

Quarterly Meeting.- 7th February 1917.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th February 1917.

Present:- The Earl of Courtown, Messrs N. J. Cowman, P. Keating, R. Scallan, M. Cloney, J. A. Doyle, James Codd, Michael Doyle.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney, the Earl of Courtown was moved to the Chair.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Advice Note.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3986. 17. 2d was examined and signed.

The late Lady Strachan Bridges.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney, it was decided that the following letter under date 8th December 1916, from Lord Courtown, be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Will you please convey to the County Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of condolence with me on the death of my Sister. Also please accept my thanks for your own expressions of sympathy."

Rates for 1917-18.

The Meeting considered the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for year 1917-18, the business for which the Members had been specially summoned.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1917-18, as approved by the Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting of 24th January 1917, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County in respect of General Rate be as follows:-

District.	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy	4/5	6/2
Gerey	3/8	5/1
New Ross.	4/5	6/3
Wexford.	3/7	5/2

and we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County to be as follows:-

District	General			Separate			Total		
	£.	S.	D.	£.	S.	D.	£.	S.	D.
Enniscorthy	1368.	14.	1	27.	10.	3	1396.	4.	4
New Ross.	1701.	9.	6	45.	2.	4	1746.	11.	10
Wexford.	2726.	0.	7	58.	1.	6	2784.	2.	1

Acknowledgments of Resolutions.

Messrs J. E. Redmond and Peter Ffrench M. Ps., wrote acknowledging the resolution of the County Council with reference to the stoppage of traffic on the Dublin & South Eastern line of Railway, owing to coast erosion.

From Admiral Sir David Beatty, and his brother Major Beatty, congratulating the former on his appointment as Lord High Admiral of the British Fleet.

From Mr Peter Ffrench M. P., regretting his resignation as Coroner for South Wexford.

Salary Coroner South Wexford.

Under date 12th January, the Local Government Board wrote No.59396:1916, stating that they had approved of the salary fixed for the position of Coroner for South Wexford, Viz:-£100 per annum.

Marked "Read"

Advance to Gerey Guardians.

In connection with the application of advance of £600 from the County Council to the Gerey Guardians, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of letter under date 8th January 1917, (62793:1916) in which they requested to be informed of the causes of the request and stating that

presumably the Guardians in making their estimate would be careful to make adequate provision to cover the advance as well as to meet the full requirements of the coming year.

"The Secretary stated that he had received no reply from the Local Government Board, However, the necessity for making the advance did not arise, because he had had a letter from Mr Creighton, Clerk Gorey Union, that he would be able to manage without the advance.

"No. Order".

New War Loan.

Under date 31st January 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (26M-1917 Miscellaneous) pointing out that if a Local Authority desired to raise money for any of the purposes specified in Sub-Section 1 of Section 1 (Public Authorities & Bodies (Loans) Act 1916, and can arrange with their Treasurer to advance the necessary amount the Local Government Board or the appropriate Government Department, will be prepared to consider favourably an application by the Local Authority for their consent under the subsection. One of the conditions to be imposed being that the amount of the sum to be borrowed will, pending its formal application, be invested in the 5 per cent War Loan 1929-1947.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Salary of Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 16th December 1916, the following letter was read from Mr G. Flood, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to thank you for my third annual increment and for increasing my salary by £10.

Whilst regretting that you could not see your way to make my salary such as would enable me to perform the extra work I am discharging without any pecuniary disadvantage to myself, I have decided to accept the increase as an instalment of what I believe I am entitled to, and will continue to attend to increased work in the hope that, later on, you will more fully realise how enormously it has increased, as a Councillor remarked, and fix a salary commensurate with its extent."

"No Order."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution

was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Works, submitted by the Proposal Committee, and as appearing on Form 20 be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several Proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee and dealing with matters other than Public Works, be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

Recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee.

Boyce's Bay:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 24th January 1917, the following letter under date 9th January 1917, was read from Clerk, New Ross R. D. Council:-

"I am to inform you that the Council of New Ross Rural District, at their Meeting on the 5th, decided by fifteen votes to ten, to recommend the Co. Council to only have a penalty amounting to £30 imposed on Mr H.P. Gahan in respect of his failure to build a wall at Boyce's Bay in pursuance of contract.

