

Meeting- 14<sup>th</sup> July 1905.

A meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1905.

Present:- Mr. M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman (presiding)  
Other members:- Messrs M. Browne, J. Asple, J. Donohoe, Mark Codd, John Sinnott, James Sinnott, Thaddus Bolger, J. J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, C. Hore, C. H. Peacocke, D. Dempsey, J. C. Mayler, M. Doyle, A. Kinsella, and J. Cummins.

The Secretary to the Council, Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor; and Mr. A. Webster, County Surveyor, were in attendance.

The minutes of annual meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June and of special meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June; were read and confirmed.

Appointment of Rate collector.

With reference to the appointment of Rate collector for Collection District No. 21. the Secretary explained that no application had been received in answer to the advertisement published.

"Mr. Hore proposed that the appointment be re-advertised at 6<sup>d</sup> in the £. Mr. Browne seconded.

"Mr. Donohoe proposed, that the appointment be advertised at 7<sup>d</sup> in the £. Mr. Doyle seconded.

"Mr. Cummins proposed, that 9<sup>d</sup> in the £ be given for this District. There was no seconder to this proposition."

On a poll being taken there voted for Mr. Hore's proposition:- Messrs Browne, Murphy, Hore, Peacocke, Asple, James Sinnott, John Sinnott, Mayler, Kehoe, and Ennis. 10.

For Mr. Donohoe's proposition:- Messrs Donohoe, Codd, Dempsey, Bolger, Cummins, Doyle, and Kinsella. 7.

The Chairman declared the resolution, that the appointment be re-advertised at 6<sup>d</sup> in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  carried.

— State of the Rate Collection. —

Proposed by Mr Dempsey, seconded by Mr Donohoe, and passed: "That the state of the Rate Collection be specially considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee."

— Appointment on County Committee —

The Chairman proposed: "That Mr Michael Doyle of B. Newtownbarry, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture, in place of Mr James Sinnott, who refused to act." Mr John Sinnott seconded - Passed.

— Rate collector's Surety. —

Mr Dempsey proposed, Mr M. Codd, seconded "That Mr Patrick Browley, Ballymurtha, Enniscorthy, be accepted as Surety for Mr Pierce Redmond, vice Mr James O'Brien, Innaberna deceased, as Mr Elger advises, that Mr Redmond being a transferred officer cannot be compelled to give the security of a Guarantees Society." Passed.

— Wexford Prison. —

The following letter under date 27<sup>th</sup> June 1905. (No. 12969/04) from the Secretary, General Prisons Board, Dublin Castle; was read for the meeting:

"I am directed by the General Prisons Board to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the prison premises at Wexford, which were closed for prison purposes by order of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant dated 17<sup>th</sup> Sept '04, will, under section 31 of the Prisons, Ireland Act, 1877 (40 & 41 Vic C 49) become vested in the County Council as successors to the Grand Jury at the expiration of 12 months from the date of the closing order, and I am to request

that you will ask the Co. Council to appoint a representative to take over the prison on the 16<sup>th</sup> September next from a representative of the Board, who will be at the Prison on that date for the purpose."

Mr. Peacocke proposed: "That a Committee be appointed to inspect the prison premises, and to confer with the Wexford Municipal Council, to see if they would agree with the Co. Council, to take over the premises for some public purpose. That the Committee report to the next meeting of the County Council, and make any recommendations they consider advisable."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the General Prisons Board; that they be asked to direct the caretaker of the prison to allow admission to the Committee, anytime they desire."

"On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the whole Council were appointed a Committee to meet at the Prison on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10. O'clock."

#### The Bull Ring Monument.

The Wexford Borough Association wrote asking the Council to assist at the unveiling of the Monument, on the 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Mr. Dempsey proposed: "That all the members of the Council possible attend the demonstration of the unveiling of the '98 Monument."

Mr. Kinsella seconded. Passed.

#### Food & Drugs Inspectors.

A letter was received from the R. I. Constabulary Wexford, asking that Sergeant Wm Farrell be appointed to Killinick Petty Sessions district, and Sergeant Patrick White, be appointed to Taghmon, and Duncormack Petty Sessions Districts; as ex-officio Inspectors

under the Food and Drugs acts."

"On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the appointments were made."

### Free Library

The following letter was read from Surgeon Major Stafford, Rosslare, Mansel, Wimbledon; under date 7<sup>th</sup> July :-

"On a former occasion I offered to present to the County Council of Wexford, a complete set of the volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and a Book case to match, in the event of a Free Library for Wexford being established by the Council, and my offer was accepted.

Since that date I have retained the Books temporarily of course, in waiting to hear from you that the Free Library had been authorised by the Council.

