

SPECIAL MEETING.-1st JULY 1920.

Present:- Dr Ryan, (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also:- Messrs James Byrne, R. Corish, C Culleton, J. Cummins, G. Devereux, James Doyle, Michael Doyle, D. Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, J. O'Byrne (Gorey), Michael Redmond, James Shannon, John Sinnott, A. F. Smith, Philip Lennon, and James Pender.

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

Messrs Philip Lennon and John Pender Co-opted Members subscribed the usual declaration of office.

War Bonus to Contractors & Direct Labour Scheme.

The following report was read:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on 18th June 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a special Committee be appointed to deal with the correspondence from the Ministry of Transport as regards proposed payment of war bonus to road contractors. That this Committee also deal with the general system of road maintenance as at present carried out by the Council and under a scheme of Direct Labour. That they present a report to next meeting of the Council. That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend the meetings of the Committee."

"That the question of weekly payments to men engaged in quarries etc., be referred to special Committee appointed to deal with the question of Road Maintenance."

The first meeting of the Committee was held in the County Council Offices Courthouse, Wexford, on 22nd June 1920.

The following were in attendance:- Dr Ryan (Vice-Chairman Co Council) presiding. Also:- messrs A. F. Smith, C. Culleton, Gregory Devereux, and R. Corish.

The County Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

Correspondence was submitted from the Ministry of Transport pointing out that the Ministry could not, without a statutory provision, sanction payment of War Bonus to contractors. Having regard to the existing difficulties, the question appeared to arise whether the principle of executing road repairs by direct labour should not be extended, and contracts entered into for shorter periods.

The County Surveyor pointed out that for some time past contracts had been opened for an indeterminate period, contractors having the option to tender for five or any lesser number of years, but notwithstanding over 600 miles of roads out of a total of 2,000 miles for the County) came into his charge after the last meetings of the R.D. Councils.

A letter under date 5th June 1920, was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors for Contractors, who had applied for war bonus, asking if the Ministry of Transport would be satisfied to relieve those concerned of their contracts.

The following recommendations were made by the Committee:-

"That public notice be given that the County Council are prepared to accept the surrender forthwith of road contracts which were in existence prior to May 1918, and, as regards contracts which have been entered into at or after May 1918, we recommend that the circumstances of each case should be specially considered by the Council or a Committee appointed for the purpose, but that no contract in this category should be determined previous to 31st March 1921.

"That recognising the absolute necessity for carrying out drainage work in connection with drainage work in connection with road maintenance, we consider that as regards roads in charge of the County Surveyor, he should supply particulars of such roads to branches of Labour Unions, who are requested to arrange with their members to have the drainage work carried out. But care must be taken by these Unions not to engage men who are at present in employment unless by overtime, and then only when the services of unemployed men are not available, work must be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

"That as regards the metalling of roads in charge of the County Surveyor we recommend that the County Surveyor should divide contract as follows--

(a) haulage of material from quarry, (b) spreading of material and general upkeep of Road, Relative to (a) we recommend the County Surveyor to arrange with small farmers and others, where possible, for the cartage of metalling to the road, or provide for haulage by County Council plant, whichever system he considers most economical and efficient.

We recommend the purchase of the following machinery:- four stonebreaking plants, each consisting of one breaker, one engine, (convertible to roller) and one van, three rock drills and five hauling plants. each consisting of steam lorry, two trailers and living van, Approximate Cost £21,200. This if borrowed at existing Bank rate chargeable to County Councils, viz- 7 per cent, for ten years and repayable in equal instalments of principal, with interest on

outstanding balance, would necessitate an outlay of £29,362. Allowing for depreciation at 10 per cent the hauling plants should show over and above this a saving on existing rates for this work of £750 each per annum, or a total of £3,750 on the five plants, and which can be set against £316. 4/- per annum, the average yearly interest on the loan.

It may be possible for the County Surveyor to procure some of the machinery (agreed to be purchased) at some public sale, and we recommend the Council to agree to his attendance thereat in company with the machinery overseer.

We recommend that road contracts already "set" by the County Surveyor at full or approximately full terms, should be allowed to stand.