I enclose you, at Mr Gahan's request, some documents produced before this Council in support of his petition."

The following was unanimously agreed to:-

"That in view of the discussion which took place at the meeting of New Ross R. D. Council on 5th inst., relative to application of Mr H. P. Gahan, Little Graigue, Fethard, for remission of fine in connection with failure to carry out repair work at Boyce's Bay, we recommend the County Council to hold Mr Gahan to the terms of his contract."

Mr M. J. O'Conner, Solicitor, for Mr Gahan appeared before the meeting and explained that it had been impossible for Mr Gahan to obtain men to carry out the contract.

After a discussion Mr M. Doyle proposed--

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee

of 24th January last, that the Council should hold Mr Gahan to the terms of his contract. That as expenditure on this contract is a district charge, and as New Ross R. D. Council have recommended that Mr Gahan should be fined in the mitigated penalty of £30, we accept the recommendation of New Ross District Council as to payment by Mr Gahan of reduced penalty of £30 provided the sanction of the Local Government Board to this proposal be obtained. #

That our Secretary submit this resolution to the Local Government Board with copy of letter of explanation from Mr Gahan. #

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the confirmation of Finance & Roads Committee there voted:- Messrs Scallan, Cloney, and J. A. Doyle.-3.

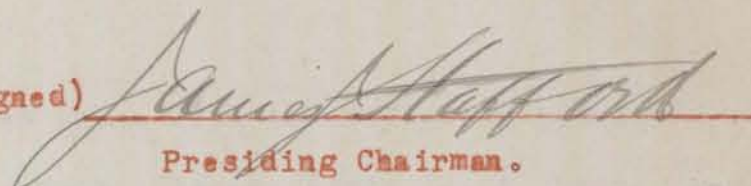
Against:- Messrs M. Doyle, Cowman, Keating, and the Chairman.-4.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr Doyle to accept the mitigated penalty of £30 was then put and passed Nem Con.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to 21st February.

(Signed)


Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 21st day of February. 1917

MEETING.- 21st FEBRUARY 1917.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 21st February 1917.

Present:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, Michael Doyle, P. Keating, R. Scallan, James Lynch, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, M. Cloney, T. Asple, J. A. Doyle.

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

On the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr M. Doyle, Mr J. J. Stafford was moved to the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Boyce's Bay Contract.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr Cloney:-

"That the Resolution passed on 7th February 1917, relieving Mr H. P. Gahan of his liability re Boyce's Bay Contract, be rescinded."

Mr J. A. Doyle seconded,

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

For the motion:- Messrs Scallan, Lynch, Cloney, Asple, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman.-6.

Against:- Messrs M. Doyle, Keating, Kehoe, and James Codd.-4.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Salary of Assistant Surveyor Flood.

Under date 7th February 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 5803-13) approving of the proposal of the County Council to allow Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, an increase of £10 per annum in his salary, as from the 6th December 1916. The granting of the increment of £5 to Mr G. Flood in accordance with the terms of his appointment did not require the express sanction of the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

Labour for Tillage Purposes.

Under date 7th February 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No.

29/M 1917, Miscellaneous) pointing out that it was of the utmost importance that every available effort should be made to set free the maximum amount of labour for tillage operations, and suggesting that Co Councils should release for agricultural work as many as possible of the labourers now employed on road maintenance or other road schemes. The Board felt confident that the County Councils would recognise the urgency of the matter and that they would not retain in their employment any labourers who in the present year can be more usefully employed on tillage operations.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Asple, it was decided that no action be taken."

Slaughter of Sows Order.

Under date 11th January 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote as follows (letter No. 54-17):-

"Adverting to your letter of the 4th instant, forwarding a copy of a Resolution of your Council's Finance & Roads Committee relative to the Maintenance of Live Stock (Breeding Sows) (Ireland) Order, I have to state that the Department had anticipated the views of your Committee as to the desirability of administering the Order so as to prevent its application from interfering with the legitimate slaughter or exportation of sows that are no longer fit for breeding purposes, and have accordingly, made arrangements for dealing promptly with all applications made to them through the Police for Licences in respect of such sows.

