

QUARTERLY MEETING.-11th FEBRUARY 1920.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th February 1920.

Present:- Mr John Bolger Chairman, (Presiding).

Also present:- Messrs L. Barry, M. Cloney, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, Michael Maddock, J. J. Kehoe, W. H. McGuire, N. J. Fowler, William Thorpe, N. J. Cowman, James Codd, and J. J. Stafford.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, (acting for Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, absent through illness) 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 £9397. 14. 8d was examined and signed.

Adoption of Estimate of Rate.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted nem con:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1920-21, as recommended by Finance & Roads Committee and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County be as follows:-

District	Land	Other Hereditaments.
Enniscorthy.	7/4	9/-
Gorey.	6/5	7/9
New Ross.	7/5	9/2
Wexford.	6/3	7/9

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

District	General Charges	Separate Charges	Total.
Enniscorthy.	1903. 1. 2	92. 2. 5	1995. 3. 7
New Ross.	2334. 19. 0	22. 3. 6	2357. 2. 6
Wexford.	4213. 15. 4	5. 17. 6	4219. 12. 10



In connection with the above the following recommendation submitted from Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That we regret to observe that notwithstanding the Resolution of Enniscorthy Rural District Council to raise £2582 amount of deficit for working of quarries and machinery in their district for 1918, this amount has not been included in estimate of the Rural Council. We must request some guarantee from Enniscorthy R. D. Council that the amount will be provided for in next Estimate."

#### County & Rural District Council Elections.

The Secretary submitted Order of the Local Government Board (No. 220M-1919) as to forthcoming local elections and also Memorandum issued by the Board in connection with Proportional Representation (No. 219.M. 1919).

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

"That the election of County, Rural District Councillors, and Guardians in Urban Districts, be held on Tuesday, 1st of June 1920, We are distinctly of opinion that in order to save expense and to convenience the ratepayers these elections should be held on the one day, as regards County and Rural District Elections, under the one Returning Officer, with the Clerks of Unions acting as Deputies."

#### Motor Permits Order.

The following resolution was submitted from Drogheda Corporation:-

"That this Council elected under Proportional Representation and representative of all Classes of the Community, calls for the withdrawal of the Motor Permit Regulation as subversive of the best interests of Irish Trade and Commerce."

"No Order as objection to Motor Permit Regulations had been withdrawn owing to modification."

#### Planting trees in Clonroche Village.

Under date 30th January 1920, Rev P. F. Kehoe, P. P., Clonroche, wrote asking the permission of the Council for planting about a dozen shade trees on the sides of Clonroche Village street.

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



"That in view of the report of our County Surveyor, permission by granted to Rev P. F. Kehoe, P. P., Clonroche, to plant shade trees on the village of Clonroche."

County Surveyor's Travelling Expenses.

Under date 29th January 1920, (1601-1920, Wexford County) the Local Government Board wrote stating they would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to allow the County Surveyor a sum of £50 for one year as travelling expenses.

"No Order"

Road Contractors & War Bonus.

Under date 3rd February 1920, Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that as Mr Barry, County Surveyor, was making out a list of all Road Contractors with the present and former prices, with a view of consideration of War Bonus, they wished to have the matter mentioned on agenda paper.

This application was in connection with their application at the meeting of the Council on 10th December last on behalf of 43 Road Contractors.

Mr Brennan, Solicitor, (Messrs Huggard & Brennan) attended and stated that his firm now represented 61 Road Contractors, who wished to have their Contracts cancelled in the event of the County Council refusing to grant additional War Bonus.

Walter Roche, Ballycogley, Contractor for 33W and James Keating, Baldwinstown, Contractor for No. 43W were examined by Mr Brennan, in order to show that the war bonus of 20 per cent given by the Council to Road Contractors whose contracts began in 1915, 1916, or 1917, was now inadequate.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the application of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of 61 Road Contractors in Wexford and New Ross Districts, be referred to the Rural District Councils concerned. That as we understand from the County Surveyor that there are about 250 Road Contractors in the same category as the Clients of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, we instruct Mr Barry to furnish list of such contractors with the particulars of their contracts to the Rural District Councils, and that the latter be requested to make some recommendation to the County Council (1) as to cancelling the present contracts (2) as to granting additional war bonus in respect of contracts taken in 1916 and 1917, (3) refusing the application."