The County Surveyor pointed out that it was not possible at present to group roads for a direct labour scheme, but as road fell out of contract, or, as contracts were surrendered, groups could be devised and placed under a foreman, each group being treated as an entity. Payment could be made by one Pay Order, for each group to the foreman concerned, and who should pay men and obtain their receipt. Sections of roads should be placed under individual workmen, and should average about three miles for the present, the foreman being responsible for the work of from 12 to 15 men. Employment to be dependent upon results, and not to be by time. Tools are to be provided by the County Council and put in charge of foreman, who is to keep an inventory, and be responsible for the safe custody of articles put in his charge, and who is to furnish a fidelity guarantee bond.

Material is to be regularly deposited in small heaps, and the labourer in charge of each section of road to be responsible for spreading.

The Committee generally approved of these recommendations. For the present however, they believed it would not be advisable to definitely decide on the manner in which Pay Orders should be dealt with.

The Committee also made the following recommendations:-

"We suggest that in any Scheme of direct labour adopted by the County Council, due consideration should be given to representations by farmers as to release of men for haymaking, harvesting, or other seasonal work.

We recommend that the Directors of the D. & S. E. Railway Co., should be requested to provide railway sidings at Sparrowsland and Rathgarogue, which would not alone help the County Council in distributing road material, but would make for the convenience of the public in the districts concerned.

Weekly Payments to Quarrymen, etc:- We recommend that the Finance Committee be empowered to make payments weekly to men engaged by direct labour on roads and

in quarries, and that for the purpose of dealing with additional clerical work thereby entailed that an extra clerk be provided in County Council Office and also in County Surveyor's Office.

In view of the importance of the recommendations of this meeting we direct that a special meeting of the County Council to consider our report should be held on Thursday, 1st July 1920, at 10.30 a.m., and that for the convenience of the Councillors a meeting of the Finance Committee be held at 12 noon on same day.

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The Chairman moved:- "That the report of Special Committee in connection with road maintenance be received and adopted."

Mr M. Doyle moved the following amendment:- "That the recommendation of Special Committee on Road Maintenance as regards purchase of Road Machinery be forwarded to the Rural Districts of the County for their observations."

Mr Redmond seconded the amendment.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs James Byrne, Redmond, Kavanagh, Kehoe, and Doyle.-5.

Against-- Messrs Lennon, Smith, Devereux, James Doyle, Sinnott, O'Byrne (Gorey) Corish, Culleton, Shannon, Pender, Cummins, and the Chairman.-12.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the National Bank be requested to state upon what terms they are prepared to advance loan of £21,200 to the County Council for the purchase of machinery. That enquiries be made from other banking institutions and from private firms and individuals as to terms upon which they would be prepared to advance said loan."

The County Surveyor mentioned that the quotations he had received for machinery amounted to £24,148 but he anticipated it might be possible to secure a grant towards the cost from the Ministry of Transport.

The resolution moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr Corish, as to the receipt and adoption of report of special Committee was then put and passed.

Clerk for County Council Office.

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

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee an additional Clerk (with a

knowledge of Shorthand and typewriting) be provided for the County Council Office at a salary of £156 per annum, appointment to be made at the County Council Meeting of 4th August, and successful candidate to enter on his duties on 1st September 1920."

Clerk for County Surveyor's Office.

Mr Corish moved, Mr Shannon seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of the decision of the County Council to pay wages weekly to men working by direct labour on roads and in quarries, a Clerk be provided for the office of the County Surveyor, salary £73 per annum, appointment to be made at meeting of County Council on 4th August, and successful candidate to take up duty on 1st September 1920."

St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

Report of Committee of County Council

At the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 18th June 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a deputation from this Council be appointed to wait on the Rev Mother St John of Gdd Convent, Wexford, with a view to taking over from the Community, St Brigid's Inebriate Home, Wexford, as Offices for the County Council."

The members of the deputation Messrs R. Corish, G. Devereux, J. Sinnott, and Dr Ryan, with the County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, waited on the Rev Mother at St Brigid's Home on 23rd June 1920.

