

MEETING.- 14th JULY 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Boardroom Wexford Workhouse on Thursday, 14th July 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, Chairman. presiding.

Also:- Messrs. J. Cummins, John Murphy, E. Foley, Charles McCarthy, Messrs. T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary and W.F. Barry, County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Commandeering of County Hall.

The Assistant Secretary reported that on Monday, 4th July, the County Hall had been commandeered by the Royal Irish Constabulary, Office accommodation had been secured at the Wexford Workhouse.

The County Surveyor stated he had been requested by the Police Authorities to have Machinery consisting of :- One steam lorry, two waggons, two trailer waggons, one van, two breakers, fittings and drill parts removed from County Hall.

"It was decided that no action be taken at present".

Rate Collection.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection

"It was decided that County Councillors assist Collectors in the completion of collection for year ended 31st March 1921; and that Collectors be summoned to a meeting of the County Council on Wednesday 27th July, on which date the collection of Poor Rate for current half-year will commence".

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, be requested to arrange for the Republican Police to assist the Rate Collectors, 17 of whom have been declared illegal by the British Local Government Board, in the collection of Rate for half-year ended 30th September 1921".

The following letter under date 13th July 1921, from Mr. John Sinnott, Rate Collector, Ballyeland, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, was read:-

"I am in debt to the Council about £50. I got £150 out of

the Bank for three months. It will be due on 22nd July, as I thought that the Council needed money to help them on. If you could forward me £60 as I want meet bill, I only got a small portion of it since, I would be very thankful to you. I hear there will be a fair on the 1st August, I think I will be able to wind up with the Council".

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided in view of the uncertainty of the meaning of the Collector's letter, to direct the Deputy Checker of Collectors' Books for Enniscorthy Rural District, to examine Collector Sinnott's books, and submit a statement in proper form from the Collector as to the nature of his application".

Accounts.

The County Surveyor submitted a statement of outstanding Accounts amounting to £6572. 1. 6d. Pressing Payments amounted to £200.

On the motion of the Chairman, the County Surveyor was authorised to certify for payment up to this amount".

Messrs. Thompson wrote asking for further payment on foot of balance of order for trailer wagons.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that no further payment be made until the four wagons paid for had been delivered".

The County Surveyor was directed jointly with local County Councillors to make arrangements for storage of wagons when they arrive.

Road 239R.

The following letter from Mr. L. O'Neill, Rural District Councillor, New Ross, to the County Surveyor with reference to recommendation of New Ross R.D. Council agreeing to payment of £7. 10. 0 to Moses Brown, Contractor for 239R, on the grounds that the amount was wrongfully struck off by the County Surveyor, and which recommendation had been referred to the County Surveyor by the County Council, was read:-

"On receipt of your letter re Road 239R I again interviewed Mr. Brown, Contractor, and now find him to misunderstood his case. And

not being as he led us to believe at first. He is now prepared to withdraw his claim and regrets causing to have this investigation made

"No Order"

Hireage of Machinery to Wexford Corporation.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to employ William Murphy, Irish Street, Enniscorthy, at a rate per hour on any repairs necessary on the machinery to be hired to the Wexford Corporation, previous to and during hireage period, and also to employ an engine driver at £3.10. 0 per week, and an attendant at £2.10. 0 per week, also Drill Operator and Blacksmith at £3 per week".

The County Surveyor mentioned that in his agreement with the Corporation it was agreed that the County Council provide machinery with Driver and Attendant for Engine, and keep machines in running order. The Corporation to provide Coal and any new jaws that might be required for the Breaker.

The following is the Agreement referred to by the County Surveyor

Specification and Form of Tender for
Quarry Work etc.

For the Wexford Corporation.

1. The Contractor to supply the engine and approved Rock Drill, Oil Portable forge and dressing outfit with a man to dress the steel drills, a man and steam engine and a man to operate the drill at 9/- per hour. For 50 hour week £22. 10. 0.
The Corporation to supply water, coal and helpers when required.
2. The Contractor to supply an approved engine, Stonebreaker and necessary outfit to break stones 2" guage and under, with two men, oil etc. at 9/- per hour. For 50 hour week £22.10. 0
Jaws not included.
the Corporation to supply coal, water and all other necessary labour.
3. If the jaws are not included in the above, state price, extra per set £24. 0. 0
Charge for the engine to commence on its leaving yard in Enniscorthy and to continue until returned there (unless otherwise agreed upon).

For Breaker:- From leaving County Hall Yard until returned.

For Drill:- From leaving County Hall until returned.

Machinery must be kept going as County Council wages will be running.

The Wexford County Council owns only one Engine and consequently if this plant be hired the breaker and drill cannot be worked together. Charge will be made for one machine at a time unless a second engine be otherwise hired by the Council when this rate for breaker alone or the drill alone will be $\frac{3}{6}$ per hour.