The restrictions imposed by the Order are intended, as your Committee have realised, to serve the very important purpose of conserving the country's stock of swine, and applications for exemption must, therefore, be considered primarily from this point of view.

It is almost inevitable that there should be individual cases of immediate hardship connected with the administration of any measure for the general good, and it is not improbable that, owing to the great number of applications for Licences under this Order, and the necessity of having close regard to the object of the Order in dealing with them, that a licence may occasionally be refused on the apparent, rather than the real, merits of the case.

The Department, are, however prepared to reconsider any cases where an applicant considers himself aggrieved by the refusal of his application."

In connection with the above Order the following recommendations were made

by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

Meeting.-3rd January 1917:- "That we call the attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to the necessity of issuing under the Maintenance of Live Stock (Breeding Sows) (Ireland) Order of 1916, of permits for the slaughter of sows which are unsuitable for breeding purposes. The refusal of the Department to allow unsuitable animals to be slaughtered will, in our opinion have a most prejudicial effect on the object for which the Department promulgated this Order, viz., increased pig production. From our personal experience we are aware that considerable hardship is being caused to several small farmers by the action of the Department in carrying out the Order in question."

Meeting.- 24th January 1917:- "That we consider from our experience the Slaughter of Sows Order is working very unsatisfactorily in this County, and would point out to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction that practically all Sows which have been or are being fattened have been found unsuitable for breeding purposes."

Under date 15th February 1917, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote letter No. 248-17, that having duly considered the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, they regretted they could add nothing to the observations on the same subject in their letter of 11th January, 54-17.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee given above were confirmed.

Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1916 (No.3)

Under date 29th December 1916, the above Order prohibiting importation of Sheep from Scotland, except under licence, was read.

Printing Jurors Lists.

Under date 19th January 1917, the following letter was read from Messrs John English & Co., Printers of Jurors Lists:-

"Referring to your letter of the 7th ult., regarding our Contract for the printing of the Jurors Lists, will you kindly ask your Council to reconsider our application. We would point out that our letter of the 16th November, last asked your Council to submit our claim to the Local Government Board, as

we are aware that the L. G. B., has already dealt with similar claims throughout Ireland, and it is principally our knowledge of that fact that prompted us to make the application."

"It was decided that no action be taken."

Clehamon Bridge.

Under date 1st February 1917, the following letter (No. 15335-16) was read from the Secretary, General Post Office, Dublin:-

"My attention has been drawn to the fact that the bridge over the river Slaney at Clehamon, which forms part of the public road over which the Mails between Clehamon and Newtownbarry are normally carried and which two Postmen have to cross on duty, is seriously out of repair, and is at present in so defective a state as to impede and endanger the carriage of the Mails.

The matter has already been brought under the attention of your Chairman by the Postmaster of Ferns both verbally and by letter of 2nd December 1916, but the bridge above mentioned is, as I am informed, still in a dangerous condition.

The Postmaster General is advised that if this state of things is allowed to continue any longer, his proper course is to apply to the High Court for Writ of Mandamus, addressed to the Wexford County Council, directing that body to effectively repair the Bridge in question, and if the Council fail to comply with the Order, the Court may appoint any officer and confer on him all or any of the powers of the defaulting Council, which appear to the Court necessary for carrying into effect the Mandamus.

The Postmaster General has no desire to enter upon such litigation if it can possibly be avoided, but no alternative appears to be open to him but to proceed by Mandamus as above, if the bridge in question which forms portion of the road over which the Mails ordinarily pass is not forthwith properly repaired.

I would ask the Council to be good enough to reply within one week from this date, stating whether they will or will not put the Bridge above referred to into proper repair forthwith.

The further action of the Postmaster General will depend on the terms of their reply."

The following report was read from the County Surveyor as regards this Bridge:-

"In October 1913 I received a letter from the Police in Newtownbarry

drawing attention to the possibly dangerous condition of the buttress. In November 1913, at my direction Mr Treaner, and Mr Flood, made an inspection of the Bridge and did not consider there was any immediate necessity to take action.

Subsequently in April 1914 a proposal for £25 was approved by the R.D. Council, but there was no tender. At the point where the face of retaining wall (down-stream left bank) had moved out, I placed scribe marks on the masonry and these have been frequently examined in the interval, no further movement has been observed, and unless as a matter of special precaution this part may be left in its present condition. In July 1914 Mr Doyle of Newtownbarry, - then a Member of the County Council - told me that the other side of the bridge required examination, and on the 31st July 1914 with Mr Flood, I made an inspection.