It appears that the premises are at present being used as a Nursing Home for soldiers and sailors whose treatment is provided by Local War Pension Committees. The Community have no agreement with these Committees that the premises are to be kept open as an Hospital for any particular period. Neither is there any agreement guaranteeing any particular number of patients. There were 48 under treatment on the 23rd inst. The Rev Mother who received the deputation in a most courteous manner explained that the Community could not take steps as to the surrender of the premises until they had consulted his Lordship, Most Rev Dr Codd, and she promised to do this as soon as possible.

During the course of the discussion it was stated that the Community had spent over £2,000 in fitting up the premises as an Inebriate Home."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman,

seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That the Special Committee dealing with the question of securing St Brigid's Inebriate Home for County Council Offices, be summoned when a reply has been received from Rev Mother St John of God Convent."

Official Positions & Knowledge of Irish.

Mr James Doyle had given Notice to move the following--

"That all positions in the gift of the Wexford County Council will be given only to candidates who possess a knowledge of Irish, qualifications in connection with Irish to be defined when resolution comes up for discussion."

By permission of the Council Mr James Doyle substituted the following resolution for his motion:-

"That, henceforward, all Candidates for positions under, and promotion in offices under County Council, must pass an examination in Irish, standard to be defined by County Committee of Gaelic League. That Irish be used in headings for County Council Stationery, that Cheques be printed entirely in Irish, and that the name be printed in Irish only on County Council Machinery."

Mr O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted nem con.

Salaries of Officials.

At the meeting of the County Council on 18th June 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union, be requested to table the salaries paid to their officials by other County Councils, and the mileage of each County. And that on receipt of this information the Finance Committee be instructed to consider the question of the salaries of the officers of this Council and submit a recommendation to the County Council thereon."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee:-

"That the salaries of the Secretary (Mr N. J. Frizelle), the Accountant (Mr T. A. Frizelle), 1st Assistant in County Council Office (Mr C. H. Richards), 2nd Assistant in County Council Office (Mr J. H. Cadogan), Senior Assistant Surveyor (Mr Thomas Treanor), Clerk in Co Surveyor's Office (Mr T. Cullen), be fixed at an amount equal to an increase of 33 1/3rd per cent on their present remuneration, and that the salary of Miss Norton (typist in County Surveyor's Office) be increased by 50 per cent. That as from this day's meeting the salaries of these officials be fixed at the following figures:-

Secretary, County Council	£400 per annum.
T. A. Frizelle, Accountant	£369. 6. 8d per annum.

C. H. Richards, 1st Assistant £312 per annum.
 J. H. Cadogan, 2nd " £226. 13. 4d per annum.
 T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor £400 per annum.
 T. Cullen, Clerk Co. Surveyor's Office £204 per annum.
 Miss Norton, typist Co. Surveyor's Office £105 per annum.

Mr Corish moved and Mr O'Byrne seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee,

Mr M. Doyle moved and Mr James Byrne seconded a resolution that the recommendation be not confirmed.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment (non-confirmation of Committee's recommendation):- Messrs James Byrne, P. Lennon, Redmond, Kehoe, M. Doyle, and Kavanagh.-6.

Against the amendment:- Messrs Cummins, Devereux, Smith, James Doyle, J.O'Byrne, (Gorey) Corish, Culleton, Shannon, Pender, and the Chairman. 10.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Lennon moved and Mr James Byrne seconded the following amendment:-

"That the question of fixing the salaries of the officials of the County Council be taken individually."

The following voted in favour of this amendment:-

Messrs James Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, Kehoe, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, and the Chairman.-7.

Against:- Messrs Cummins, Devereux, Smith, James Doyle, O'Byrne, (Gorey) Corish, Culleton, Shannon, Pender.-9.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was then taken for confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the following result:-

For confirmation:- Messrs Cummins, Culleton, Devereux, Smith, James Doyle, O'Byrne (Gorey), Corish, Shannon, Pender and the Chairman.-10.

Against:- Messrs James Byrne, Lennon, Redmond, Kehoe, M. Doyle, and Kavanagh.-6.

"The Chairman declared the recommendation confirmed."

Appointment of Poor Rate Collector.

Under date 23rd June 1920, letter No. 40962-1920, the Local Government Board wrote approving of the appointment of Mr James Joseph Fowler, as Poor Rate Collector in Wexford County, for the year ending 31st March 1921. Having regard to the amount of the yearly warrant the Board considered that the amount of the bond should be not less than £1,000 and presumed that Mr Fowler would open an office in the district with stated hours of Attendance

for the collection of Rates. The Board would consider the permanent appointment of Mr Fowler at the close of the financial year.

