

SPECIAL MEETING, 5th JANUARY, 1923.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford on 5th January 1923.

Present:- Mr. E. P. Foley, Vice-Chairman, presiding., also present:- Messrs. John O'Byrne, John Pender, James Shannon, G. Devereux, R. Corish, John Cummins and James Byrne.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The late Mrs. Culleton.

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

"That we offer our esteemed colleague, Mr. C. Culleton, our heartfelt condolence in the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife. We feel assured that we can offer on behalf of all the members of our Council to Mr. Culleton our deepest sympathy in his bereavement".

Mr. Shannon and Mr. O'Byrne associated themselves with the resolution, and the Secretary and Mr. Elgee offered the condolence of Co. Council staff to Mr. Culleton.

Co. Hall taken over by the Military.

The following report was submitted by the Secretary:-

"I beg to report that on 3rd January 1923, the County Hall premises were inspected by General Mulcahy and Major-General McMahon.

At the conclusion of the inspection General Mulcahy informed me that the Military intended to take over the premises., that time would be allowed to the Co. Council to transfer their property., and that perhaps the County Council could be accommodated in the Barracks in Oliver Plunkett Street, Wexford".

The Chairman stated that when the Co. Hall was commandeered by the British Military, a Committee of the Council inspected the Barracks in Oliver Plunkett Street, Wexford, which was then vacant, but they found it in such an awful state it would have taken an enormous outlay to repair and fit up as offices. The Co. Council paid £2,000 to the Sisters of St. John of God for the improvements

which they had effected while they occupied the premises and it cost the County Council about another £1,000 to have the place properly fitted up. He considered these sums and the reasonable value of the premises should be re-imbursed to the Council and also any expense which they would be compelled to incur in securing substitute premises and the removal of the Council's property to same. He was in favour of having a small Committee to deal with the matter.

Mr. Elgee (Solicitor) considered that the Military should also be responsible for the ground rent of the premises viz:- £206 odd per annum.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to draw up a statement as to the amount which the Council paid to the Sisters of St. John of God when entering into possession of the Co. Hall premises, and what amount the Council had spent on the premises since. That said statement be furnished to the Ministry of Local Government and the Ministry of Defence. In the meantime that Messrs. John Sinnott, R. Corish and E. P. Foley be appointed a Committee to go into the question of obtaining suitable premises, meeting of Committee to be held on Monday, 8th January 1923 at 11 o'clock, a.m."

Wexford Harbour and Financial Support
from Co. Council.

Under date 7th December 1922 the following letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners:-

"At a joint meeting of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, County Council, Corporation and Farmers' Union held to-day, I was directed to inform you that a deputation consisting of Messrs. Donovan, Dollar and Reihill from Harbour Commissioners and Col. Gibbon and Capt. Harvey and Mr. W. R. Devereux of the Farmers' Union were appointed to wait on the County Council at their next meeting and ask them to strike a rate of one penny in the pound to enable them to carry out the dredging scheme necessary to secure a Cattle Boat for service between Wexford and Liverpool. I would therefore be glad if you

would let me know date of meeting as soon as possible and oblige".

The following members of the deputation were present:-
Messrs. Dollar and Reihill from Wexford Harbour Commissioners, Col. Gibbon, representing Farmers' Union, Mr. Houston, Chairman Harbour Commissioners and Ald. Hadden, Wexford Corporation, were also in attendance.

Mr. Houston stated that when they were last before the Council they were asked to form a deputation to wait upon the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and Mr. Dollar would explain what had transpired.