I examined the masonry and could find no sign of settlement or fracture, but I was unable to get under the Bridge. In the interval since I have examined the masonry for sign of settlement, and Mr Flood has frequently inspected this part but did not observe any movement until 10th October last, when he noted a settlement in the out-water of the pier. At this time the water was so high that nothing could be done. On Sunday the 5th November last the out-water broke away from the pier and exposed the latter to the full force of the then high flood which apparently breached it early on the morning of Monday 6th November.

The pier was built solid only up to a level of springing of arch and above this the haunching consisted of a series of masonry walls with dry filling between. This filling must have been washed out, and thus allowed the arches to fall. The bridge consists of five arches and the greater part of two of these is down. I have invited an offer from the Contractor of the road to cut a gap in the weir so as to allow the floods to pass and to lower the water level at the damaged pier and that adjoining. It will be necessary to obtain permission for this work from Mr Lewis, Newtownbarry, who is the owner of the weir. I have also asked a local mason for a quotation for centering the third arch.. This will be necessary in any case before the rebuilding of the fallen arches can be put in hand and if done now will reduce the thrust of the arch against the pier."

The following resolutions were read from Enniscorthy R. D. Council at meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd January::

"That we call upon the County Council to have Clehamon Bridge put in a passable condition as a thoroughfare, and in its

present condition is causing great inconvenience."

"That we draw the attention of the County Council to the fact that the Co. Surveyor was notified of the condition of this Bridge three years ago by the Police Authorities and as he took no action towards having it repaired at the time, we call upon the County Council to hold the County Surveyor responsible for the cost incurred in renewing the Bridge."

"That in consequence of the very serious reports as to the condition of Clehamen Bridge at present, we call upon the County Council to direct the Co. Surveyor to secure the Bridge against any further damage pending the necessary repairs to existing Bridge."

"That this matter be placed on Agenda for next meeting and that our Solicitor be requested to attend and advise the Council as to their position and be prepared to give any information necessary as to County Surveyor's duties."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendations from Meeting of 3rd January 1916:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain permission from Mr George Lewis, Main Street, Newtownbarry, to allow of a gap being made in weir adjacent to Clehamen Bridge for the purpose of repairing said Bridge, the County Surveyor giving the necessary undertaking to Mr Lewis for restoration of the weir to its present condition on the completion of the repairs to the Bridge."

"That in the event of Mr George Lewis agreeing to allow of a gap being made in the weir adjacent to Clehamen Bridge, the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Enniscorthy R. D. Council, and take the necessary steps with this District Council to have the Bridge repaired with as little delay as possible."

That a copy of this recommendation be furnished Enniscorthy R. D. Council

Under date 17th February 1917, the Clerk Enniscorthy R.D. Council forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 14th February:-

"That the repairs to Clehamen Bridge be carried out at once by the Co. Surveyor, and that a Consulting Engineer be appointed to consult with Mr Barry on the inspection of the standing arches, and that the result of this inspection be reported to the Council."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That we confirm the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee. That we further confirm the resolution of Enniscorthy R. D. Council directing that the repairs to Clehamen Bridge be carried out at once."

Ballycarney Bridge.

The following report of County Surveyor as to condition of Ballycarney Bridge, was read for meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd January:-

"I made a special inspection of this bridge on the 11th December 1916. The Bridge consists of eight arches gradually increasing in span from 9'.6" on the Right Bank of the River to 25'.0" on the Left Bank. This increase of span is evidently to provide for the rise in the roadway over the Bridge as the springings of the arches are much above same level. The arches are semicircular. All the masonry appears sound except some gaps in the coping of parapet, the repair of which is covered by the Maintenance Specification. the bed of river is paved between the arches and appears in sound condition, but this can only be determined at low summer level of water, In a couple of places ivy is growing in the masonry, and it will be advisable to cut this away. On the right bank downstream the training wall adjoining the bridge will require some underpinning and repair when low water permits. Upstream of left bank there is a small wash-out in bank of river, it will be well to repair this as if it extend it may cause damage to the training wall above the Bridge.