Glanders or Farcy (Ireland) Order 1900 Amendment Order 1920.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded copy of above Order, under date 21st January 1920, prohibiting the movement of horses, asses, or mules, suffering from Glanders or Farcy etc., without certificate of Veterinary Inspector.

"No Order"

Bovine Tuberculosis Order 1914.

Under date 29th January 1920, the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (V. B., 258-20) that the County Council, could, if they thought fit give their Veterinary Inspectors general authority to serve the necessary forms on owners of animals when the necessary examinations have been made.

As regards the question of making microscopical examinations of milk samples the Board assumed that the arrangement under which Mr R. Malone, V. S., conducted these examinations for the whole County, was being continued pending reconsideration of rates of payment for duties under the Order.

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

"That we hereby issue general authority to our Veterinary Inspectors, to serve the Scheduled forms under Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914, on owners., etc., when necessary examinations of animals have been carried out.

That we approve of each Veterinary Surgeon carrying out milk tests for his own district provided he has the requisite instruments to enable him to do so."

Superannuation of Mr N. Moore, late Rate Collector.

The Secretary stated it was necessary for some Councillor to serve Notice of Motion as to grant of superannuation allowance to Mr N. Moore, late Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, and which would be considered at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 7th April next."

"It was decided that the Secretary communicate with Mr Quigley, County Councillor for the District, and ask him would he give notice of motion necessary."

Application.-Increases Wages.

Mr D. Doran, Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, wrote under date 29th January 1920, applying for increase in the present weekly wages of Messrs J.J.O'Gorman, and M. J. O'Kelly, by £1 and £1. 10/- and £2.



The Secretary stated that on 3rd September 1919, the latter figures were fixed by the Council, and they were accepted by the Workers' Union on 15th October 1919, and was to remain in force for 12 months as from 3rd September 1919.

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

"That as the wages of Messrs M. J. O'Kelly, and J. J. O'Gorman, were fixed by the County Council on the 3rd September 1919, we cannot see our way to agree now to the increase asked for."

Proposed War Bonus to Contractors-New Ross Bridge.

In connection with the proposal of the Council to pay a War Bonus of £8 per annum as from 31st March 1919, to Messrs E. Lawler & Sons, Contractors New Ross Bridge, the Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Transport, wrote under date 29th January 1920, (R.I/6) that it would not appear the Minister had any authority to approve the proposal. It was of course recognised that having regard to increase in cost of labour and material, excessive hardship might be caused to a contractor if he were held rigidly to his obligations, and if the Council was of opinion that the application by the Contractors was reasonable they might consider the advisability of cancelling the contract and ascertain from the contractor the minimum price at which he would be willing to perform the work for the balance of the period of the contract and then issue advertisements for tenders for the completion of the work.

The Secretary stated that in reply to this letter he had written the Ministry of Transport, that the contract would expire in June 1920, and as the meeting of the County Council for consideration of such matters would not be held until May no advantage would be gained by cancelling the contract for a month.

Under date 31st January 1920, the Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Transport, wrote that the course suggested in his letter of 29th January presented certain difficulties having regard to the fact that the contract expires in June 1920.

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

"That the Ministry of Transport be requested to sanction proposed War Bonus to Messrs Lawler & Son, New Ross, Contractors for New Ross Bridge. These Contractors took the work at a low figure in May 1915, when it was not possible to foresee the conditions brought about by the War, and



as the amount involved is only £10 we consider there should be no difficulty in the Ministry of Transport agreeing to payment.

The County Council consider this a very special application and would further point out that Road Contractors who entered into contracts with the Council prior to 30th June 1915, received generally a War Bonus of 20 per cent which was sanctioned by the Local Government Board."

#### Roads in Glynn District.

Under date 27th January 1920, Mr P. Kehoe, Hon Sec., Glynn Branch, County Wexford Farmers' Union, wrote asking the County Council to receive a deputation from his Association to lay before the Council the neglected state of the roads in Glynn district, if something was not done with them very soon they would become impassable.

"It was decided to adjourn the reception of deputation from Glynn Farmers' Association to the Council re roads until next meeting as one of the members of the deputation found it impossible to attend."