Mr. Dollar said that Mr. Donovan, Mr. Reihill and himself had waited upon the Ministry. Through the able assistance of Mr. Corish and Mr. M. Doyle, T. D's for the County, they had received every possible facility and the greatest possible encouragement as regards the improvement of the Harbour. The net result was that they had secured the services of the Government dredger at practically nominal cost, a quarter of the cost which would be charged if hired out in the ordinary course, and in spite of the fact that other harbours were eager and anxiously endeavouring to secure the craft. The only outstanding question was as to how the expenses were to be met. They put the case before the Government that they should finance the project for three months and they were also successful on that point. He did not think it was necessary to labour the subject as to the necessity and wisdom of the Co. Council helping in the improvement of the Harbour., the matter had been threshed out thread bare. Wexford was the second largest tillage County in Ireland, They had tillage land of something like 236,000 acres, also roughly speaking about 40,000 cattle, 30,000 horses and 60,000 pigs and it was the business of the agriculturists of the County to see that their produce was shipped from their own port, which gave the greatest advantage, more particularly now when they were up against the problem of admission of Canadian stores into Great Britain. They asked the Co. Council to strike a rate of 1d in the £ to help them. There was the possibility that the Harbour Board would be able to raise their revenue so as to cover their expenses, but in order to increase their revenue the Harbour must be improved and

they asked the County Council for temporary assistance and it might happen that this assistance would not be required at all. The Steamship Co. had given them an absolute guarantee that a boat specially suited for the trade would be built.

The Secretary read letter from Mr. M. Doyle, T. D. a member of the Co. Council and Chairman of the Farmers' Union, of which the following is an extract:-

"The deputation relative to the Cattle Boat are coming before next meeting. I should have liked to be present. I seldom advise an increase in rates at the Co. Council but I consider a penny in the pound for one or at most two years would be well spent on the project. The reduced freight on one or two cattle would more than balance the extra rate on most valuations and I would urge the Co. Council to agree to the guarantee. Regarding the legality of this rate the Ministers assured us that the Government would not object or surcharge and if the Council applied to them for permission the Government would at once promote legislation to legalise the Collection of rate for this purpose".

Col Gibbon, Vice-Chairman of the Farmers' Union, explained that Mr. Doyle was unavoidably absent from the deputation to-day, as he was engaged on some Government business. They were asking the Co. Council for a guarantee that, if the necessity arose, the produce of a penny rate for two years at most would be paid. The farmers recognised the position of the Steamship Co., that if they built a special boat for the trade, the Harbour should be so improved as to accommodate her. Otherwise a whole consignment of cattle might be held up, and the cattle have to be reloaded in Wexford in small boats, and under very difficult circumstances, undergoing considerable depreciation as well as the loss of the market. If this was to happen they could realise the service would not be supported and the project end in failure.

Mr. Houston said the Harbour Board needed the guarantee for two years only. It was mentioned to the deputation by the Minister of Industry and Commerce that though the Co. Council had not the necessary legal power to enforce the rate at the present, yet if they did strike it, it would not be surcharged. If the Solicitor

to the Co. Council would write a short amendment to the appropriate Act they would put it through.

Mr. Stafford referred to the fact that he had been a member of several deputations to the British Governmental authorities as regards the improvement of Wexford Harbour, but nothing had come of their efforts, now they had their own Government they expected practical steps to be taken for the development of the Harbour. He contrasted the proposed rate of a penny in the £ for Wexford Harbour with rates for Secondary and University Scholarship Schemes, which though most important, benefited only a very small section of the Community. The great proportion of the rates of the Co. Council was paid by the farmers, and from what had been stated that day there could be no question but this project had the solid support of the agriculturists of the County.

Mr. James Byrne thought that this rate would put an extra burden on the people of New Ross and District. Since 1914 the rates had increased by over 100 per cent which had been brought about by increases of pennies in the £.

Mr. Houston considered that the competition by the proposed service would help the farmers in New Ross District to the extent of considerably more than what they would have to pay in Rate. There was much congestion in the shipping of cattle both at Dublin and Waterford. Cattle shipped from Wexford arrived at market in splendid condition, a great factor in favour of the proposed service.

Mr. John O'Byrne said the farmers in Gorey District believed they would benefit by the new service. But he would object to any subsidy unless the Co. Council had representation on the Harbour Board.

Mr. Houston said the Harbour Board would be delighted to provide for Co. Council representation.

Col. Gibbon pointed to the great advantage it would be to farmers if they could ship their cattle direct and which could be accomplished by the new service. The development of Wexford Harbour would also mean better prices at their County fairs.