The County Surveyor asked for instructions as to the advisability of disposing to the Wexford Corporation some of the material at Ferrybank part broken and part in rock.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the County Surveyor and Mr. Foley M.C.C. were requested to meet the Borough Surveyor and the Mayor at Ferrybank to discuss terms".

Public Liability Policy No. 201401.

The following letter from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, under date 6th July was read:-

" Referring to our previous correspondence hereon, we now have pleasure in returning herewith the above Policy duly endorsed in accordance with the requirements of the Council. We trust that you will find same quite in order.

The Accident Offices Association, who fix the ratings and limits of Indemnity do not permit any Tarriff Office to grant a greater Indemnity than £10,000 any one year, however we presume that this will be quite adequate".

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, the Indemnity offered by the Insurance Company under this Policy was accepted.

Removal of Sand and Gravel.

The following letter under date 29th June from Mr. Owen Doyle, Caretaker Clohanon and Munfin Gravel Pits, was read:-

In reply to yours of the 27th inst, regarding sand taken from Clohamon Pit, I missed it last Saturday and found out that Matthew Murphy, Knockanure, Clohamon, drew it. He told me he is willing to pay for it.

I also missed about three yards of gravel and sand mixed from Munfin Pit and found out that Aidan Murphy, Craanrue, Ballycanew, drew it. He also told me he would pay for it. Please let me know what I will charge him for it".

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the County Surveyor was directed to charge double price to Messrs. Martin Murphy and Aidan Murphy, and to inform them that their conduct was most irregular and would be severely dealt with if such an offence was repeated".

Contracts 159E, 162E.

John Keating, Derry, The Ballagh, Contractor for above, applied for hanging quarter's pay up to 30th June last.

"The County Surveyor pointed out that in the usual course such payment would not be made until half-yearly meeting in December next, and no order was therefore made".

Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Mr. Foley drew attention to the defective timber on the bascule of Ferrycarrig Bridge.

The County Surveyor was directed to have the smallest possible repairs necessary to keep the bridge safe for traffic carried out".

Application for Loan.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided to negotiate for a loan of £6,000 from Dail Eireann and a similar amount from the National Bank, Ltd., the Treasurer of the Council.

Payments to Public Bodies.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, the following payments were passed to Public Bodies:-

Enniscorthy Union £300, Gorey Union £100, New Ross Union £300, Wexford Union £300, Enniscorthy Mental Hospital £300".

Temporary Staff.

The temporary Staff employed in writing up Rate Books and Collecting Books, applied for double pay for two days for work performed in removing papers books etc. from County Hall.

It was decided that 10/- be granted to each member of temporary Staff as a Bonus for this work".

Revision of Valuations.

It was decided that Supplemental~~Lists~~ Lists of Revision of Valuations be forwarded to Valuation Office."

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING. 27th JULY 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford Council Council was held in the Boardroom, Wexford Union, on 27th July 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. R. Corish, J. Shannon, M. Cloney, J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen), M. Hughes, S. Kehoe, James Byrne, M. Byrae, C. McCarthy, J. Cummins, D. Kavanagh, E.P., Foley James Hall, C. Culleton, M. Redmond and P. Byrne.

The Deputy Checkers of Rate Collectors Accounts (Messrs. J.J. Fanning, J. Whitty and M.J. Finn) and the following Rate Collectors were in attendance:- Messrs. E.J. Murphy, James Murphy, J. Curtis Thomas Rowe, W. Cummins, J. Cummins, J. Carty, J. Sinnott, P.J. O'Byrne, M. Kinsella, J. Kelly, L. Redmond, J. McCormack and Miss McCarthy.

The Assistant Secretary (Mr. T.A. Frizelle) and the County Surveyor (Mr. W.F. Barry) were also in attendance.

A telegram was read from Mr. T. O'Sullivan, Collector for No. 21 District, stating that he found it impossible to attend.

Rate Collection.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection, showing a sum of £10, 495 outstanding in respect of period ended 31st March 1921.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That arrangements be made to have the collection in respect of year ended 31st March 1921, closed at an early date".

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

"That the collection of Poor Rate in respect of the current financial half-year be proceeded with at once in the following Collection Districts, viz:- Nos. 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. That the commencement of the Collection in the remaining nine districts, viz:- 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15, & 16 be postponed to next meeting in view of the amount of last year's rate still outstanding in these districts. By the date of their next meeting the Council anticipate that the Collection of the outstanding rate

in respect of year ended 31st March 1921 will be practically complete.

The Members expressed the hope that Ratepayers in those Districts in which collection for current half-year is being started will help the Council to finance the Unions, and Asylum etc., by promptly paying their rates, which are now being demanded some months later than in normal times. In view of the backwardness of the old collection the Council found it necessary to negotiate a loan for the purpose of financing these bodies.