#### Sub Committee-Old Age Pension Act.

Under date 29th January 1920, Mr William Stafford, Clerk to Sub-Committee No. 1, wrote that his Committee recommended the appointment of Mr Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown, vice Mrs Gough, Ballyharty, resigned.

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

"That Mr Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown, be appointed a member of No. 1 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, vice Mrs Gough resigned."

Under date 21st January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter Appeal No. L.B. 5037) that the case of James Maddeck was not at present before the Board, and they could not therefore take any action with regard to it. The Board pointed out, that, in reply to a letter from James Maddeck, the Board informed him that it was open to him to make a fresh application.

The Secretary stated that this letter was in reply to a resolution from the meeting of the County Council on 10th December, asking the Local Government Board to send down a special Inspector to deal with the case of James Maddeck, as No. 7 Sub-Committee had decided not to carry on any further unless a full investigation as to the case of James Maddeck, had been made, as the Committee considered he had been unfairly and unjustly treated.

"Mr Thompson stated that Maddeck would come in under the revised scale



of Pensions and he therefore think it necessary to have any further resolution adopted in connection with the matter."

Read Limits-Enniscorthy & Wexford Rural Districts.

The following was submitted from Enniscorthy Rural District:-

"That we request the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board to increase the limit of expenditure on roads in the Enniscorthy Rural District to £21131. 7/- so as to cover the County Surveyor's estimate and the less on the working of quarries, etc., last year."

The following was submitted from Wexford Rural District Council:-

"That the County Council be asked to request the Local Government Board to fix the limit of expenditure for the upkeep of roads etc., in this district at £10,500 for the year ending March 1921."

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

"That the Ministry of Transport in accordance with the request of the Rural District Councils concerned, be asked to raise the Road Limit in Enniscorthy Rural District to £21,131, 7. 0d and in Wexford Rural District to £10500 for financial year ended 31st March 1921."

Commission-Inquiry Resources & Industries of Ireland.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 7th January 1920:-

"That Mr Darrell Figgis, Secretary Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland, be informed that the Wexford County Council will be pleased to hear from the Members of the Commission any information they have at their disposal as to the agricultural and industrial development of the Country."

Under date 27th January 1920, Mr Figgis wrote, that delegation from the Commission of Inquiry would attend the meeting of the Council on 11th February.

Mr Tweedy, and Mr D. Figgis, appeared on behalf of the Commission, and went very fully into various matters affecting food (milk, meat, and fishing industry) Power, (coal water and peat) Industrial alcohol, Cow Testing etc.,

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Doyle, a hearty vote of thanks was adopted to the deputation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr Cowman:-







Help Society:- Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Johnstown Castle, Miss Kathleen Doyne, Wells, Federation of Discharged Soldiers & Sailors:- William Fitzharris, 2 George Street, Enniscorthy, Others-representing County Council- Messrs Maddeck M. C. C., J. Redmond M. C. C., Richard Scallan, M. C. C., John H. Kehoe, M. C. C., William Thorpe, M. C. C., M. Cloney M. C. C., Frank Carty, Selskar Street, Wexford, C. A. Pim, 41 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin (Regional Director) Major Little, Berkley House, New Ross, N. Byrne, Draper, Main Street, Wexford."

The Secretary stated that over a week ago he had asked the Workmen's Clubs the National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, the Comrades of the Great War, etc., to nominate representatives, but had not received any reply.

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

"That the Ministry of Pensions endeavour to obtain nominations to Local War Pensions Committee from Associations and Bodies which have not exercised their power of nomination on this Committee to the present."

#### Courtown Harbour Committee.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Maddeck, the following were appointed as a Committee for the Management of Courtown Harbour as from 1st March 1920, and to hold office until 1923:—

Lord Courtown, Major Richards, Mrs Richards, Rev J. O'Grady, Rev Mr Talbot Messrs J Kavanagh, John Byrne, Spencer, K. McNeill, R. Garland, J. McGarry, A. Williams, C. Clarkin."

#### County Insurance Committee.

At the meeting of the County Council on 7th January 1920, Mr P. Whelan, County Councillor, was asked to submit to the present meeting the name of a member of County Insurance Committee vice Mr Michael Doyle, Commercial House, Newtownbarry, disqualified for non-attendance at meetings.

"As Mr Whelan was not in attendance the matter was adjourned to the meeting of Council to be held on 10th March 1920."