The Roadway over the Bridge is in fair order but is concave in cross section. The Roadway here was sheeted two years ago, and will be again sheeted this winter. On the 2nd instant I made a further inspection and found that there has been a small hole in the roadway on the approach embankment over a dry gullett, this has been repaired and in no way effects the Bridge proper."

At the same meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, the following resolution was submitted from Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"That as Ballycarney Bridge is in a bad state at present, we consider the work of having it repaired should be preceded with immediately so as to prevent it falling into the same condition as Clehamen Bridge."

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That copy of report of the County Surveyor as to condition of

Ballycarney Bridge be furnished the Enniscorthy R.D. Council, and that this Council be informed that in the opinion of the County Surveyor the Bridge is in good condition."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make a further and detailed inspection of this Bridge when the state of the weather permits and report to the County Council."

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

Overlapping Road Contract.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd January 1917, the following resolution was read from Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"That as the County Surveyor downfaced the Member of the Rural District Council who drew attention to the overlapping, and who was afterwards proved to be right in his contention, we are not satisfied with the resolution of the County Council, and we consider that the County Surveyor should refund the amount overpaid on account of the overlapping."

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That the Enniscorthy R. D. Council be informed that if their Committee had met the County Surveyor at the time appointed to consider the question of overlapping road contracts in the neighbourhood of Oylegate, the mistake referred to by the District Council would have been corrected at a much earlier period. We are convinced that as the County Surveyor acted Bona fide in the matter no further action be taken by the County Council.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished Enniscorthy R.D. Council."

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 24th January, the following resolution was read from Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"That we call upon the County Council to see that Mr Barry refund to the Enniscorthy R.D. Council, the sum of £5. 12/- the amount lost through overlapping Contracts."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend next meeting of Enniscorthy R.D. Council in connection with over-lapping road contract in Enniscorthy Rural District."

"The Co Surveyor stated he attended the meeting of the R.D. Council,

but the matter was not considered by them."

Recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee.

Wexford Bridge:- "That the question as to cost of repairing retaining walls on approach road to Wexford Bridge be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, for his opinion as to whether the amount of same should be a County-at-Large Charge or a charge on Wexford Rural District Council."

Under date 20th January 1917, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., as to the damage done to the abutment Wall at Wexford Bridge, I am of opinion that altho' the surface of the road as kept in repair by the District Council, that the abutment walls form portion of the Bridge itself, and therefore all repairs to said abutment walls would be the same as repairs to the Bridge, a County-at-Large expenditure."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Yard in Enniscorthy:- "That Messrs O'Neill, and Lynch, be requested to inspect yard offered to the County Council by Mr P. Byrne (Greer & Baker) at Island Road, Enniscorthy, for storage of Stonebreakers and Machinery Parts and report to the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

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

Stonebreakers:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to inspect the Baxter Stonebreaker offered for sale by Mr E. Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, and report to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee as to the suitability of the machine for the work required by the County Council, and ascertain the lowest price at which Mr Kavanagh would be prepared to dispose of this machine to the County Council."

"That we decline to entertain the proposal in the report of the County Surveyor to purchase second-hand Stonebreaker from E. Kavanagh, St John's Enniscorthy, at £300."

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to obtain quotations from Messrs Baxter, and Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., for new Stonebreaker which we recommend the Co. Council to purchase."

"Recommendations confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Read Metalling:- "That the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be requested to furnish a list of Road Contractors who are unable to obtain the use of Stonebreakers to procure material for their roads. The Committee will on receipt of said list consider with the County Surveyor the circumstances of each individual case."

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

Tara Hill Quarry Employees:- At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 3rd January 1917, an application was read from the employees of the County Council at Tara Hill Quarry asking for a War Bonus of 6d per ton on output.

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

"That the County Council be recommended not to entertain the application of Employees at Tara Hill Quarry for increase of wages."

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

Extra Police Payment:- "That having no option the County Council be recommended to pay demand of £132. 1. 8d claim for extra Constabulary for half-year ended 30th September 1916."