Mr. Dollar pointed out that as regards shipping cattle from Waterford and Dublin, the Steamship Co. would serve their old

customers first, and if the latter secured all the accommodation the outsider would be left with his cattle on his hands.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That we recommend to the next meeting of the Co. Council, to be held on 15th inst., the advisability of striking a rate of one penny in the £ for two years as a guarantee fund to assist in the improvement of Wexford Harbour. In the meantime that our Secretary ascertain from the Ministry of Local Government their opinion as to the legality of this proposal".

Ald. Corish gave notice of his intention to move the following notice of motion at next meeting of the County Council:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council hereby agree to strike a Rate of 1d in the £ on the Rural Area of the county for two years, as a guarantee fund for the proposed improvement of Wexford Harbour provided that the striking of said Rate be sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government and that the Wexford Harbour Board provide for representation of Co. Council on their Board".

Financial Position of the Council.

The Secretary read letter which he had forwarded to Mr. Corish, T. D. as regards the financial position of the Council. At the present, in order to meet portion of the demands of the Co. Board of Health, Mental Hospital, Rural District Councils etc., a sum of £26,435. was necessary, and to finance the Council to 31st March next a further sum of about £70,000 would be necessary.

The following letter from the Minister of Local Government to Mr. Corish T. D., under date 18th December 1922, was read:-

"With reference to the enclosed letter which you handed to me, I have had the matter carefully enquired into and find that all Local Taxation Grants legally and properly payable to the Wexford County Council have been paid. The Estate Duty Grant and part of the Agricultural Grant have not reached the Local Taxation Account for distribution as they have had to be diverted temporarily to the Guarantee Fund because of the remissness of Land Purchase Annuitants. Until these monies become released from the Guarantee Fund as a consequence of payment of arrears by defaulters they cannot be made

available for distribution to Local Authorities.

Bounty in lieu of Rates is not a Local Taxation Grant and it is a matter within the province of the Ministry of Finance. We have raised the matter with them but it is understood there are some complications and perhaps it might be better if the matter is taken up directly with them by the County Council if this has not already been done.

I understand some of the other Councils who have been in temporary financial difficulties owing to delay in rate collection have succeeded in obtaining overdrafts from their Treasurers. Has Co. Wexford taken any steps in that way?"

Proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That we direct our Secretary to negotiate with our Treasurer the National Bank, Wexford, for an overdraft up to £27,000".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Rate Collectors be directed to attend at the offices of the Co. Council within the coming week. That they be then handed the demand notes for their various Districts for Rate of financial year 1922-23 and directed to serve same., also that they are not to ask for or accept any rates. That on receipt of information from the Collectors that all demand notes have been served our Secretary issue advertisements as to payment of Rates by Ratepayers in the Bank with production of Demand Note. That the national Bank, Wexford the Treasurer of the Council, be requested to instruct their Branches not to receive any lodgments in respect of Poor Rate from individual ratepayers unless the latter can produce Demand Note., the entry in Bank Book to be the name of the Ratepayer, number of Demand Note, name of District Electoral Division and amount, care to be taken in cases in which Ratepayers have more than one holding that the particulars etc., in respect of each Demand Note be set out separately".

Secondary Scholarship Scheme.

The following report was received from the Scholarship Committee

WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

A meeting of scholarship Committee to consider the provisions of Scheme of Scholarships for pupils of Primary schools was held in the Co. Hall, Wexford, on 4th January 1923. Present:-

Very Rev. Canon Dunne, P.P. Very Rev. P. F. Kehoe, Rev. J. Maher, Messrs. Hugh O'Byrne, P. D. Breen and Rev. Br. Fitzgerald (Wexford).

The Secretary to the Council was also in attendance.

The Committee after considerable discussion adopted the following Scheme for recommendation to the Council:-

SCHEME.

Four Scholarships to be awarded to Boys and three to Girls tenable at Recognised Secondary Schools in Co. Wexford by pupils attending Primary Schools, age to be not less than 13 or more than 15 on 1st of June in year of application for Scholarship.

Scholarships will be available/for children whose parents or guardians resided in County Wexford for at least three years prior to year in which Scholarship is applied for., who further reside beyond a two-mile radius of a recognised Secondary School., and who are in need of assistance to enable them to procure a Secondary Education. A Recognised Secondary School shall be deemed to be a School appearing on list of Intermediate Education Board as from 1922 and henceforward.