#### Confirmation Minutes of Committees.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the Minutes of Meetings of Proposal Committee (since last confirmation) were confirmed.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:—

Temporary Rate Book Staff:—"That our Secretary be empowered to employ the



usual extra temporary clerical staff for preparation of Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books, for financial year 1920-1921."

**Accountant:-** "That Mr T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, County Council, be granted three weeks' leave of absence as from Monday 2nd February 1920."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several Proposals for New Works as appearing on Form 20 from Proposal Committee be and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the several proposals for payment as submitted by our Secretary and recommended by Finance & Roads Committee and also Proposal Committee, be and are hereby approved."

Cleaning Office of County Surveyor.

Under date 26th January 1920, Mrs McNally, Courthouse Keeper, Wexford, wrote that the Council had offered her £5 per annum for cleaning out the office of the County Surveyor.

This was at the rate of 4d per day, and as it cost her 5/- for an occasional charwoman, she could not take less than £10 per annum for the work. She considered she should be paid a reasonable extra sum having regard to what she had to pay herself to get work done now.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Seallan:-

"That as Mrs McNally, Courthouse Keeper, refuses to accept an annual payment of £5 for cleaning the County Surveyor's office, we empower the Co. Surveyor to have his office cleaned at a cost not exceeding £5 per annum."

Application-Loan National Bank.

In connection with application to National Bank for loan of £1522 for steamrolling certain roads in Wexford District, the following letter under date 9th February 1920, was read from Mr C.J. Feely, Manager, National Bank, Wexford:-

"With reference to the County Council's application for a loan of £1522 at 3% my Board feel that the County Council cannot expect the Bank in these times to



throughout the Country have consented to an increased rate on further accommodation required by them. In view of the present high rates ruling for money I am sure the Council will agree to 4% as a favourable rate for this advance.

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

"That the directors of the National Bank be reminded that one of the conditions on which the account of the County Council was transferred from the Provincial to the National Bank, was that all loans required by the Council should be advanced at 3 per cent, and the directors should make up their minds to advance the loan required by the Council, otherwise the County Council must consider the advisability of determining the agreement entered into with the National Bank."

#### Weekly Payments to Quarrymen.

Under date 21st January 1920, the following telegram was read from Mr D. Doran, Secretary Irish National Agricultural & General Workers Union:-

"Tara Hill Quarrymen must be paid weekly, arrange accordingly."

Under date 22nd January 1920, Mr D. Doran wrote, that the quarrymen, who were members of his Union, were dissatisfied because weekly payments are not arranged as was the case previously in Tara Hill. He wished the Council to make arrangements to have the men paid weekly, otherwise there would be trouble.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Thorpe, it was decided that this matter be adjourned to next meeting.

#### Re Sanatorium Grant.

At the meeting of the County Council on 7th February 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the letter of Local Government Board under date 19th December 1919, (64545-1919) as to provision of residential accommodation for advanced cases of tuberculosis be referred to new County Council to be appointed in June next."

In connection with this resolution the Local Government Board wrote that the Treasury concession was subject to a time limit as regards the submission of proposals, and if the Council wished to participate in the grant they would do well to take an early opportunity of considering the details of any institutional provision which may seem to be required.



Ida & Idrene Rural Districts.

Under date 14th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 142M: 1919 Miscellaneous) that they did not intend to proceed with the amalgamation of Ida and Idrene Rural Districts with the Rural Districts of Thomastown and Carlew, or to alter New Ross Union.

"No Order"

Old Age Pension Act 1919.

Under date 9th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (No. 2M-1920 dealing in detail with rate of Old Age Pensions under the Act of 1919, the Statutory Conditions, Disqualifications, Calculation of Means, Minor Amendments and Existing Pensions.

Under date 16th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 7882 1919) explaining how outstanding claims etc., were to be dealt with.

"No Order"

Housing (Additional Powers) Act 1919.

Under date 22nd January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (No. H. 501,178: 1920 Miscellaneous) calling attention to section 8 of above Act, which empowered County Councils to borrow money by means of the issue of bearer bonds or other securities to bearer for the purposes of the Act.

Marked "Read"

Vacancies New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 19th January 1920, Mr John J. Rechford, Secretary, New Ross School Attendance Committee, wrote that a vacancy existed on the Committee in consequence of the absence for the past eight months of Mr M. J. Kenny D. C., Ballykeerogue, Campile, from the Committee meetings, and requesting the County Council to appoint a member in his place.