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

Stonebreaker Jaws:- "That we recommend the County Council to allow the Co. Surveyor to order £200 worth of Jaws for Stonebreaker."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Advertising Contract:- The Secretary stated that the following resolution had been adopted at the December Meeting of the Proposal Committee:-

"That the tenders from the Managers of "The People" "Free Press" and "Echo" Newspapers for annual advertising of the County Council and its Committees at £157. 10/- be rejected. That the Finance & Roads Committee consider at their January Monthly Meeting suggestions to new advertising contract as from 31st March 1917, and that their suggestions, if approved, be embodied in an application to be made to the Proposal Committee at the February Meeting."

The following recommendation was made by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to invite tenders for advertising in one newspaper only circulating in County Wexford as from 31st March 1917, for such period as may be determined by the Co Council."

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

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That the advertising Contract of the County Council as from 31st March 1917, be for one year only."

University Scholarship Scheme:- "That we recommend the County Council to pay the balance of £10. 6. 8d due on foot of University Scholarship to Mr Nicholas P. Cerish, Scholarship Holder."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr James Codd."

"That the County Council be requested not to offer any objection to the continuance of University Scholarship awarded Miss Fortune, Kereight, Kyle, as her absence from her College during the current term has arisen from serious illness."

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee as to University Scholarship held by Miss J. Fortune be confirmed substituting the word "Year" for the word "Term" in last line of recommendation, as we understand owing to her prolonged illness it will not be possible for Miss Fortune to take advantage of Scholarship for year 1917".

Burning at Beley, Camolin:- "That Mr R.W.Elgee, be instructed to prosecute appeal against the decision of the County Court Judge granting a sum of £350 compensation for criminal injury in the case of Misses Kenny, Beley, Camolin."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr J. Codd, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Salary Machinery Overseer:- "That the salary of Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be increased by 5/- per week as from this date 7th February 1917."

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

Enniscorthy Courtkeeper:- "That no action be taken in the matter of the application of Mrs Lacey, Courtkeeper, Enniscorthy, for an increase of the amount allowed her for purchasing kindling wood, viz:- 5/- per annum."

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

Temporary Staff:- "That our Secretary be empowered to employ any temporary Clerks he may require for the writing up of Rate Books and Receipt and Demand Notes."

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

Snow on Roads.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the Enniscorthy R.D.

Council on the 14th February 1917, was read:-

"That the County Surveyor call upon the Contractors to make safe the Roads that already have had passage ways cut out through them, and have them repaired."

"No Order, the County Surveyor stating he would attend to the matter."

Vacancy on County Insurance Committee.

Under date 16th February 1917, the National Health Insurance Commission wrote (letter No. 4923-Wx) that Sir Thomas Esmende, Bart., M. P., had become disqualified as a Member of the County Wexford Insurance Committee, owing to non-attendance at meetings. As Sir Thomas Esmende was appointed by the Wexford County Council, the latter was requested to appoint a new member in his place.

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

"That Sir Thomas Esmende Bart., M. P., be re-appointed a Member of County Wexford Insurance Committee as we believe he may be able to give the necessary attendance at Meetings in the future."

Industrial School Capitation Grants.

The Manager, St Michael's Industrial School Wexford, and St Joseph's Industrial School, Tipperary, wrote pointing out that owing to the increased cost of food and clothing the Treasury had agreed to allow an extra sixpence per head for the children in Institutions on condition that another sixpence per head would be provided by the Local Authorities.

The Managers of the Institutions named pointed out that it was only through dire necessity they asked the Co. Council to agree to the Treasury proposal.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:- "That as from the 1st January 1917 an increase of 6d per week per child (committed to the Institution from the County Wexford) be granted to the Manager of St Michael's Industrial School, Wexford. That no action be taken as regards application from the St Joseph's Industrial School, Tipperary, as the present capitation grant paid by the County Council to this School is 2/6 per week."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. Codd."

Letters were read from the Manager, of the Meath Protestant Industrial School, Blackrock, Dublin, that owing to the building having been taken over by the War Office, he had been obliged to transfer the boys to the Balmeral Industrial School, the latter agreeing to take them only at a rate of 3/6 per week.

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

"That having no option the County Council be recommended to contribute a capitation rate of 3/6 per week, to Balmeral Industrial School for the boy Hawkins, transferred from the Meath Protestant Industrial School, Blackrock, which has been taken over by the Government."

