

Meeting - 13th June 1908.

The first meeting of the new County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 13th June 1908.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart; M.P., (Presiding).
Other members :- Messrs E. Howe, C. H. Peacocke, John Cummins, D. Kavanagh, P. O'Neill, M. Doyle, John Bolger, John S. Hearn, James A. Doyle, J. E. Mayler, Mark Codd, P. J. Fanning, J. J. Stafford, A. Kinsella, P. Fortune, W. Forrestal, M. Browne, John J. Kehoe, J. Bolger, J. Asple, and Gregory Walsh.

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

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of meeting of 5th May and of adjourned meeting 20th May, were read and confirmed.

Declaration of Office.

The councillors in attendance subscribed the usual declaration of Office.

Representatives of District Councils.

Communications were received from the clerks of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford District Councils stating that Messrs J. Bolger, J. P., Michael Hickey, Garryrichard, and Gregory Walsh, of Boolcull, had been appointed chairmen respectively of the District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, and the clerk of Gorey District Council wrote that Mr Patrick J. Fanning, J.P., had been appointed to represent the District Council under section 3 of the Local Government Act, instead of their chairman; Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, already a member of the County Council.

Co-option of councillors.

On the motion of Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, the following resolution was adopted :- "That two persons be co-opted

as additional county councillors during the term of office of this council under sec 3 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898"

"Mr Fanning proposed Lord Stopford as an additional member of the council."

Mr Hearn seconded.

"Mr Browne proposed the co-option of Mr Ennis."

Mr Asple seconded.

"Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Fortune seconded the co-option of Mr James Codd."

"Mr Michael Doyle proposed, and Mr O'Neill seconded the co-option of Mr Patrick Whelan, Bolinahanny, Newtownbarry."

"Mr Cummins proposed Mr Philip Redmond, Lintahen, for co-option, and Mr Shaddens Bolger, seconded."

"Mr Kavanagh proposed, Mr James Lynch, Temple-soby, for co-option, and Mr Mark Codd, seconded."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Ennis:- Messrs Mayler, Stafford, Hearn, O'Neill, Kinsella, John Bolger, Forrestal, Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Fanning, J. Bolger, G. Walsh, M. Doyle, James A. Doyle, and the chairman... 17.

For Mr James Codd:- Messrs Mayler, Stafford, Kinsella, Fortune, Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Asple, G. Walsh, M. Codd, James A. Doyle, Cummins, and Kavanagh... 14

For Mr Redmond:- Messrs Fortune, J. Bolger, Forrestal, J. Bolger, J. Cummins... 5.

For Mr Lynch:- Messrs Asple, M. Codd, and Kavanagh... 3.

For Lord Stopford:- Messrs Hearn, Fanning and the chairman... 3.

For Mr Whelan:- Messrs O'Neill and M. Doyle... 2.

As Messrs Ennis, and James Codd, had a clear majority of the Co. Council, the chairman declared them co-opted.

Election of Chairman

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Browne, Sir J. H. Grattan Esmonde Bart., was unanimously elected chairman of the county council for the coming year.

Sir Thomas Esmonde returned thanks for his election and subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger; Mr. W. A. Ennis was unanimously elected vice chairman of the Council.

Proposal Committee

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the Proposal Committee, be a committee of the "whole house".

Finance Committee

On the motion of the Chairman, the following were elected as members of the Finance Committee

Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Messrs Browne, J. Aspley, James Codd, J. Bolger, J. E. Mayler, Edmund Hore, G. H. Peacocke, Alexander Kinsella, Mr. W. A. Ennis, J. J. Kehoe.

On the motion of Mr. Aspley, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the names of Mr. Gregory Walsh, Mr. J. J. Stafford, and Mr. Patrick O'Neill, were added to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Cummins having declined to act on the Committee; proposed the name of Mr. J. S. Hearn.

Mr. Stafford seconded, and Mr. Hearn's name was added to the Committee.

Executive Committee Diseases of Animals Acts.

The following letter was read from Department of Agriculture etc., under date 25th May 1908 (No 2282-08):-

"In connection with your letter of the 22 Instant, on the above subject, will you please say whether there is anything in the actual or possible mode of constitution of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for your County that would not harmonise with the following requirement as to Diseases of Animals Committee contained in Section 2 of the fourth Schedule to the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

"A Committee may consist wholly of members of the local authority or partly thereof, and partly of other persons, being rated occupiers in the district of the

local authority, and otherwise qualified, as the local authority think fit."