Scholarships will be awarded as the result of an examination. They will be tenable for three years at £40 per year, of which at least £5 is to be paid the Managers of Secondary School at which Scholarship is held.

Third year Scholarships may be taken at an Agricultural School approved by the Council. Such Agricultural Scholarships may, in the discretion of the Council be extended for a fourth year. Students who intend availing of Agricultural Scholarships must, at the end of their second year, inform the Council of their intention to finish Scholarship at an approved Agricultural School.

The Co. Council shall have the right to withhold a Scholarship in any case in which they consider this course

advisable and their decision on any matter in connection with the Scheme shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Syllabus for Examination.

Reading (maximum marks 70)- To read with fluency and intelligence a passage from some Standard author. Spelling and writing to be tested by Dictation.

2. Arithmetic. (Maximum marks 100). Fractions, decimals, Simple and Compound proportion, Practice, Simple Interest, Metric System.

3. Grammar (a) (Maximum marks 30) Composition (b) (Maximum marks 70). (a) To parse and analyse ordinary sentences, principal rules of syntax, correction of errors, common roots, prefixes and affixes. (b). To write an essay or letter on any simple subject of the three given.

4. Irish (Fifth Standard) (Maximum marks 100 made up as follows:- Writing 20 marks, Composition 20 marks., Grammar 20 marks., oral reproduction 40 marks.

(a) General conversation

(b) To read and understand a suitable reader which is to be used as a basis for conversation.

(c) To memorise and understand songs or poems making up about 80 lines.

(d) To reproduce orally in the pupil's own words, substance of passages from the Reader.

5. History and Geography (Maximum marks 80) Outlines of the History of Ireland to 1801. Geography of Ireland, including physical features, chief industries, railways etc.

6. Any one of the following:-

(a) Algebra (Maximum marks 80) Simple rules, simple equations factors.

(b) Geometry and mensuration (Maximum marks 80) Euclid Book 1. with easy deductions thereon and simple instructions involving use of set-square and compass., Areas of Rectilineal figures and surfaces of principal solids, volume of principal solids.

(c) Plain needlework (Maximum marks 80) as appearing in National School Programme from 3rd to 6th Standards.

General Conditions.

1. Candidates must pass examination in Irish and Arithmetic and also in any three of the remaining subjects. Failure in Irish or Arithmetic will constitute a failure of examination. $33 \frac{1}{3}$ rd marks will constitute a Pass in any subject.
2. Six months before the date of Examination the eligibility candidates to compete in Examination shall be decided by a Committee of the County Council.
3. Every candidate for a Scholarship shall, before being admitted to the Examination, produce a satisfactory reference from the Teacher or School Manager of his School, together with a medical certificate of health and a recommendation from a Clergyman of his parish as to character.
4. The Scholarship Examination will be held at convenient centre or centres in the County (according to the number of entrants) between 10th June and 1st August in each year. It is proposed that papers shall be set and examined by Examiners selected by the Ministry of Education.
5. Applications for Scholarships in 1923 must be lodged before 1st May 1923. Forms of entry can be obtained from the Secretary to the Co. Council, Wexford, who will notify candidates of date of dates of examination.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That the Scheme of Primary Scholarships for year 1923 as submitted by Scholarship Committee be and is hereby approved and that same be submitted to the Minister of Education for approval and that he be requested to arrange for the holding of Examination in connection with this Scheme."

Road Contractors Threatened.

Mr. James Byrne produced the following letters which had been received by Road Contractors in his district:-

Contractors Beware.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you if you don't give up your Contract on

the road you will remark the consequences.

Remember if you are caught on the road after this warning you will be burned to the ground that night and every car you have broken.

So Beware-- remember Beware".

Transport Workers' Union.

Sir,

We are informed by the Members of the above that you intend to carry out your Contract which you took last spring, but if you do you will meet the saddest disappointment you ever met its not you but anyone who took a new Contract do you think the labourers are going to let you do the road and they to go hungry not so likely. You can do the haulage if you like but a stone you will never put on the roads. You have a farm and you can live out of it, but we labourers have nothing and therefore we are not going to let you or any other man that has a farm take the bit out of our mouths. A pint of oil and a box of matches will bring your place to the ground quick, then join the Labourers' Union. Labour is alive, not dead.