In reply to the Chairman the Assistant Secretary stated that the following payments had already been made to Public Bodies in respect of their Demands for year ended 31st March 1922:-

Enniscorthy Union	£2950
Gorey Union	2650
New Ross Union	2950
Wexford Union	3000
Enniscorthy R. District	150
Gorey Rural District	150
New Ross Rural District	150
Wexford Rural District	150
Enniscorthy Mental Hospital	1200
County Infirmary	100
Total	<u>£ 13,450</u>

The Assistant Secretary stated that, as regards collection of new rate, a number of ratepayers may lodge their rates direct with the Treasurer (National Bank Ltd., Wexford). It would be necessary for some arrangement to be made by which lodgments of this nature in respect of the new rate may be easily distinguished from lodgments made in respect of last year's rate.

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

"That as regards collection of new rate, should a ratepayer inform Collector that he intends to lodge direct with the Treasurer of the Council, the Rate Collector shall fill in blank lodgment docket for the ratepayer, stating on same rate book number and

Electoral Division in which holding is situate, Should the ratepayer have more than one holding, a separate lodgment docket shall be filled in respect of each holding, the collector making certain that the correct rate book number and Electoral Division are stated on each docket. That the Collector request the ratepayer when lodging his rates in the bank to bring the lodgment docket filled by the Collector".

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

"That Mr. C. McCarthy be requested to nominate two persons for appointment as temporary Rate Collectors for Collection Districts Nos. 1 and 4, the present Collector for No. 1 being interned and Collector for No. 4 being unable to devote sufficient time to the present at present".

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

"That Mr. John McCormack, Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed temporary Rate Collector for No, 3 Collection District, to act during the imprisonment of Mr. Walsh".

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Jasper Whitty, Deputy Checker, Enniscorthy District, be authorised to look after the completion of the Collection No. 6 District".

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen) stated that Mr. Michael Kinsella, Collector for No. 13 District found it impossible owing to ill-health to continue in the position.

It was decided that Mr. Kinsella be directed to have his books examined by the Deputy Checker for his district, and lodge the amount he has collected".

It was further decided that Mr. O'Byrne M.C.C. Raheen, forward the name of a suitable successor to Mr. Kinsella for submission to the Finance Committee for approval. That the Finance committee be authorised to have the Collection for this district proceeded with".

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen) seconded by Mr. Cummins Mr. Laurence Redmond, Morriscastle, was appointed temporary Collector

for No. 16 Collection District, to act during the imprisonment of Mr. Sinnott".

Regarding No. 15 Collection District, the following letter was read from Mrs. Kathleen McGrath, Market Square, Gorey:-

"I was appointed 5th January Rate Collector in Mr. C. Smith's place (Gorey District)

Is there any possible chance of getting the Books for next half year (ending 29th Sept) Collection? or has Mr. Smith resigned fully?

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

"That the collection of the current rate in No. 15 Collection District be postponed until all the rate outstanding in this district in respect of the year ended 31st March 1921 has been collected".

A discussion took place regarding the status of the Collectors for Nos. 7 and 15 Collection Districts, but action in the matter was deferred until the completion of the collections of the rate outstanding in these districts in respect of the year ended 31st March 1921.

Appointment of Deputy Checkers.

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

"That the four Deputy Checkers of Rate Collectors' Accounts be re-appointed in respect of financial year ending 31st March 1922".

Payments to Public Bodies.

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

"That a sum of £250 be paid each of the four Unions and £100 to the County Infirmary".

Union Amalgamation.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that the next meeting of the Conference between the Co. Council and the delegates from the four Unions, be held on 17th August 1921, in the Boardroom, Wexford Union".

Maintenance of Union Patients in Co. Infirmary.

The following letter under date 21st July 1921, was read from

Mr. O'Sullivan, Clerk Wexford Union::

I am directed by my Board to send you the enclosed Account recently furnished to them for the maintenance of the 4 Union patients in the County Infirmary.

This is the first occasion such a claim has been made and the Guardians are doubtful about its legality, as they believe the County Council is the only channel, through which the Co. infirmary can legally get public money. My Board understand that in addition to paying the Surgeon's salary, the County Council contribute the maximum amount they are permitted to pay under the Local Government Act 1896, for the upkeep of the Infirmary, and, in consideration of these payments, they understood poor patients were entitled to free maintenance and treatment".

The following letter was read from Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, and have looked carefully into the Sections of the Acts, dealing with the County Infirmary, and also in the County Infirmary Rules, and I cannot find any provision in them giving the Infirmary Committee power to charge the Board of Guardians, for treatment of persons sent from the Workhouse Hospital to the County Infirmary for treatment.