On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, act as the Executive Committee of the Council under the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts."

Asylum Committee

On the motion of the chairman the following were appointed members of the District Asylum Committee:- Messrs J. Bullen, Enniscorthy, John Bolger, Hotel, Ferns; Mark Codd, Woodlands, Enniscorthy, M. A. Ennis, Ard Ruadh, Wexford; M. J. Furlong, Temple-soby, Enniscorthy; Nicholas Scallan, Slaneyhill, Wexford; D. Kavanagh, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge; A. Kinsella, Gorey; C. H. Peacocke, Belmont, Wexford; Very Rev Canon Shiel P. P., Bree; Henry J. Roche, The Castle, Enniscorthy; James Codd, Maryglass, Wexford; Michael Hickey, Garryrichard, Foulkesmills; John Sinnott, Ballybeg, Ferns; J. Bolger, Milltown, Ferns; John J. Kehoe, Main Street, Wexford.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by the chairman, the Mayor of Wexford (for the time being) was elected a member of the Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the names of Rev P. Murphy, M. S. S. Enniscorthy; and Mr. J. Asple, were added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Fanning the name of Mr. Michael Doyle, Newtownbarry was also added to the Committee.

County Infirmary Committee

On the motion of the chairman the following were appointed members of the County Infirmary Committee:-

1. M. A. Ennis, Co. Councillor
2. Edmond Hore, D.
3. John Cummins, D.
4. James Codd, D.

5. Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Johnstown Castle, Wexford
6. Dr. G. E. G. Greene, Ferns
7. P. Bolger, South St., New Ross.
8. N. Scallan, Slaney Hill, Wexford
9. H. J. Roche, The Castle, Enniscorthy
10. Dr. W. B. Lawler, The Chase, Newtownbarry.
11. Archdeacon Latham, D. D. Wexford
12. Mrs Jeffries, Newbay, Wexford
13. John J. Kehoe, Co. Councillor.
14. J. P. Rossiter, Newbawn, Wexford.

On the motion of Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the name of Mr. P. Fortune, Co. Councillor was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the name of Mrs. Ennis, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, the name of the Rev J. Blooney, Adm; Wexford, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Asple, - Dr. Stephenson, Gorey, was appointed a member of the Infirmary Committee.

Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was resolved that the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction consist of 28 members. The following were appointed :-

1. Mr. Patrick O'Neill, Market Sq. Enniscorthy
2. Mr. G. W. Lett, St Ann's Enniscorthy
3. Mr. John Bolger, Hotel Ferns
4. Mr. Laurence Walsh, Galbally, Bree.
5. Mr. Michael Doyle, Main St. Newtownbarry
6. Mr. J. Asple, Galbally, Bree.
7. Mr. N. Cosgrave, Ballinavary Bree
8. Mr. John Sinnott, Ballybeg, Ferns
9. Lord Viscount Stopford, Marlfield, Gorey.
10. Mr. R. G. Wordsworth, Duffcarrig, Gorey.
11. Mr. Michael Lyons, Clonamona, Bradnford.
12. Mr. P. J. Breane, J. P., Boolroe, Kilmuckridge.
13. Mr. Andrew Mc Cann, Newbridge, Camolin
14. Mr. Luke Smyth, Glas carrig, Clonovan

15. Mr. Wm. Thorpe, D. C., Knockroe, New Ross.
16. Mr. Michael Hickey, Garryrichard, Foulkesmills
17. Mr. J. A. Doyle, Templeshelin, Adamstown
18. Very Rev N. J. Sheridan P. P. Ramsgrange.
19. Major Barrett-Hamilton, Kilmannock H. Campile.
20. Mr. John J. Byrne, Bushinstown, Ballinaboola.
21. Mr. James Ahearne, Cloonagh, Gussurane.
22. Mr. M. A. Ennis, Ard Ruadh, Wexford.
23. Very Rev Canon Doyle, P. P. Lagoat.
24. Mr. Michael Browne, Bridgetown.
25. Mr. James Codd, Mayglass.
26. Mr. C. H. Peacocke, Belmont, Wexford.
27. Mr. Edmond Doyle, Broadway.
28. Gregory Walsh, Coolcull, Laghmon.

Quorums of Committees

On the motion of the Chairman it was resolved:-
"That the quorum for the Finance Committee and for County Committee of Agriculture etc., be three."

Representatives on General Council Irish Co. Councils.