The Secretary stated he had written to Mr Fowler that he would have to provide security in a bond of £1000, and should have an office for the collection of Rates opened in the Collection District.

"No Order"

Reports Audits.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and of the County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee, in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1920.

"No Order"

Oulart Courthouse.

The Secretary asked for instructions in connection with the demand for possession by Mr Peter Cooney, owner of Oulart Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Kavanagh--

"That steps be taken to surrender Oulart Courthouse to Mr Peter Cooney, the owner."

County Courthouses.

Mr Cummins gave notice of motion for next meeting of the Council that the tenancies of all Courthouses in the County be forthwith determined.

Treatment of Tuberculosis.-Capital Grant.

Under date 25th June 1920 (letter No. 42547-1920, Miscellaneous) the Local Government Board wrote, stating that they had been authorised by the Treasury to grant the undermentioned extensions of time limit within which plans and estimates should be submitted in connection with the Capital Grant in aid of the provision of residential accommodation for tuberculosis patients:-

In the case of institutions for the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis the latest date for the submission of the relative plans and estimates will be the 31st October next.

In the case of institutions for the treatment of non-pulmonary forms of Tuberculosis the latest date for submission of plans and estimates with respect to institutions to be established by single Councils will be the 31st December next, but where such institutions for non-pulmonary tuberculosis are being provided by a combination of Councils the latest date will be the 31st March 1921.

Unless the necessary plans and estimates were submitted not later than

the aforesaid dates no Capital Grants would be payable in respect of any contemplated Scheme as the Treasury had distinctly intimated that these revised time limits must be regarded as final.

Mr Corish moved, Mr Smith seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That the Circular letters from Local Government Board under date 19th December 1919, (64545-1919) and 25th June 1920, (No. 42547-1920, Miscellaneous) be referred to the Tuberculosis Management Committee for consideration."

Prosecution Alleged Excess Water in Butter.

Letter was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as to report of one of their Inspectors and Certificate of Sir Charles Cameron, Analyst, as to excess water in butter purchased in New Ross Market from Mrs Michael Ryan, Drana, St Mullins, Co. Carlow. The Department recommended that a prosecution under the Food & Drugs Acts should be instituted in this case.

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

"That reports, etc., from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as to excess water in sample of butter purchased from Mrs Michael Ryan, Drana, St Mullins, Co. Carlow, be referred to a Republican Court."

Swim Baths.-Sheep Dipping.

Under date 19th June 1920, a letter was read from Mr L. Dwyer, New Ross, asking if he was to allow his swim bath to be used as usual for the dipping of sheep, to supply the dip, etc., and what price per sheep was allowed for the dipping.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr James Byrne:-

"That we consider swim bath at Heathpark, New Ross, the property of Mr L. Dwyer, suitable for dipping purposes."

In connection with the carrying out of Sheep Dipping Order, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Devereux--

"That the question of carrying out of Sheep Dipping be referred to the Volunteers."

Commission of Inquiry

Under date 17th June 1920, Mr Darrell Figgis, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland, wrote forwarding copy of Interim Report of the Commission on Milk production lately published.

The Commission were most anxious that every means possible should be adopted for the purpose of focussing attention on the necessity for the establishment of Cow Testing Associations, the selection of Bulls with milk pedigrees, the establishment of a national Dairy Council, and active propaganda amongst farmers for the purpose of bringing home to them the necessity from a National point of view, of having the milk industry placed on a profitable basis.

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

"That we ask the people of the County concerned with the production of milk to help in every possible way any steps taken to put in force recommendation by the Commission of Inquiry into the Resources and Industries of Ireland towards the development of the dairy industry in Ireland. That we direct our Secretary to procure 150 copies of the ad interim report of the Commission of Inquiry for distribution amongst interested persons."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr H Hill, Ballycanew, applied for a renewal of his licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"Renewal of licence granted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey)."

Constabulary Accounts.