As it does not seem probable, however, that the library will come into existence in the near future, and as I desire to send on the books to Wexford, I have now to request that your Council will be so kind as to permit me to transfer my offer to the Mayor of Wexford asking him to accept the gift for the town to be placed either in the Mechanic's Institute or some other suitable Institution, as the Corporation may approve, to which the people may have access under proper Municipal control."

"On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was passed: - "as the County Council are unable to establish a free library they would be glad to see the kind offer of Surgeon Major Stafford, transferred to the Wexford Corporation."

### Epizootic Lymphangitis Order.

The following resolution was received from the Wexford Agricultural Society:-

"That the Department be requested to take active steps in prohibiting the removal of horses from any of those specified infected districts into our county, to fairs or other markets, or shows, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department, to the county committee of agriculture, and to the county council."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Browne seconded, and it was passed:-

"That we back up the resolution of the Wexford Agricultural Society, and communicate with the Department of Agriculture, suggesting that they restrict horses coming from any area included in the Epizootic Lymphangitis Order to any fair, market, or show, in this county."

"That in view of the fact that this disease has been introduced into Ireland by the negligence of Government officials, we consider the full value of any horse compulsorily slaughtered in connection with this disease, should be paid in full by the Government."

#### Hour of meetings.

"Mr. Cummins moved, that the county council meet at 12 o'clock noon in future." The motion was not seconded and fell through.

#### Re-distribution

The following resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

"That we regard the re-distribution proposals now before Parliament as a gross violation of the Treaty of Union, which was forced on this country by fraud and corruption of the grossest kind, and as indicating clearly that no justice is to be had under the said Union, and we call on the Irish members to resist the proposals inch by inch by obstructing Parliamentary Progress, and by harassing in every possible way the present

perfidious Government which holds no mandate from the country as regards this scheme, and which has lost the confidence of the Electors and is consequently violating every rule of Constitutional Government.

That we pledge ourselves and those we represent, to sustain morally and financially the Irish Party in their resistance of English Governmental perfidy, and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr John Redmond, and the County Members.

### Education Act.

Proposed by Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Browne, and passed:— "That we pledge our support moral, and material, to the Catholic School Managers of Ireland, in their resistance of the new School Board Regulations, which we feel have been issued with the insidious object of demoralising and destroying Primary Education, and we agree with his Eminence Cardinal Logue, that it would be better to suffer now temporarily be resistance, than to co-operate with the vicious proposal of mixed schools, which would have lasting bad results; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr J. Redmond M.P. and the County Members."

### Lease to Asylum.

Mr Peacocke proposed that the lease from Mrs Preston, to the County Council, for the Enniscorthy District Asylum Committee, of a strip of ground required for the Electric Lighting System, be sealed and signed. Mr Kehoe, seconded. Passed.

### Telegraph Station - Ramsgrange.

Mr Cummins proposed:— "That we again call the attention of the Postmaster General to the fact that the people of Ramsgrange have a decided grievance in the refusal of the Post Office Authorities, to establish a Telegraph

office at Ramsgrange, notwithstanding that the people of the locality have offered the usual Guarantee. A request for the establishment of this Telegraph Station was passed two years ago, and we cannot see any reason why the request was not complied with.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Postmaster General, and the county members.

Mr Peacocke seconded.

Passed.

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Special meeting - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1905.

A special meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, courthouse, Wexford; on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1905; after the council as a committee of the "whole house" had inspected the Wexford prison premises in accordance with the following resolution passed at last meeting of the council :-

"That a committee be appointed to inspect the prison premises and to confer with the Wexford municipal council, to see if they would agree with the county council, to take over the premises for some public purpose. That the committee report to the next meeting of the county council, and make any recommendations they consider advisable.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the General Prisons Board; that they be asked to direct the caretaker of the Prison to allow admission to the committee anytime they desire."

The whole council to be constituted the committee."

Present :- Messrs M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman (presiding) C. H. Peacocke, J. Donohoe, C. Hore, D. Dempsey, A. C. Murphy, James Codd, M. Doyle, and M. Browne.

The Secretary, and County Surveyor were also present.

After inspecting the prison premises the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. C. Murphy

"That a committee of four be appointed to go fully into the question of the taking over the Wexford prison, from the Prisons Board

and the purposes to which it may be applied in future with most advantage to the Rate-payers, and to the County Council. That the Committee be empowered to consult with a similar Committee appointed by the Wexford Corporation, should that body decide to appoint them with the view of ascertaining whether the buildings could be utilized for any public purpose; the joint Committee to report to the Council."

The following Committee were appointed to represent the County Council; Messrs Ennis, and Peacocke, also Mr John Bolger, In the event of Mr John Bolger, being unable to act Mr J. Bolger to take his place. Mr J. B. Hearne; should Mr Hearne be unable to act, he is requested to name a County Councillor from the New Ross District as his substitute.

The first meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> inst, at 10.30 O'clock a.m. in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford.

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