On the motion of Mr. O'Hill, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle the following were appointed representatives of the Council on the General Council Irish Co. Councils:-
Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Messrs M. A. Ennis and John Bolger.

Roads Committee

Mr. John Bolger proposed, and Mr. Kavanagh seconded the following resolution:- "That a Roads Committee of eight members be appointed to consider all matters in connection with the maintenance and upkeep of the roads of the County. That the County Council, act on this Committee, in rotation the eight members appointed for the present year to be replaced by eight new members next year, and that the remaining eight members of the Council to act for the last year of office of the present Council, the Chairman to be an ex-officio member of the Committee in each year and the quorum to be three.

The following were appointed the Committee for

the year 1908-9.

Enniscorthy District:- messrs John Bolger and J. Asple.

Gorey District:- messrs Fanning and Kavanagh.

New Ross District:- messrs Forrestal and Hearn.

Wexford District:- messrs Ennis, and Peacocke."

Passed.

Direct Labour Experiment

Mr. H. Webster, County Surveyor, in compliance with directions given at a previous meeting of the Council, submitted the following, as an experiment in direct labour:-

Enniscorthy Rural District Contract System.

No.	Perches	cost per annum			cost per perch		cubic yards.	name of contractor
		£	s	d.	s	d.		
22	936	187	4	.	4	.	450	Ed. Kavanagh
15	883	121	8	3	2	9	330	A. Kavanagh
39	699	104	17	.	3	.	280	John Roche
37	122	29	9	.	4	6	116	Ed. Kavanagh
30	440	59	11	8	2	8½	352	Anne Roche
34	604	107	2	.	4	3	390	Ed. Kavanagh
32	520	91	.	.	3	6	424	Arthur Sinnott
	4104	698	11	11			2342	

= 12.8 miles = £54:10:8 per mile = 3/4¾ per perch.

2 gangers and 7 men in Winter.

1 ganger and 3 men in Summer.

average 1½ Gangers and 5 labourers.

Direct Labour.

Quarrying, breaking and carting 2342 C. yds. @ 3/9-	£ 439: 2: 6
5 labourers @ 13/- per week-	169: 0: 0
1½ working Gangers @ 17/- per week-	66: 6: 0
carting cleanings	45: 0: 0
Repairs to paths, bridges, etc.,	40: 0: 0
	<u>£ 759: 8: 6</u>

= £60: 16: 7, increase
= about 8.5% increase

Gorey Rural District.Contract System.

No	Perches	Cost per annum			Cost per perch.		Cubic yards	Name of contractor
		£	s	d	s	d		
25	120	24	.	.	4	.	60	Denis Murphy
26	333	99	18	.	6	.	225	Same
9	161	32	4	.	4	.	62	Same
6	1380	192	.	.	3	.	410	Stephen Wafer
22	1630	163	.	.	2	.	580	Joseph Murphy
8	520	91	.	.	3	6	210	Denis Murphy
	4044	602	2	.			1547	

= 12.6 miles. = £47.15.6, per mile = 2/11½ per perch.

2 Gangers and 7 men in Winter.

1 Ganger and 3 men in Summer.

Average 1½ Gangers and 5 labourers.

Direct Labour.

Quarrying, breaking and carting 1547 C. yds. @ 4/6 =	£ 348 : 1 : 6
5 labourers @ 13/- per week =	169 : 0 : 0
1½ working Gangers @ 17/- per week =	66 : 6 : 0
carting cleanings	35 : 0 : 0
Repairs to paths, bridges, etc.,	40 : 0 : 0
	£ 658 : 7 : 6

= £56.5.6 increase = about 9.30% increase

New Ross Rural DistrictContract System

No	Perches	Cost per annum			Cost per perch.		Cubic yards	Name of contractor
		£	s	d	s	d		
24	467	58	7	6	2	6	250	James Doran
15	290	71	17	11	4	11½	246	Philip Kelly
15A	345	84	16	3	4	11½	294	Same
25	768	240	.	.	6	3	800	Same
28	655	46	7	10	1	5	348	John Nolan
157	240	35	.	.	2	11	120	Thomas Ryan
23	604	84	6	2	2	9½	235	James Murphy
229	523	45	15	.	1	9	170	Michael Lannon
	3892	666	10	8			2463	

12.2 miles. = £54.11.10½ per mile = 3/5 per perch.

2 Gangers and 7 men in Winter.

1 Ganger and 3 men in Summer.

Average 1½ Gangers and 5 men

Direct Labour.