The Secretary asked for instructions as to payment of the following accounts submitted by the Constabulary in respect of quarter ended March 1920:- Conveyance of Prisoners & Witnesses Expenses, £122. 7. 11d, Weights & Measures £28. 11. 8d, Food & Drugs Acts £14. 1. 4d. In connection with the a/cs for Conveyance of Prisoners were charges paid to owners of motor cars in Gorey at the rate of 2/6 per mile and an addition of 8/4 per hour, which the old Council regarded as excessive. They offered to pay at 1/3 per mile, but the Constabulary Authorities stated that the motor vehicles in Gorey could not be procured at a lower figure than what they had included.

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

"That at next meeting of the Finance Committee Paying Orders be drawn for £28. 11. 8d and £14. 1. 4d expenses of the Police under Weights & Measures, and Food & Drugs Acts, respectively, but that no payment be made for charges in respect of Conveyance of Prisoners & Witnesses Expenses. That the Constabulary be notified that no further payments will be made to them for Conveyance of

Prisoners, Weights & Measures Acts, or Food & Drugs Acts."

Appointments on Committees.

Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar, County Infirmary, wrote that Rev R. Fitzhenry P. P., Lady's Island, Rev P. Murphy M. S. S., Enniscorthy, and Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan, Bridgetown, had declined to act as members of the County Infirmary Committee.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish, Rev M. Ryan, C. C., Camolin, was appointed a member of the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton, Mr Patrick White, King Street, Wexford, Secretary, Wexford Trades Council, was appointed a member of the Co Wexford Infirmary Committee."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by the Chairman, Mr Matthew O'Connor, North Main Street, Wexford, was appointed a member of Co Infirmary Committee.

Rev Archdeacon Latham wrote nominating Very Rev Dean Gibson, Ferns, as a member of the Asylum Committee, as Archdeacon Latham was unable to act.

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

"That Very Rev Dean Gibson, Ferns, be appointed a member of the Enniscorthy Asylum Committee."

Rev P. Kavanagh, C. C., Rosslare, and Rev C. French C. C., Kilrane, wrote declining to act on Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, No. 1 (Bannow, Rosslare, and Bridgetown).

Mr Culleton proposed that vacancies be filled by the appointments of Rev A. Kehoe C. C., Mulrankin, and Mr Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown.

Mr Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr R. C. Barton.

The following resolution of Westmeath County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Redmond--

"That we, the Members of the Westmeath County Council, direct the attention of the Irish People to the barbarous and vindictive treatment meted out by the English Government to Mr R. C. Barton, who having been sentenced to three years penal servitude by an English Courtmartial, is now forced to associate with the lowest Political Treatment extended by every Civilised Government to its Political opponents."

Canvassing Members forbidden.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That in connection with vacant positions in the gift of the County Council, canvassing, by or on behalf of, any Candidate, will be regarded as a disqualification, but Candidates will be at liberty to submit testimonials and qualifications.

Mr James Doyle seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, DUBLIN.

17th June 1920.

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 31st March 1920.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	12
Butter	10
Margarine	7
Buttermilk	5
Whiskey	4
Rum	2
Condensed Milk	2
Dripping	2
Cheese	2
Lard	1
Ginger Wine	1
Tea	1
Sweets	1
Honey	1
Cocoa	1
Coffee	1
Buttermilk powder	1
Port Wine	1
Flake Meal	1
Indian Meal	1
Flour	1

Total

58

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of rum which was 33 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 5.33 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazil, Campile, for specimen of whiskey which was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent of water.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Doyle, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 and 7.5 per cent of added water, two certificates for specimen of milk deprived of at least 13 and 20 per cent of ~~the~~ their fats respectively, two certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 16 and 22 per cent of added water respectively, exclusively of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and two certificates for specimens of whiskey which were 26 and 29 degrees under proof and were therefore adulterated with 1.33 and 5.33 per cent of water respectively.

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

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

There were three 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.

A specimen of water analysed for Lady Esmonde, Inch, had the following composition:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	16.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.010
Nitric Acid	5.620
Chlorine	2.880

A good water.

A specimen of water analysed for P. J. Shaw, Enniscorthy, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	21.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0365
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	6.250
Chlorine	2.880

A polluted water.

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

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details chemical and microscopical were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given.