I have made enquiries however into the matter, and I find that the Committee of Management of the Infirmary decided some time ago when their finances were not in a strong position, to make a charge for all patients admitted to the Institution (except in the case of Accidents) and it was then also decided that patients from the Workhouse Hospital, which would in the ordinary course be sent to Dublin for treatment, should be admitted to the Infirmary for treatment at a charge of (I think) 9/- a day, and in addition a fee for an extra Doctor, in the event of one having to be called in, in the case of an Operation.

This course was considered to be advantageous to the Board of Guardians, on the ground of economy, as patients could be treated at much less expense in the Infirmary here, than if sent to Hospital in Dublin".

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

"That the Wexford Board of Guardians be recommended not to pay the account for £45. 17/- submitted to them in view of the fact that the County Infirmary is an institution subsidised from the rates".

County Hall.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the Council make a claim for compensation for disturbance on account of the County Hall being commandeered by the R.I.C. Authorities.

Old Age Pension Act.

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. P.N. O'Gorman, New Ross was appointed a member of New Ross & Old Ross Old Age Pension Sub-Committee. Mr. O'Gorman's appointment was recommended by the Sub-Committee.

Mental Hospital Committee,

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Culleton, Mr. J.M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross, was appointed a member of the Committee of the Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, vice Mr. Patrick Lynch, New Ross, resigned.

Courtown Sports.

An application was read from Gorey G.A.A. Sports Committee for a charge of Courtown Bridges on 15th August 1921, for their Sports.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, the application was acceded to.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

An application was read from Mr. John Roche, Camolin, for licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was agreed that licence be issued to Mr. Roche on condition that he stocks Irish made dip only.

The following letter was read from Mr. L. Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford:-

"In reply to yours of the 23rd inst., I beg to inform you that as soon as I have sold out my present supply I will stock the Irish

made Sheep Dip, provided I see my way to stock this commodity any more or not".

It was decided that Mr. Harpur be given permission to dispose of his existing stock of foreign made Sheep Dip.

Water Rate, County Courthouse, Wexford.

Mr. Thomas Parle, Water Rate Collector, Wexford, forwarded demand for £5.10/- amount of water rate due for Co. Courthouse, Wexford.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that payment of the demand be refused.

Foot & Mouth Disease.

The following telegram from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read:-

"Department have made Order operating from to-day reducing New Ross foot and mouth disease scheduled district to an area of roughly between three and four miles round infected premises or what is now known as the prohibited area, the control of dogs and restrictions on movements of hay and straw also withdrawn".

"No Order"

Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

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

That the following be appointed members of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for year 1921-22:-

Messrs. Bernard Cleary, Ballynabola, Patrick Buckley, Clonroche, George Culleton, Fairyhill, Castlebridge, Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, J.R. Etchingham, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, E.P. Foley, Crossabeg, Wexford, Frank Carty, North Main Street, Wexford, Michael Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat, Gerald Flood, Castleboro, Clonroche, Johnson Pasha, Ballinapierce, Enniscorthy, A. McCann, Newbridge, Camolin, J.J. Meehan, Erinvale, New Ross, John Murphy, 4 Main Street, Enniscorthy, Simon Murphy, Ballykelly, New Ross, J.J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola, Bryan O'Connor, Garryhubbock, Screen, James O'Leary, Grange Rathnure, P. Patrick Rath, Clonsheeogue, Ballymurrion, William Ross, Killinick, Aidan Stafford, Clonjordan, Ballindaggin, William Thorpe, Knockroe,

New Ross, W.J. Brennan Whitmore, Gorey.

Illness of Clerks.

The Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerk in Secretary's Office, had been absent from duty through illness. He submitted doctor's certificate that Mr. Hayes would be unfit for duty for about ten days.

On the Motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Cummins, leave of absence was granted Mr. Hayes during period of his illness.

The County Surveyor reported that Miss Norton, typist in his office had been absent from duty owing to illness.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Cummins, leave of absence was granted Miss Norton during her illness.

Payment to Rate Clerks.

In connection with amount of bonus granted to Rate Clerks in respect of removal to Union, the Assistant Secretary stated that they were not satisfied with the amount viz:- 10/-. They pointed out they had not been paid for the holyday, on 29th June, while the work of removing was of a very strenuous nature. They claimed to be allowed double time.

It was decided that the claim for double time be agreed to, the Rate Clerks to waive their claim for payment for the holyday.

Income Tax Returns.

The Surveyor of Taxes, Waterford, asked for a return of Manual Workers whose wages exceeded £37.10/- or upwards for quarter ended 5th July 1921.

The Assistant Secretary was directed not to supply the information asked for.

Account Books.

The Assistant Secretary submitted quotation from Messrs. English & Co., Printers, Wexford, for supply of Financial Book of Receipts for £5. 5/- and for financial Statement Book of Expenditure for "6. 6/-

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the tender of Messrs. English & Co., for supply of

Financial Book of Receipts at £5. 5/- be accepted.

It was decided that the other book be not accepted at present.

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19