Quarrying, breaking, and carting 2463 cubic yards @ 4/-	£ 492 : 12 : 0
5 labourers @ 12/- per week =	156 : 0 : 0
1½ Working Gangers @ 16/- per week =	62 : 8 : 0
Carting away cleanings =	36 : 0 : 0
Repairs to paths, and bridges etc.,	35 : 0 : 0
	<u>£ 782 : 0 : 0</u>

- £ 115 : 9 : 4 Increase - about 17.2% Increase.

Wexford Rural District
Contract System.

No.	Perches.	cost per annum			cost per perch		Cubic yards.	name of contractor
		£	s	d	s	d		
16.	465	69	15	.	3	.	215	James Wadding
16a.	585	85	6	3	2	11	270	John Codd
2	580	75	10	3	2	7¾	220	Edward Davis
30.	195	19	5	11	1	11¾	90	Geo. Browne
21.	964	80	6	8	1	8	380	John Breen
18.	917	141	7	5	3	1	390	Eliza Doran
25.	728	78	17	4	2	2	253	Luke Murphy
	4434	550	8	10			1818	

- 18.8 miles - £ 39 : 17 : 2 per mile = 2/6½ per perch.

2 Gangers and 8 men in Winter.

1 Ganger and 4 men in Summer.

Average 1½ Gangers and 6 men

Direct Labour.

Quarrying, breaking and drawing 1818 C. yds @ 4/-	£ 363 : 12 : 0
6 labourers @ 12/- per week =	187 : 4 : 0
1½ working gangers @ 16/- per week	62 : 8 : 0
Carting away cleanings	30 : 0 : 0
Repairs to paths and bridges etc.,	35 : 0 : 0
	<u>£ 678 : 4 : 0</u>

- £ 127 : 15 : 2 increase = about 23% increase.

The Chairman moved :- "That the report of the County Surveyor in connection with Direct Labour Experiment be printed and issued to councillors with agenda paper of next meeting."

"Passed."

Gorey Hill & Tara Hill Quarries.

A communication under date 16th May '08. received from Mr. Denis Murphy, Town Clerk, Gorey; in reference to Gorey Hill, and Tara Hill Quarries; and which appears on minutes of last meeting, was read.

The following order was made on the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Stafford:— "That as our County Surveyor has stated to the Council that Tara Hill Quarry stones are much superior for road maintenance to those of Gorey Hill Quarry, the County Council cannot see their way to consider the advisability of altering in anyway the road contracts referred to in communication of 16th May received from Mr. D. Murphy, Town Clerk, Gorey."

Ford of Lyng.

The following communications were read from the Local Government Board:—

Under date 21st May '08 the Local Government Board wrote (Letter No. 25373-1908) as follows:— "With reference to entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 5th instant, relative to the flooding of the public road at the Ford of Lyng, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that the Council should take legal advice as to their powers to incur expenditure for the purpose of carrying out the proposed drainage scheme after obtaining from the County Surveyor a detailed report as to the existing conditions and the nature and extent of the necessary remedial works."

Under date 3rd June 1908 the Local Government Board wrote (Letter No. 28926-1908) as follows:—

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had under consideration the resolution of the Wexford County Council of the 20th ultimo, relative to the flooding of a road at the Ford of Lyng; and, with reference to the County Council's request that the Board will sanction the proposal of the County Council to contribute one-third of the cost of draining and clearing the place so as to prevent the flooding of the road; I am to point out that while the Board would be most anxious to meet

the Council's wishes in the matter, they can find no statutory authority which would enable them to intervene in the manner proposed.

If the County Council decide that it is proper to contribute to the carrying out of this work, they must do so on their own responsibility and must endeavour to satisfy the Auditor that they were acting within their legal rights in the matter."

"adjourned to next meeting."

A negligent contractor

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted: - "That the County Surveyor be given permission to prosecute George Brown, Sudley Cottage, Kyle, in respect of his contract for the maintenance of Ferrycarraig Bridge, should Mr. Webster consider it necessary to do so."

Water Supply.

"Sealed Orders were received from the Local Government Board, fixing the area of charge for pump at Davidstown on Ennisecorthy Rural District, and for improvement of Lady's Island water supply on Wexford Rural District."

marked "Read."

Dredging at Courtown

Under date 27th May (letter no. 5187-08 J. B.) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote as follows relative to dredging of Courtown Harbour:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 21st instant, I have to state that the Department are not in a position to provide the Wexford County Council with a small dredger for the upkeep of the harbours along the Wexford coast.