Total analyses..... 89

Adulterated & Defective articles..... 14

Charles A. Cameron.

"No Order"

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"At the February Meeting of the Proposal Committee two works were passed, one for the rebuilding of portion of the retaining wall at Courtown Harbour, and the other for placing iron ties between the retaining walls at the approach to the Deeps Bridge, but no tenders were received for these. Subsequently I endeavoured to obtain tenders by private enquiries but was unable to do so, and at the Meeting in May I was directed to re-advertise the works without mentioning any financial limit. This I did and received only one tender for each job both from the same contractor, and I now submit these for your consideration.

At your Annual Meeting a discussion took place regarding the building of Mountgarrett Bridge and subsequently I have received a letter from the Ministry of Transport informing me that possibly we may get a grant of 25% of the cost of the work. I am in correspondence with Mr Burden, Kilkenny County Surveyor, with reference to the matter and to what steps the Kilkenny County Council propose to take and shall submit any further information I may have at your meeting.

At the April meeting a proposal was passed for the dredging of Kilmore Harbour on the understanding that the Department of Agriculture were to pay half the cost of the work and to carry out the dredging, and arrangements were made with the Department that the work be undertaken after the completion of the proposed work at Wexford. Recently I have been in communication with the Department and I think it would be well if the County Council would press the carrying out of the work.

At a former meeting of the County Council there was a discussion with regard to the purchase of a boiler for working the Rock Drill at Tara Hill Quarry and I was in hopes of being able to cover the cost of this out of the grant from the Ministry of Transport towards the improvements of the Gorey-

Arklow Road but, owing to the great advance in prices of the other machinery necessary for the work, the funds available will not now cover the boiler. I have an offer of a suitable boiler at present in Kynoch's Works in Arklow, and I ask for your authority to purchase this if passed by the Boiler Inspector and to pay for it out of quarry account.

Recently the D. S. E. Railway have placed notices on Sparrowsland Bridge and I have been in communication with the Company's Engineer with regard to same. The whole question of the use of Railway Bridges for heavy traffic is governed by this case and I would ask the Council to place the matter in your Solicitor's hands so that we may know exactly how we stand.

Subsequent to the Meeting of the Special Committee to deal with roads I have been in communication with the makers asking for quotations for machinery, and I hope to have these available for the consideration of the Council at the Meeting. I also wrote to the Ministry of Transport asking to have a grant made towards the heavy expenditure recommended by the Roads Committee and I expect to have definite replies in time for the Meeting.

The repair work in connection with the several breakers and other machinery belonging to the County has been up to the present entirely in the hands of Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer, and as the work is frequently scattered over the whole County, delay occurs from not having a Mechanic who could be in charge of the more extensive repairs in the Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy, and I would suggest that a fully qualified mechanic be got who could undertake this work and also assist Mr Murphy with jobs to be done elsewhere.

At your last meeting I was directed to report on the claim of the Contractor for No. 300E for special consideration owing to the increased prices and I now submit a Memo of same. This case I believe is covered by the recommendation of the Special Roads Committee and will not require separate consideration.

Mr Treanor, reports to me, that material is being taken from Ballinaboola Quarry, for private use, I shall have particulars at the meeting.

For the efficient working of Carrigeen Quarry it will be advisable to take a small portion in angle adjoining butt of the quarry and Mr Treanor has provisionally arranged with the owner of the purchase of this at a sum of £50 The price appears to be high but it is really necessary for the quarry and will enable the work to be carried out in a better and a cheaper manner and I ask for your sanction for this.

The existing contract for the preparation and supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry is now almost completed and it will be necessary to make

arrangements for the future working of this quarry. I would suggest that advertisements be put in the local papers asking for quotations for the work."

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The County Surveyor in connection with retaining wall at Courtown submitted tender from Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, at £420. The County Surveyor's estimate for the work was £300.

"On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Smith, it was decided that the work be carried out by direct labour."

In connection with wall at Deeps Bridge, the County Surveyor who estimated the work at £120 submitted a tender from Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, at £222.

"On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cummins, it was decided that the work should be carried out by direct labour."