Red Hand will do the work if you do not give up the road at once.

Labor, Labor, Labor."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. R. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That copies of anonymous letters received by road contractors in South Wexford be furnished Mr. Thos. Foran, General Secretary, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union and that he be asked to investigate the matter and report result to the Co. Council".

Road Overseer, J. J. O'Gorman,

Ballyrannell, Glenbrien.

Mr. R. Corish brought forward a complaint which had been made as to J. J. O'Gorman, Road Overseer and his work on the roads.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be requested to prepare a report for presentation to next meeting as to complaint relative to Overseer J. J. O'Byrne".

Resolution re "Peace".

The following resolutions were read from conference of Sinn Fein, Farmers' Union and of the Transport Union of the Co. Wexford, do earnestly implore all parties to the present lamentable war in Ireland to pause and consider the position of the country.

We are convinced that the continuance of hostilities and of bloodshed is depriving Ireland of her ablest sons and must inevitably result in National destruction.

We stress unhesitatingly the vital and essential importance of an immediate armistice pending the opening up of discussions.

Upon the leaders of the people we urge that the best interests of our nation will be served by finding a basis for settlement before Christmas.

To all Irishmen and Irishwomen, to all public and private bodies in our own and other counties we appeal for the adoption of this resolution and for their untiring support and co-operation in the quest for Peace.

That our resolution of Peace be transmitted from this conference to all public bodies in Ireland and through the organisations here represented to their branches and executives with a covering letter explaining in detail the views expressed at this conference, and that they be requested to appoint delegates to attend the conference in Dublin to promote this movement for Peace".

The following resolution was received from Cork Harbour Commissioners:-

"RESOLVED:- That we ask the Government to take immediate steps to appoint three Members of the present Dail to act in conjunction with the Seanad Peace Committee and meet three neutral Irishmen (acceptable to forces in opposition to the Government) to discuss the best means, firstly, to bring about a cessation of hostilities and, finally, to establish peace on a firm basis.

That all Public Bodies throughout Ireland be requested to co-operate with us in our demand for a settlement"

The following resolution was received from the New Ross R. D. Council:-

"That this Council view with horror the dreadful destruction to life and property which is being carried on in our midst, and although this state of affairs has lasted a considerable time, the Irish people are still no nearer to peace, but are being forced headlong to poverty and starvation, and if allowed to continue the cause of Ireland will be irretrievably lost.

From experience, subjects of all Nations are convinced that guns and all the other formidable implements of war will not settle disputes or break the fighting spirit of brave people, now before it becomes too late, this Council calls on the leaders of the warring parties, to meet and arrange a truce., give orders to cease fire, and settle existing differences by negotiation and thereby permit the country to settle down to peace and prosperity.

Copy of this resolution to be sent to all Public Bodies throughout Ireland and requested to join and co-operate with this Council in their demand for a settlement".

The following letter under date 26th December 1922 (RA/2811) was read from the President, Irish Free State:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of the resolutions forwarded on 11th and received by me on 27th instant.

I am as much in favour of Peace as anyone in Ireland. Peace to be established on a sound basis., namely, under authority and subject to the authority of representative Government.

Those who challenged that authority have lost what they called the "War", and now having lost that, they are gambling to win the Peace. The Government terms are known and they are generous, more than generous bearing in mind the great loss of life, the dislocation of business and the destruction of property. If these were war aims the lust of the Irregulars must be well indulged by now.

The time for mercy is being rapidly consumed and if advantage be not taken of it very shortly, those who are making war on the people will find too late that there is a limit to patience".

Mr. John O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the answer by President Cosgrave to peace resolutions

from Co. Wexford be adopted as the proper reply to these resolutions."

This was not seconded.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following:-

"That the resolutions regarding peace received from Cork Harbour Commissioners and the Conference of representatives of Sinn Féin, Farmers' Union and Transport Union be adopted."

Passed.

Motor prosecutions.