The Secretary stated he had written Mr Rechford on the 20th January 1920, asking him to request the Rural District Council to nominate someone as a Member of the R. D. School Attendance Committee vice Mr M. Kenny, and also vice Mr Philip Kehoe, whose disqualification was dealt with at a previous meeting of the County Council.

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

"That no appointments be made to New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee for the present as the Committee will have immediately under consideration a Notice of Motion to discontinue their operations."



University Scholarship-Amount of Subsidy

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

"That the amount of University Scholarship be increased from £50 to £70 per annum, in consequence of increase in Hostel fees and travelling expenses. That this proposal, if carried, take effect on award of Scholarships by the Wexford County Council in 1920, and remain in force until rescinded or modified on Notice of Motion."

Mr Stafford seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Motion:- Messrs James Codd, McGuire, Barry, Cowman, Fowler, Stafford, Scallan, Mark Codd, and the Chairman.-9.

Against:- Messrs M. Doyle, Maddeck, Wm Therpe, J. A. Doyle, and Cloney.-5.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr James O'Connor wrote under date 24th January 1920, that on account of the Christmas vacation having expired he was now at liberty to take up his University Scholarship anew. He made application for payment of arrears and for support for ten weeks Michaelmas term, also for board and lodging for present term.

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

"That payment on foot of University Scholarship be made Mr James O'Connor provided evidence is received from the National University that he has entered upon his studies, and that said payment is supported by adequate vouchers dealing exclusively with University Scholarship."

Mr John J. Connolly, wrote under date 15th January 1920, that he had taken up a course of dentistry, and wished for a renewal of his Scholarship. He had been awarded his B.A. honorary degree on account of War Service. From any grant given him by the Government is deducted the amount of any Scholarship awarded by any public body.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, Seconded by Mr Maddeck, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as Mr Connolly has secured his B. A., degree we consider he has no further claim on University Scholarship Scheme."

Under date 3rd January 1920, Mr E. J. Redmond, Seamount Cottages, Courtown, Wexford, advised that he had received the sum provided he



was unable to avail of the University Scholarship. He wished to thank the Council for having awarded Scholarship to him even though unable to make use of it.

Rev Patrick J. Walsh, Dean of Residence, University College, Dublin, wrote under date 31st January 1920, approving of 30 Curzen Street, Dublin, as a suitable residence for Mr Myles Moore, University Scholar.

Auditor's Report-County Council Accounts.

The following report of Mr C. D. Barry, B. L., Local Government Auditor, under date 4th January 1920 (732-1920 Wexford County) was read:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last, and I forward herewith a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order. The accounts were prepared and submitted in a very satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark upon my part."

"No Order"

War Bonus to Surveyors.

Under date 28th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 6624-19-1920) that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to grant war bonus of £35 to Messrs J. Kirby C. P. Curran, and R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors, £50 to Messrs Kehoe, and Jones, Assistant Surveyors and £100 to Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor.

"No Order"

Application Increase Salary-Mr Fretton Courtkeeper, New Ross.

Under date 7th January 1920, Mr William Fretton, Courtkeeper, New Ross, applied for a small increase in his salary of £9. His salary from the Grand Jury had been £8, but on County Council coming into office it was fixed at £9. Since then there had been a good deal of extra work in connection with the Courthouse owing to the closing of Rosbercon Court, and the occupation of New Ross Courthouse by Police, workmen, children, and the public from 10.am., to 7 p.m., for two or three months every year adjusting weights and measures. This was provided for by Board of Trade regulations, and for which extra work he had never received a penny though it was going on for past three years. He need not mention the depreciation of money owing to war conditions. He had 43 years service.

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



"That the salary of Mr William Fretten, Courthouse Keeper, New Ross, be fixed at £15 per annum, as from this date."

Application-Coals-New Ross Courthouse.

Mr Fretten, Courtkeeper, New Ross, applied for an extra allowance for coal. He had to use a great deal of extra coal recently, owing to vaccination prosecutions, etc.,

"No Order"

Application Increase Salary-W. Kehoe, Harbour Master

-----Kilmere-----

Under date 2nd January 1920, Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmere, applied for an increase of wages, as the amount he was receiving he considered altogether inadequate having regard to the price of feed. The least he could carry on with would be £1 per week.