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

Neutral Shipping etc., at Council Harbours.

Under date 14th February 1917, the Board of Trade, (Harbour Department) wrote (letter No. H.1232, asking for particulars of any neutral ships lying up at the harbours controlled by the Council.

"The Secretary stated that no neutral ships were lying at any of the small harbours controlled by the Council."

Under date 14th February 1917, the Board of Trade (Harbour Department) wrote (letter No. H.9119) asking to secure the exemption from general and local requirements as to declarations etc., of the merchant ships which are supplied by the Admiralty with guns and ammunition for the purpose of self-defence in certain eventualities.

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

"That we agree to the request of the Board of Trade, (Harbour Department) in letter No. H. 9119, under date 14th February 1917, exempting from declaration, etc., any ships supplied by the Admiralty with Guns and Ammunition for the purposes of self defence."

RESOLUTIONS.

Compensation for Malicious Injuries.

A resolution was read from Cork County Council, urging the Irish Members of Parliament to take steps to have the law in Ireland dealing with compensation for criminal injuries brought into line with the law prevailing in Great Britain.

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

Irish Political Prisoners.

A resolution was received from Monaghan County Council stating "that as the time has now come when a complete amnesty should be granted by the Government to the Irish Political Prisoners, we wish to draw special attention to the case of Mr John McNeill, one of our most distinguished University Professors, whose whole political work was for peace and for the prosperity of our Country and whose organisation of the Irish Volunteers was solely with the object of defence. Whilst members of other political parties have been commended and even rewarded for far less meritorious undertakings, Professor McNeill is being made to suffer penal servitude."

A resolution was received from Cork County Council requesting the Government to release the prisoners tried and sentenced by courtmartial in connection with the recent rising.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Michael Doyle, seconded by the Chairman."

Tillage Scheme.

The following resolutions were received from Balrothery R.D. Council:-

"That in order to secure the success of the Tillage Scheme to be carried out in Ireland, we recommend the Government to place agricultural labourers of Ireland on the same basis as munition workers of first importance to the State."

"That a wage equivalent to the services rendered be fixed by consultation with representatives of Labour and Farmers, the services to be binding on both parties for a period of 3, 4, or 6 months."

"That a penalty clause be inserted to prevent loss of time through the negligence of employees."

"That the law at present relating to licensed premises in England be extended to Ireland."

"That meetings be called by the representatives of each Electoral Division, for the purpose of collecting the necessary information regarding the land available in each district, such meetings to be held within a week."

"No Order".

On the subject of Compulsory Tillage a resolution was received from Edenderry No. 2 R.D. Council protesting against "the drastic Order of the Government compelling farmers who already tilled a reasonable portion of their

land to till 10 per cent of their holdings in addition."

"No Order".

Egg Industry.

A resolution was received from Kerry County Council requesting the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to take immediate steps for the protection of Irish Eggs shipped to England by having their Inspectors at principal tranship stations to supervise and insist on the carrying companies to handle Irish Eggs more carefully in future.

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

Peace Conference.

A resolution was received from the Cavan R.D. Council claiming that Ireland should be represented at the Peace Conference.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Beer Restrictions.

A resolution was received from the Mullingar Grocers & Vintners Protection Association protesting against the further reduction on the output of Beer & Spirits.

A similar resolution was received from the Cork Co Council.

"No Order."

Unpurchased Tenants.

A resolution was received from the Cork Co. Council calling upon the Government to complete Land Purchase and to pay the landlords out of War Loan Stock.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr J. Codd, seconded by Mr Kehee."

Purchase of Horses for the Army.

A resolution was received from Monaghan County Council drawing attention to the unfair and extravagant system at present existing of purchasing Horses for the Army, and which the Council held arose from employment of middlemen.

"No Order".

Waterford Corporation and Feed Prices.

Resolutions were received from the Waterford Corporation calling on the Government to fix a standard weight and price at which bread should be sold, to prohibit export of feed from Ireland, and calling attention to the enormous increase in the price of butter, cheese and sweets.

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

The Vice Presidency of the Department of Agriculture.

The following resolution was received from the Irish Cattle Traders' & Stock Owners Association:-

"That we, the Members of the Irish Cattle Traders' & Stockowners' Association, call on the Government to appoint to the post of Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction an Irishman who is a practical agriculturist and who thoroughly understands the necessities of the country in this crisis of our food supplies."