The following were reported by Mr. C.H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, Wexford, for prosecution under alleged offences under Motor Car Acts:- Edward Byrne, Bree. Enniscorthy., Martin Laffan, Kereight, Kyle., Mrs. E. G. Harvey, Farnogue House, Wexford, Robert Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford., Anthony Kehoe, 3, Thomas street, Wexford., Nicholas Murphy, South Main Street, do., Edward Kavanagh, Killegran, Courtown Harbour., R. H. Stephens, Charlotte Row, Gorey., William Hugh Massy, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That our Solicitor be instructed to institute proceedings against the persons reported to this day's meeting of the Co. Council for alleged offences under Motor Car Acts."

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(Signed)

E. O'Farrell

Presiding Chairman

Dated this 18th day of Jan. 1923

SPECIAL MEETING, 15th JANUARY, 1923.

A Special Meeting of the above Council was held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, on 15th January 1923.

present:- Mr. E. P. Foley, Vice-Chairman. presiding.

Also:- Messrs. James Hall, John O'Byrne (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) G. Devereux, John Sinnott, Michael Redmond and R. Corish.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

Wexford Harbour & Subsidy from Rates.

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

"That the Wexford County Council hereby agrees to strike a rate of 1d in the £ on the Rural Area of the County for two years, as a guarantee fund for the proposed improvement of Wexford Harbour, provided that the striking of said rate be sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government, and that the Wexford Harbour Commissioners provide for representation of County Council on their Board".

Mr. John O'Byrne seconded.

The resolution, after a long discussion, was put to the meeting and carried by 6 to 2 on a show of hands.

Veterinary Inspectorship- Southern portion
New Ross District.

Under date 30th January 1923, the following letter (2819-22) was read from the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo, embodying copy of a resolution adopted by your Council on the 4th ultimo on the subject of the appointment of a Local Authority Veterinary Inspector in the Southern portion of New Ross Rural District, in succession to the late Mr. A. Dobbyn, V.S. I have to state that the Department note that the proposed rate of payment (£60 per annum) for the New appointment represents an advance of £10 per annum on the existing approved rate, and in the circumstances, I have to request that you will be good enough to inform the Department as to the considerations

which influenced the Local Authority in so increasing the rate of payment".

The Secretary stated he had replied to this letter giving the reasons of the Co. Council for the increase in the salary, and had received, under date 10th January 1923, the following reply:-

"With reference to the terms of your reply of the 4th instant to the Department's letter of the preceding day, I have hereby to express their approval of the temporary appointment by the Wexford County Council, on the 4th instant, of Mr. Joseph Lynch, V. S. as Local Authority Veterinary Inspector in the Southern portion of New Ross Rural District.

The Department, furthermore, offer no objection to the Local Authority's proposal to fix the remuneration at the increased rate of £60 per annum for the Veterinary Inspectorship in the district in question".

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

"That a Veterinary Inspector for the Southern portion of New Ross District at a salary of £60 per annum, be appointed by the Wexford Co. Council at a meeting to be held on Monday, 12th February, 1923".

Co. Hall taken over for Military Purposes.

The Secretary gave particulars of premises which had been inspected by the Special Committee appointed by the Co. Council to secure premises for offices, owing to the fact that the Co. Hall was being taken over by the Military Authorities.

Mr. Corish gave particulars of his interview with the Minister of Defence as to securing such compensation from the Military Authorities as would allow the Council to obtain suitable premises for offices.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Committee appointed by the Co. Council to secure premises for the Co. Council offices be empowered to procure same by purchase should they consider it advisable. That Messrs. Corish T. D. and M. Doyle T.D. be requested to use their best endeavours to

procure from the Ministry of defence reasonable compensation for Co. Hall premises".

Proposal Committee.

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

"That the adjourned meeting of the proposal Committee, for acceptance of tenders for printing Rate Books and for annual County printing, beheld on Monday, 12th February".

Road at Rosslare.

Under date 3rd January, 1923, the following letter was read from the Rosslare harbour Co-operative Society Ltd:-

"Despite several applications, we regret to have to point out that nothing as yet has been done in the way of repairs to the road between Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane.

On Xmas morning people going to Mass had to walk through floods a foot deep, and such a state of affairs it must be admitted, calls for immediate attention.