Mr Maddeck proposed:- "That the application of Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master Kilmere, for increase of salary, be refused."

Mr Stafford seconded.

Mr McGuire proposed that the salary be fixed at £38 per annum, but this was not seconded, and the motion of Mr Maddeck was passed Nem con.

Application Roadmen & Quarrymen.

Under date 5th January 1920, Mr O'Donoghue, Transport Union Organiser, Enniscorthy, wrote that Loughlin Doyle, and John Doyle, employed as roadmen and quarrymen in Kiltalee district were only receiving 26/- per week, and he (Mr Donoghue) held that the rate of wages should be 8d per hour payable from 19th August 1919, i.e., 32/- to 36/- per week, according to hours of work (8 or 9). He asked that the cases of these men should be brought before next meeting of the Council, and that their wages should be fixed at 32/- per week as from 19th August 1919.

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

"That Loughlin Doyle, and John Doyle, referred to in letter of Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser from Transport Union, under date 5th January 1920, be paid at the rate of 8d per hour for actual number of hours worked when engaged at quarry."

Appointment Rate Collectors No. 3 & 4 Collection Districts.

On the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following



resolution was adopted:-

"That permanent Rate Collectors be appointed for Nos. 3 & 4 Collection Districts at meeting of Council to be held on 10th March 1920. Poundage 7d in the £. Emoluments - fees under Voters and Jurors Acts."

Rate Collection.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Rate Collectors who have less than half the amounts of their warrants for the present moiety collected, and point out that the Finance & Roads Committee are of opinion that there is no excuse for the conduct of any Collector who has not 50 per cent of his collection obtained within six weeks of the closing day.

Serious notice will be taken of any Collector in whose case a most substantial improvement is not found by next meeting of the County Council to be held on 11th inst."

Under date 21st January 1920, Mr John A. Ryan, Rate Collector, Ballygoman Barntown, wrote that owing to illness he was unable to finish his Rate Collection, and nominated his brother-Philip Ryan- as his deputy.

Dr Ryan, Selskar House, Wexford, under date 20th January 1920, certified that he had been attending Mr John A. Ryan, for sometime, that he was seriously ill, and should cease work for three months.

Under date 14th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote, that if the illness of Mr John A. Ryan, was likely to be of a prolonged character, the Council should consider the question of appointing a deputy for the collection of the current collection.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board and to confirmation by meeting of County Council, we hereby agree to the appointment of Mr Philip Ryan, Ballygoman, Barntown, as deputy collector for his brother Mr John A. Ryan, during the latter's illness."

Under date 28th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote letter No 6146 : 1920, Wexford County, that they would raise no objection to the appointment of Mr Philip Ryan, as deputy for Collector John A. Ryan, for the completion of the collection, provided the consent of the sureties has been obtained.



Certificate under date 14th January 1920, was read from Dr Delany, Bree, that Mr John Mullett, Bree, Rate Collector, was still suffering from cold and nephritis and would be unfit for duty for another fortnight.

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

"That Mr Mullett, Rate Collector, be requested to state when he will be in a position to return to duty."

Under date 14th January 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 2404-1920, Wexford County) stating they saw no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to appoint Mr Joseph Day, for the completion of the current year's collection in No. 4 Collection District.

"The Secretary stated that all the necessary forms had been forwarded the Guarantee Society and he was waiting their directions to hand the Collecting books to Mr Day."

#### Meter Transport.- Barony of Shelburne.

Under date 5th February 1920, the following letter was read from Mr H. G. Burgess, Ministry of Transport, (Ireland) :-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, in regard to the establishment of Meter Transport Services in the Southern portion of the Barony of Shelburne, Co Wexford, I shall be glad to know whether the inhabitants of the district in question have taken any steps in the direction of establishing such services for themselves as it appears to me that the district is a fairly prosperous one, (when compared with those where the Government have found it necessary to make advances for such purposes), and one in which it would not be difficult to find the necessary capital."

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

"That we desire to point out to the Ministry of Transport, that if the people of Shelburne had the capital available, they would not have applied to the Ministry for the development of such a project."

