to record in the strongest manner their unanimous opinion that the present system of levying dues on the net registered tonnage of steamships is detrimental to the best interests of harbours in Ireland.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the Chief Secretary and the County Members, and that their support be solicited to remove the grievance complained of.

Mr Ryan seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Advertisements

In considering the adoption of the Minutes of the Proposals Committee Mr Cummins moved that the Council dissent from the Proposal that the Advertisements of the County be inserted in the "Free Press" and "People" for five years at £90 each for each year.

Mr Hearn seconded the amendment of Mr Cummins on a poll the following voted in favour of it Messrs Power, Cummins, Hearn, and Hickey - 4.  
Against - Messrs Ryan, Walsh, Browne, Peacocke, Coad, Dempsey, Whitty and the Chairman (Mr Hore) 8.  
Declined to vote. Lord Maurice Fitzgerald Messrs Bolger Doyle, and Maylor - 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the recommendation of the Proposals Committee was confirmed.

Inspection of Bridges

On the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Bolger, it was decided that the question of having an inspection



made of the Deep Bridge by an expert engineer be referred to the committee appointed in connection with the Wexford and Ferry carrig bridges.

Parliamentary Requisition Forms.

With reference to the printing of the Parliamentary Requisition forms, it was decided on the motion of the chairman that no change be made in the method of having these printed by the clerks of the Unions.

Tenders - Rural Districts

The following orders were made with regard to works for which no tenders were received at the Rural District Councils or Proposals Committee.

From Proposals Committee

No. 38. - To repair Mountgarrett Bridge not to exceed £20.  
Given in charge of County Surveyor.

Enniscorthy District

No. 25. - To repair footpath at Scarawalsh road not to exceed £30 on the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by Mr Cummins this work was given in charge of the Co. Surveyor.

No. 26. - To make a double gullet at Killourish not to exceed £10. on the motion of Mr Donohoe the same rule as in last No. was made.

Gorey District

No. 3. - To keep in repair 116 perches of road between Searnagh and Ballylarkin not to exceed 7<sup>d</sup> per perch.  
Referred back to District Council.

New Ross District

No. 14. - To keep in repair 523 perches of road between Ely's Walks and the cross at Talbot Hall not to exceed 7<sup>d</sup> per perch. "Referred back to District Council"  
No. 28. - To erect railing at Duncannon quay not to exceed £15.  
Given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

Wexford District

No. 100. To excavate a passage for boats alongside Kilmore Pier not to exceed £15.  
Given in charge of County Surveyor.

Report of Committee of Asylum

The Council resolved itself into Committee to consider the report of the sub-committee appointed by the Committee of Management of the Enniscorthy District Asylum with



reference to the action of the late Matron of the Institution against the County Council for damages for bodily injury, wrongful dismissal and arrears of salary.

The Council agreed with the report of the sub-committee but declined to take any action with reference to the question of superannuation referred to in the report."

The treasurer's books showed a balance in favour of the Council amounting to £12,710 - 4 - 4. on the General account of the Council, and £61. 1. 2. on the Subsidiary Account.

It was decided that the Meeting of the Council for the consideration of the estimate of rate be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 1907.

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1907. Edward Hore.

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Meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> 1901.

An ordinary meeting of the county council was held in the Council Chamber Court House Wexford on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Present: In the Chair: Sir Thomas M. Grattan Esmonde Bart  
Other Councillors - Messrs Edmond More Vice Chm<sup>r</sup> Lord Maurice Fitzgerald, C. A. Peacocke, Myles Smyth, James C. Mayler, M. Browne, Jas. Donohoe, James Codd, C. M. Doyle, P. Ryan, M. Hickey, John F. Walsh, John Cummins, Capt Walker, and Lord Stopford.

Capt Pigott, Secretary of the Council. A. Webster County Surveyor and R. W. Elger Solicitor were also present.  
The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Estimate of Rate

The Meeting having considered the estimate of rate for general charges, the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr More and unanimously adopted.  
"That the estimate as submitted by our Secretary in respect of general charges be approved and adopted."

The estimate of the Secretary in respect of separate charges having been submitted by the Secretary, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr More. "That the estimate of our Secretary in respect of separate charges as submitted by our Secretary be approved and adopted."

Seal. Contractors Bonds.

Draft Procedure of Councils Order 1901 from the Local Government Board was referred to the Finance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the Road Contractors bonds for the present quarter be sealed with the seal of the county council.

Compulsory Education Act, Ennis-corthy

The Chairman moved the suspension of Standing orders to allow the following resolution being moved.

Proposed by Mr Donohoe, seconded by the Chairman

"That the Compulsory Education Act be adopted in the Rural District of Ennis-corthy, a representation to that effect having been received from the Ennis-corthy Rural District Council."



Copy of Estimate of Rate

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted.

That previous to the consideration of the yearly estimate of Rate, the Secretary send to the Clerks of the District Councils a statement of his estimate of County charges, with the Receipts for the County, including amounts for Government Grants and the valuations.

Copy of Government Grants

The following resolutions from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council was marked read.

That the Secretary of the County Council is requested to furnish detailed particulars of Government Grants received on account of this Rural and District Council (other than Agricultural Grants) for the year ended 31 March 1901, and to give particulars of the County Charges against the Union and Rural District. Viz: Asylums, roads, and other works for the same period.

Resolved. That we respectfully request the County Council to furnish us with an apportionment of the charge applicable to this rural district and Union, as the estimate furnished relates to the County at Large. In consequence of having received the estimate only this morning we cannot offer any suggestion on the matter.

Claim of Collector Somers

Letter No 486/01. from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury under date 8<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1901. Stating that Mr Somers was not entitled to compensation for loss of emoluments as Poor Rate and Parsony cess collector was read.

On the motion of the Chairman the following letter was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.



Kyle  
Crossabeg  
Wexford Feb 11 '01

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the kind vote of condolence passed by the Wexford County Council at their last meeting with the relatives of the late Mr Owen Doyle. The expression of the sympathy of his colleagues on the Council (of which he was so proud to be a member) will tend to assuage the grief felt by us in his great loss. Please convey to the Chairman of the Council (Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde) Mr Hore, Mr Donohoe, and Mr Dempsey our thanks for the kind utterances to which they gave expression when the vote of condolence was under the consideration of your Council.

Yours Faithfully  
Patrick Lambert

W. H. Pigott Esq  
Secy to Council  
Court House Wexford.

The Financial Statement Books of Receipt and Expenditure and the Financial Minutes written up to date, were produced by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman. The following books also written up to date were produced by the Secretary - Register of Separate Charges, Register of Applications & Proposals, Abstract of Poor Rate collectors to date.

8th March 1901

Edmund Hore,