The Department regret that they are unable to afford immediate assistance to your Council in maintaining Courtown Harbour, but they are not without hope that some opportunity will arise in the near future which, should co-operation between the Department and your Council be arranged for, will enable them to carry out some dredging there."

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted: - That the Hon Secretary of the Fishermen's Committee, be informed that the County Council regret they have not been successful in their efforts to procure a dredger to enable the fishermen to prosecute their industry. That the Department of Agriculture, be requested to obtain for the use of the County Councils on the Irish Coast at least six suitably equipped dredgers immediately, to allow of fishery harbouring properly dredged."

Ballyfarrell Quarry.

The following under date 1st June was submitted by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr John Sinnott, relative to Ballyfarrell Quarry: -

"We have arranged with Mr Doyle, subject to the approval of the County Council, to purchase half an acre statute of his holding on Ballyfarrell, to include the quarry, for the sum of £25, which in the circumstances of the case we consider a fair price for his interest. The County Council will have to deal now with the landlord, and to fence in the plot, and to defray legal expenses of the purchase."

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted: - That the County Surveyor report as to the stones etc., at Ballyfarrell quarry on Mr Doyle's land and that Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr Fanning in company with the County Surveyor inspect Ballythomas quarry on Tuesday 16th instant, and wait on the three occupiers on whose land this quarry is situate with a view to ascertain for what amount they would be prepared to dispose of the necessary ground for the efficient working of the quarry."

That Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr Fanning and the County Surveyor meet for this purpose at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday 16th instant, at Wicklow Gap Post Office."

Sewer at Ballygeary.

Under date 5th June 1908 (letter no. 4873-08) the Secretary to the Board of Works, wrote as follows relative to sewage at Ballygeary Coastguard Station: -

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that the making of the road near Ballygeary Coastguard Station has upset the arrangement for discharging the sewage from the station. The Board understand that the Great Southern and Western Railway Company are laying down a new sewer from some houses recently erected by them at Ballygeary, and they are endeavouring to arrange with the company for permission to discharge the sewage from the Coastguard Station into the new drain.

The Board will be glad to know whether your Council has any objection to this proposal."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:— That this County Council have no objection to the Board of Works entering into any arrangement with the Great Southern & Western Railway Co., to allow of the sewage from Ballygeary Coastguard Station being discharged into the new sewer which is being laid down at Ballygeary by the Great Southern and Western Railway Co."

Lights at Slade Harbour.

Under date 25th May the following letter No. 325. from the Secretary, Irish Lights Office, was read:—

"I am directed by the Commissioners of the Irish Lights to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Wexford Co. Council on the 20th instant, relative to lights recently established in Slade Harbour.

In reply, I am directed to inform you that, having regard to the statement that the lights in question were erected at the instance of the Home Office for the purpose of affording protection to the people using the quay at night, and are not visible from the sea, my Commissioners consider that their statutory sanction for the exhibition of these lights is not required."

"marked Read"

Motor Car Accident.

The following resolution adopted at a meeting of Camolin

and Ballyduff Farmers Association, was laid before the meeting:-

"That we wish to protest in the strongest possible manner against the rate of speed of motor cars in this neighbourhood.

We respectfully call upon the County Council to take some steps to safeguard the public in this matter. We also wish to record our utter dissatisfaction with the manner in which the case was conducted at the recent inquest in the Board Room of the Gory Workhouse on the body of the victim - Andrew Barton."

"On the motion of Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, the following resolution was adopted:

That we express our sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Andrew Barton, at his untimely and lamentable death which occurred 3 weeks ago, on the road between Gory and Camolin, by a collision between his bicycle and a motor car, and that in view of the many other accidents that have happened from time to time, and which are stated to be attributed to the furious driving of motorists.

We the members of the Wexford Co. Council at our meeting held June 13th 1908 unanimously request the authorities of the Constabulary to get the Police in future to take occasionally time speed of motor cars from town to town in order to find if they exceed the maximum speed, and to prosecute in all cases.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon Sec of the Association, the representative of Mr. Barton, and the County Inspector of the R. I. C."

Payment on Special Works.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we hereby instruct our Secretary and County Surveyor, that in the case of special works on Form 32 the latest date on which payments can be sanctioned on foot of said works shall be the statutable meeting succeeding the expiration of six months from the date mentioned in the specification of the County

Surveyor, this order to come into effect after the County Council statutable meeting to be held in respect of financial year ended March '09."