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

Ancient Monuments & Compulsory Tillage.

Under date 31st January 1917, letter was read from Mr Chas McNeill, Hon General Secretary Royal Society of Antiquities for Ireland, urging on those concerned in bringing additional land under tillage to see that ancient Monuments are guarded from thoughtless and needless injury. The Co Council were asked to issue instructions for preserving ancient monuments on the land to be tilled under their Authority or with their help.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Royal Society of Antiquaries be informed that the County Council will do everything in their power to preserve our ancient monuments."

Dog Licences.

The following resolution was received from the Irish Game Protection Association, 110 Grafton St., Dublin:-

"That this Meeting of the County Dublin Farmers' Association, desire to draw the attention of the responsible authorities to the heavy losses incurred by farmers through injury to their flocks from dogs not under control, and strongly urge that the Licence Duty for dogs in this country be raised to 5/- and that it be collected on January 1st."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Galway Harbour Development.

The following resolution was received from the Dublin Corporation, under date 24th January 1917:-

"This Council desires to call the attention of the Government to the distress that will inevitably arise in the home countries when the War is over, it is of opinion public works of an extensive nature will have to be

initiated to meet this serious difficulty, such works cannot be commenced or carried out with due economy without full and careful consideration. It is desirable that the matter should now be fully and carefully considered, both by the Government and by public representative bodies, so that in the prevention of distress public works will be started which will materially and permanently benefit the country generally.

This Council is of opinion that the creation of a great harbour at Galway to deal with Canadian and American trade through Ireland would be an undertaking of vast importance to the people of Ireland and to the people of Great Britain, bring the home countries into quicker and closer relationship with Canada and America, and therefore urges upon the Government the advisability of assisting in this project."

"No Order"

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Kehee, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That the several proposals for Works Nos 50 (Edermine Bridge) 51 (Deeps Bridge) and 52 (Ferry carrig Bridge) be given in charge of County Surveyor, as recommended by the Proposal Committee Meeting of 21st February 1917."

"Passed"

Report of County Analyst.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin.
12th January 1917.

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 1916.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	33
Milk	32
Whiskey	14
Buttermilk	14
Cheese	11
Drugs	11
Margarine	8

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Rum	7
Cocoa	7
Port Wine	4
Rice	4
Pepper	3
Mustard	3
Dripping	3
Gin	3
Oatmeal	2
Lard	2
Bread	2
Sugar	2
Cornflour	2
Wheatmeal	1
Vinegar	1
Brandy	1
Ginger Wine	1
Total	<u>179</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 20 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 17 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Nolan, Duncormick, for specimen of rum which was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent of water.

There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford, and were pure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

Total analyses..... 222

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for licences under the above Act, were received from Mr E. McQuillan, Great Clonard, Wexford, and Mr Maurice Breen, Dungulph, Fethard.

"On the motion of Mr James Codd, seconded by Mr Cloney, the above applications were agreed to."

Gerey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

The above School Attendance Committee recommended the appointment of Mr Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, Gerey, as a member of the Committee, vice Mr A. Kinsella, J.P., resigned.

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

"That Mr Patrick Doyle, Ballytegan, Gerey, be appointed a Member of Gerey R.D.School Attendance Committee, vice Mr A. Kinsella, resigned."

Courtown Harbour Committee.

The Courtown Harbour Committee recommended the appointment of Rev Mr Talbot, Rector, vice Rev Mr Tilson (left district), and of Mr Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, vice Mr M.W.Shuldham, deceased.

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

"That Rev T. Talbot, Rector, Ardamine, be appointed a Member of Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Rev Mr Tilson, transferred to another County, and that Mr Anthony Williams, Courtown Harbour, be appointed a Member of Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr M. W. Shuldham, deceased."

Advertising Contract.- "The Echo"

Under date 21st February 1917, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"In reply to your query re above Contract I have to state that as the paper in question was shut down from 1st May to the present month, I consider that the Contractor failed as they could not do the work and is at an end.

The County Council if they wished would have the right of proceeding against the Sureties in the Bond for not doing what the Contractor ought to have done."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.