The Committee request the assurance of the Council that something be done forthwith to put the road in question in a suitable condition, otherwise, the Committee will have to make representation to the G.S.W. Railway Co., who as you are aware, are the principal ratepayers in the district".

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to inspect road between Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane, and that Mr. Michael Doyle M.C.C. be asked to accompany the Co. Surveyor and lay his views as to repair of said road before the Co. Council".

University Scholarship Scheme.

Mr. C . T. Hall, prisoner 180 N. Block, Newbridge Barracks, wrote, under date 1st January 1923, asking the Co. Council to hold over his University Scholarship until he had been released from Military custody.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That University Scholarship, awarded C.T. Hall, be held over until his release from military custody".

Injury to Horse.

Under date 5th december 1922, the following letter was read from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Charles Kelly, Duke Street, Wexford, that a horse, his property, which he had recently bought in Oulart managed to get out of the stable on Saturday night, 25th November 1922, and apparently with the idea of getting back to Oulart, went along the New Bridge and fell into the sea from the place where the Bridge is at present broken.

In our opinion, the County Council were bound to protect the bridge so as to prevent an animal, or indeed anything else from falling in, and this was not done. There was therefore in our opinion, very grave negligence on behalf of the County Council.

As a result of falling into the river the horse had to be destroyed.

Our client suffered a loss of £10, and unless this amount is paid by the County Council, we shall have to institute proceedings against them".

Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, stated that prior to the receipt of this letter, a claim for the injury to this horse had been made on him. He had reported the matter to the Insurance Company and they had written that no liability attached to the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be empowered to appear on behalf of the Insurance Co. in any proceedings instituted by Messrs. Huggard & Brennan on behalf of Charles Kelly for injury to horse".

Loan for Co. Board of Health.

The following letter, under date 29th December 1922, was read from Mr. T.D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health:-

"The Board of Public Health require a loan of £3,000 to carry out a Scheme of Sewerage Alterations in the Co. Home, Enniscorthy.

I am directed by the Board to request the Co. Council to give, on behalf of the Board of Health, the necessary guarantee to the Board's Treasurers, the Munster & Leinster Bank Ltd., who are prepared to advance the loan at the rate of interest of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ less than the ordinary rate for Irish Banks".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the Co. Council hereby agree to provide the necessary guarantee for the repayment of loan of £3,000 to be obtained by the Co. Board of Health for scheme of sewerage alterations in Co. Home, Enniscorthy".

Canal Commissions

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown):-

"That Minutes of Canal Commission Committee be confirmed, except as to recommendation re financing of proposed Waterway Board which we consider, should be allowed to remain an open question for the present".

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor reported that he had been unable to secure a tender for repairing Mountgarrett Bridge at his Estimate viz:- £118, the lowest figure obtainable was £150.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the Estimate of Co. Surveyor for repair of Mountgarrett Bridge be increased from £118 to £150".

Threatening Letters to Road Contractors.

In connection with letters to Road Contractors in South Wexford, threatening them with death unless they ceased working on roads, one of which was headed "Transport Workers' Union", Mr. D. Houston, Secretary, Wexford Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, who attended the Co. Council meeting, explained that the matter had been considered by the South Wexford Executive of his Union and they emphatically repudiated the document. The letters arose, so far as he could ascertain, from local opinion, through private spleen.

Employment of Workers.

Arising out of questions relative to employment of road workers in Ferns District, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That Assistant Surveyors should in future give preference, where possible, to married men when engaging workers on roads".

Collection of Rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey):-seconded by Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Cushinstwon):-

"That our Secretary be directed to advertise that Rates for year 1922-23 can be paid by Ratepayers in any Branch of the National Bank in County Wexford.

That Mr. P. J. Sinnott, Rate Collector, be requested to state if he is prepared to serve demand notes for year 1922-23 for his district, and should he decline to do so, we hereby empower the Finance Committee to take such steps as they consider advisable to have demand notes laid down".

Motor Car of County Council.

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

"That we hereby agree to dispose of motor car of Council, purchased for use of work in quarries which have been supervised by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, to the latter at a valuation to be arrived at between him and Finance Committee".

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(Signed)

E. O'Foghda

Presiding Chairman

Dated this

17th day of Feb.

1923