Questions in Parliament.

"Mr. French, M. P., submitted questions which he had asked in Parliament, with answers, in connection with Ballyhack Harbour; Marine Works Bill; and upkeep of main Roads"

"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-
"That Mr. Birrell be informed that in reference to an answer given by him to a recent question put by Mr. French M. P., as to the condition of Ballyhack Harbour that the fishermen have requested the Waterford Commissioners to provide accommodation for their boats, and the Harbour Commissioners refused to do so. That Mr. Birrell be requested to state what steps are to be taken to enable the fishermen to make use of this harbour, as in its present condition they are unable to carry on their industry."

Courtown Harbour Committee

The following minute of the Courtown Harbour Committee from meeting of 2nd June was laid before the meeting:-

"Owing to an unexpected increase in coal discharging we recommend that the harbour master procure forthwith an additional 200 coal bags at a cost not exceeding £10, also that the harbour master be invested with full power and authority to appoint the dischargers for the work, and that he also have the power to discharge any man or men, whom he may consider unfit for the duties of a discharger."

"On the motion of the Chairman the Courtown Harbour Committee were empowered to purchase 200 coal Bags at a cost not exceeding £10."

"On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Fanning the following resolution was adopted:- "That as recommended by the Courtown Harbour Committee, the Harbour master of Courtown be invested with full powers to regulate the employment and dismissal of men engaged in the discharge of vessels at Courtown Harbour."

Recommendations from Co. Council Committees.

The following recommendation from the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee of 14th September 1907 was submitted:

"That in consequence of loss inflicted on sheep owners by the killing and worrying of sheep by dogs, the Co. Council be requested to make an order by which the owners of all dogs would be compelled to keep them inside their houses or premises between sunset and sunrise for the whole year."

"The Council did not adopt this Recommendation."

From Finance Committee:-

"That Messrs Baxters Engineers, Leeds, be asked if they would be prepared to deliver "two ton lots" of jaws for stonebreaker at Gorey Railway Station."

In answer to this resolution the following under date 1st June, was read from Messrs Baxters:-

"In reply to your favour of the 30th ultimo, we shall be glad to deliver you two ton lots of jaws free to Gorey Railway Station, and trust to be favoured with your esteemed commands which shall have our very best care and earliest attention."

"The Secretary was directed to write the manager Selskar Iron Works, and Mr. Byrne, Killinor, Ench, asking them if they could make jaws for stonebreaker at Tara Hill, and at what price."

The Finance Committee also sent up the following for confirmation:- "That Mr. John Morrison of Ballinakill Ferns, be accepted as surety for Mr. Patrick Nolan, Rate collector, vice Mr. Charles Roark, deceased. That Mr. Elger be instructed to have prepared and perfected the necessary new bond."

On the motion of Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Mr. Browne, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed."

Acknowledgments of Resolutions

Sir Thomas Esmonde, wrote under date 21st May 1908, in reply to a resolution of the Council, that the Government had promised him, to bring in a Bill to deal with marine works.

Letters were read from the Gt Southern & Western

Railway Co., acknowledging the resolutions of the Co. Council on the subject of delay at level crossings and regarding the delivery of mails from and to South Wexford.

Mr. H. G. Smith Secretary to Mr. J. W. Russell, M.P., Vice-President, Department of Agriculture etc, wrote acknowledging on behalf of Mr. Russell receipt of the resolution relative to marine works, and a similar acknowledgment on behalf of the Chief Secretary, relative to resolution on the subject of maintenance of roads in Ireland, was read from Mr. W. R. Davies."

Land Act Finance

The following resolution was read from Kilkenny County Council relative to Land Purchase Act Finance:-

"That inasmuch as the Government are solely responsible for the financial break down in connection with Land Purchase in Ireland and the recommendations of the Departmental Committee do not meet the difficulties which have arisen, we now call upon the Government to provide funds for Land Purchase without throwing either directly or indirectly on the Irish people the losses occasioned in procuring the money or in carrying through sales, that we proclaim our most earnest protest against any expedient being adopted which will entail increased annuities or extension of the years for repaying advances, and assert that the losses arising from the flotations of Land Stock or otherwise in procuring money should be borne by the Treasury; that we regard any failure of the Government in their obligations, giving rise to delay in or suspension of the working of the Land Act of 1903, as a gross breach of faith with this country"

Mr. Fanning moved, and Mr. Peacocke, seconded the adoption of this resolution. "Passed."