With reference to the erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, the County Surveyor read correspondence from Mr Burden, County Surveyor of Kilkenny Co., that his County Council were anxious to proceed with the erection of the bridge and he was making estimates for same. It was expected the cost of erection, etc., would be £15,000.

"No Order"

As regards proposed dredging of Kilmore Harbour, the following resolution was proposed by Mr Corish, seconded by the Chairman, and adopted:-

"That urgent representations be at once made to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction with a view to having the dredging work at Kilmore carried out without delay."

With reference to Boiler for working rock-drill at Tara Hill quarry a resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Cummins, that the boiler be procured at a cost not exceeding £140, the County Surveyor to submit later statistics showing the output from the quarry at the present time and the output when boiler has been working for sometime. That the County Surveyor be empowered to arrange for inspection of boiler at a cost not exceeding £3. 3/- and third class railway fare."

In connection with the reference to Sparrowsland Railway Bridge,, the Engineer, Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., wrote to the County Surveyor under date 24th June 1920, that the notice which had been put up at the bridge was put under statutory Authority, viz-- The Locomotive Act 1865. The Company could not undertake any work in connection with their bridges beyond maintaining them sufficiently to carry ordinary traffic. The Company hoped it

would not be necessary to put up similar notices on other bridges.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Smith, to refer the matter to the Solicitor of the Council for his opinion as to the powers of the Railway Company in the matter.

With regard to the employment of a mechanic to help the machinery overseer, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That a properly qualified fitter be appointed at a wage of £4 per week, appointment to be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

As regards 300E (Contractor John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown) no order was made as the contractor is now at liberty to surrender this contract should he so desire.

In connection with the report of the County Surveyor as to material taken from Ballinaboola quarry, a report was submitted from Mr M. J. O'Kelly, quarry Overseer, stating that Mr Patrick Byrne, Ballynaboola, had carted about two cubic yards of broken stone from Ballynaboola Quarry, and used it in gateway. He got no authority to do so.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of Mr M. J. O'Kelly, quarry overseer, as to material having been taken from Ballinaboola Quarry without authority, be referred to Mr Philip Lennon, to arrange for an Arbitration Court."

Relative to the proposal of the County Surveyor, as to purchasing piece of land adjoining Carrigeen Quarry to enable the quarry to be properly worked, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Smith:-

"That as recommended by the County Surveyor a sum of £50 be paid to the owner of land adjoining Carrigeen Quarry to enable the quarry to be properly worked,"

With reference to working of Kerlogue Quarry the County Surveyor submitted a letter from Moses Power, Kerlogue, present Contractor, stating that he had enough material now prepared to finish his Contract. He would be willing to continue working in quarry if he were allowed 7/9 per cubic yard.

The County Surveyor stated that price under existing contract was 4/6 per cubic yard and was of course unremunerative.

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

"That contract be entered into with Mr Moses Power, Kerlogue, for a supply of 1200 cubic yards of material (to be supplied within one year) from Kerlogue Quarry at 7/9 per cubic yard, Mr Power to enter into a bond for the performance of this contract."

Supply of Gravel.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to advertise for supply of 1000 yards of seagravel from Blackwater District to be supplied in lots as specified by the County Surveyor."

Road Contracts.

Mr J. Doyle raised questions as to how payments on Roads 319E, 329E, 24E, 351E, and 79W, had been dealt with.

"Having heard reply of County Surveyor in each instance the Council made no order."

Proposed Village Hall at Camross.

Under date 28th June 1920, Mr P. Kavanagh, Hon Sec., to Hall Committee, wrote that his Committee intended building a new Hall in Camross on the waste ground at the upper crossroads and wished to obtain permission of the Council for same.

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

"That permission be granted by this Council for the erection of Village Hall at Camross, provided building is erected on site which meets with the approval of the County Surveyor."

Wexford Bridge.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare preliminary plans and estimates for a new bridge for Wexford on a site opposite the Courthouse, and that our Secretary submit a financial statement as to loan etc., for same."

Mr Culleton seconded the proposition which was adopted.

Proposed New Treasurer

Mr Lennon gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the County Council that the Co Council take steps to use the National Land Bank instead of the National Bank, as Treasurer of the Council.

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Dated this 11th day of August 1920 (Signed) Samuel O'Reilly
Presiding Chairman.