#### Road Machinery.

"The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"As directed by the Council at the December Meeting, I issued advertisements asking for tenders for the supply of road machinery, and I shall submit



to this meeting prices which I have received and all particulars. With regard to this matter of machinery I have communicated with the purchaser of Kynocks in Arklow with regard to purchase of boiler for working rock-drill at Tara-Hill Quarry. It is essential that we should have an independent boiler for this work as otherwise the drill and breaker cannot run concurrently, and it will be difficult to supply large quantity of material which will be required for the work. If boiler be not required when Road Board Work is completed it can easily be disposed of."

He laid before the meeting tenders for the supply of the following machinery:-

Combined Traction Engine & Roller, Steam lorry for haulage purposes and two trailer waggons, Rock Drill, Living Van for Quarrymen.

The Chairman stated that the amount of the tenders submitted came to £3395.

After considerable discussion the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase rock drill from Messrs Fleming & Co., Glasgow, cost £135, two waggons from Messrs Benton & Co., cost £380, boiler referred to in his report at a cost not to exceed £100, total £615, and that he be empowered to hire Rollers and Traction Engines to carry out Road Board Work."

#### Defaulting Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to take up the roads of the following Road Contractors under the 54th section of the Grand Jury Act, or take such proceedings against them as he considers necessary, in order to have the roads put into proper repair:-

125E A. Ryan, 149G Special Work-R. Deran, 126 Special Work-R. Deran, 88W William Murphy, 33W Walter Roche, 53W J. Roche."

#### Removal of Material from Roads.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"Both Mr Kehoe and Mr Curran report to me a case of removal of material from County Roads, and I shall deal further with this at your meeting



"The County Surveyor stated that John White, Scar, Duncormick, Contractor for Read No. 160W, had taken two loads of stones from Ballyconnick Quarry, and according to the statement of his son, had put these stones in his haggard. He had also taken two further loads of stones from Rev P. Doyle P. P., Rathangan.

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

"That the Solicitor of the County Council be directed to institute proceedings against John White, Scar, for material the property of the County Council, taken by him from Ballyconnick Quarry."

The U. S. Naval Air Station at Ferrybank.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"With regard to the read at Ferrybank No. 85W. I have to report that the footpath on this read has been very seriously injured by the removal of the water mains laid by the U.S. Naval Authorities when obtaining permission to have these mains removed an undertaking was given to restore the pathway and though I have communicated with Donnelly several times, I cannot get this work done. I ask you to put the matter in the hands of your solicitor. Also in connection with this read, I wish to know what steps I am to take with regard to the Iron Gates at the U.S. Naval Air Station, and also with regard to concrete read across the roadway at Ely House."

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

"That this matter be referred to the Solicitor to the County Council for his advice."

Application for Road Material.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated--

"I have received application from some men in Effernoge, Ferns, asking to be allowed to obtain material from Deran's Hill Quarry, or Carrigeen Quarry. In the past you have allowed this, and I ask now for your instructions."

"The County Surveyor stated that the application was from Aidan Walsh, and three others, for road metalling from Deran's Hill Quarry for the



maintenance of the lane leading to their premises.

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

"That as all the material obtainable at County Council Quarries is required for the maintenance of County Roads, none can be supplied to private individuals."

Gravel Pit at Killinick.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

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"Sometime ago/Mr Kehoe, I made inspection of gravel pit near Killinick, and hoped to be able to make arrangements to have quarry opened. I now understand that it will be very unlikely that we will be able to come to an Agreement with the owner. On the day of my inspection, I visited several other sites and this appears to be the only satisfactory place. A quarry in this locality is absolutely essential as Ballynaas is almost run out."

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

"That Mr Michael Doyle, Vice-Chairman, County Council, and the County Surveyor, be instructed to interview Mr P. Brewne, Ballysheen, owner of the Gravel Pit referred to in the Co Surveyor's Report, and ascertain if it be possible to come to some arrangement in the matter with Mr Brewne as road material is very badly needed in this district."

Inspection of Roads by County Surveyor.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to make annually a systematised inspection of the Roads in the County, so as to cover at least 200 miles of each Assistant Surveyor's district, and report to the first available meeting of the Council."

Curraghduff Quarry.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Chairman on behalf of the Council sign agreement with Mr Michael Byrne, Curraghduff, Kiltale, and that the Seal of the Council be attached thereto."