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the members of Parliament for Wexford County.

The University Bill

The following resolution was forwarded for

adoption by Waterford Co. Council:-

"That this Council respectfully request the Irish Parliamentary Party to try and secure such modifications of the Irish Universities Bill as will enable the projected university to be in the full sense of the term a Residential University, and thereby avoid the inevitable risks consequent upon compelling young men to live without supervision in lodging houses, and furthermore as will enable the said university to be a Democratic University so as to provide equality of educational opportunity and give a chance to the poor man's child; and furthermore as will enable the said university to be a National University, to ensure that the Irish Language shall obtain a proper position in the curriculum by the establishment of degrees in Celtic literature, the foundation of Chairs of old and middle Irish, modern Irish History and Archaeology, and Irish literature, and the making of Irish compulsory at the matriculation Exam in the new university"

marked "Read."

Under date 8th June the following resolution was received from Kerry Co. Council:-

Resolved:- That we express our satisfaction at the effort now being made to afford higher Education for the Irish People, that we trust that such effort will be successful, and that the provisions made will afford facilities in future for the creation of a University for Munster. We are also of opinion that in order to give the fullest confidence to the proposed new universities some representatives of the primary schools should be placed on the governing bodies of same."

marked "Read."

Holidays for Co. Council Staff.

On the motion of the Chairman the following Resolution was adopted:- "That the staff of the Co. Council be granted holidays as follows:- County Surveyor one month, Secretary three weeks; and members of clerical staff a fortnight each; to be taken as the exigencies of official work permit."

analyst's Report.

City Laboratory

17 castle St., Dublin.

1st June 1908.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst, of the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March 1908.

28 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. J. C., as follows...

Article	number
milk	14
whiskey	4
Butter	8
margarine	1
cheese	1
Total	28.

certificate sent to Constable White, Gorey; for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 13 per cent of added water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

One specimen of water analysed for Gorey Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matters 21.280

including

albuminoid ammonia	0.010
saline ammonia	0.005
nitric acid	Trace
chlourine	2.982
Sulphuric acid	3.603
Equal to calcium Sulphate	5.000
a fairly good water.	

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union nineteen drugs, twenty-two specimens of tea and eleven of wine were analysed. The following drugs were defective: - Liniment of Ferric chloride, high in iron; Dilute Nitro Hydrochloric acid low in gravity; Liniment of Turpentine low in

gravity; Liniment of Turpentine low in gravity and solids; Syrup of Ferrous Iodide, slight excess of iodine.

The specimens of tea and wine were examined to ascertain which were best for use in the workhouse.

One fertilizer was analysed for the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy.

One specimen of water analysed for the Rev Mother Convent of Mercy, Enniscorthy; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 26.940.

Including

albuminoid ammonia 0.021

saline ammonia 0.007

Nitric acid 2.070

Chlorine 3.280

Sulphuric acid 3.603

Equal to Calcium Sulphate 5.000

an inferior water.

One specimen of water analysed for E. S. O'Brien, The Westgate, Wexford; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 25.620

Including

albuminoid ammonia 0.006

saline ammonia 0.006

Nitric acid 1.500

Chlorine 2.982

Sulphuric acid 3.603

Equal to Calcium Sulphate 3.000

a good water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine drugs, two specimens of milk and one water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The milks were of rich quality.

One specimen of water had the following composition

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 8.820

Including

albuminoid ammonia 0.008

saline ammonia	0.0026
Nitric acid	1.640
Chlorine	1.789
Sulphuric acid	0.7206
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	1.000
a good water.	

There were nine specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford, and were pure.

Total Analyses 117.

C. A. Cameron.

"Marked Read."

Limit Road Expenditure.

The following letter under date 11th June 1908 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"It appears that owing to the increase in the cost of maintenance of the roads in the Enniscorthy Rural District, including the steam rolling of the streets of Ferns, if contractors salaries for road maintenance and special road works were paid in full during the current year, the limit of expenditure for this district would be exceeded.

It would therefore be advisable, I think for the County Council to ask the Local Government Board to increase the limit of expenditure on roads in the Enniscorthy Rural District by £500 for the next 5 years, under section 27 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act."

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

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Hours of Fowl Markets.

Mr. Browne gave notice that he would at next

meeting of the Council bring forward the question of the advisability of adopting a by-law as to the hours of holding fowl markets in country districts.

Duncannon Harbour.

The following letter under date 11th June was read from the Secretary, Waterford Harbour Commissioners:-

"I am directed to send you the enclosed copy of a report from Mr. J. Kennedy acting Pilotmaster, from which it would appear that the dredging work recently done by the *Sisyphus* was executed without proper regard for the safety of the pier walls.

As the large stone alluded to in the report was a manifest danger to vessels berthed in that part of the basin we have had it removed, but I am directed to notify that as we were in no way cognizant of or responsible for the work done by the *"Sisyphus"*, we will repudiate all liability for any accident that may occur to any vessel lying in the basin or to the structure itself.

The following is the report referred to:-

"I went to Duncannon yesterday and sounded all along the Quay there, with a rod and found a few good sized stones sticking out of the foundation wall, a particularly large one projecting nearly four feet out where the schooner *"Concord"* was discharging.

Boghlan, the diver, was working there underpinning the foundation where he had taken out some projecting stones and we both came to the conclusion that the quay wall was built on a mass of loose stones dumped there for that purpose. The dredger *"Sisyphus"* cleared a channel deeper than this loose foundation, and running but a little distance off from it, and according as the mud is washed off into the deepened channel the stones become exposed and slip out, so that it is now almost impossible to do much more in the way of removing them without endangering the whole structure. I think however this large stone which projects where the vessel is discharging ought to be removed, as it stands

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about four feet out from the wall and two and a half feet over the bottom level. The deepened channel in which there is about 7 feet water L. W. O. S. I. seems clear of stones."

No. Order.

Enniscorthy Urban District & Quarry Expenditure.

The following letter under date 6th June, was read from the Clerk Enniscorthy Urban Council:-

"With reference to your of the 9th ultimo, giving copy of County Surveyor's Estimate for Public Works leviable off the County at-Large. I beg to inform you that my Council object to the item £200 included therein for Quarry expenditure, as Urban District derive no benefit from same."

The Secretary explained that the £200 included in the County Surveyor's Estimate for quarries was a covering estimate merely, and that if quarries were acquired the area of charge would have to be fixed later on. The Urban Councils did not pay anything towards the cost of working Larasill Quarry.

Mr. O'Neill, County Councillor for Enniscorthy Urban expressed himself satisfied with the explanation.

— Next meeting. —

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 24th inst., for transaction of the following business:-

Consideration of cases for Revision of valuation.

Tord of Lyrng

Hour of Towl markets etc., to be raised by Mr. Browne.

Close time for salmon on Slaney. Mr. Asple to raise

question of Enquiry by Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Edward Gore.

meeting - 24th June 1908.

A meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 24th June 1908.

Present:- Messrs Cummins, P. Fortune, J. Asple, J. Bolger, M. A. Ennis, M. Browne, E. Hore, C. H. Peacocke, John J. Kehoe, J. S. Hearn, M. Doyle, James Codd, and Gregory Walsh.

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

Declaration of Office.

Mr. James Codd, subscribed the usual declaration of office after his cooption.

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Vice-Chair.

Mr. Ennis who was elected vice-chairman at last meeting stated that he could not see his way to take the position. He proposed that Mr. Hore should preside for that day's meeting.

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

"Passed."

Mr. Hore then took the chair.

Mr. Browne moved, and Mr. Ennis seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"That the election of vice-chairman to the Council be postponed until the August meeting of the Council."

Mr. Browne expressed the hope that in the meantime Mr. Ennis would reconsider his decision, as it was the unanimous wish of the Council that he should occupy the vice-chair.

The Irish Party.

Mr. Kehoe moved the suspension of standing orders to allow him to move a resolution which was outside the ordinary business of the Council.

Mr. Bolger seconded.

The resolution was passed. Mr. Cummins dissenting.

Mr. Kehoe then moved, and Mr. Bolger seconded the following resolution which was adopted. Mr. Browne dissenting:-

"That this County Council again pledges its whole-hearted support to the Irish Parliamentary Party, in their efforts to secure legislative independence for Ireland, and expresses its unabated confidence in the leadership and conduct of that Party."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Mr. John E. Redmond M. P., Sir Thomas Comondie M.B., and Mr. Peter French, M. P.

Revisions of valuations.

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

"That we agree to revisions of valuations being carried out in the list of cases submitted by our Secretary."

Ordnance maps for the county.

"Mr. Ennis gave notice of his intention to bring in a proposal to procure the Ordnance maps of the County properly mounted etc., at a cost not exceeding £20."

Fowl markets.

With reference to a resolution of the Co. Council fixing the opening hours for fowl markets in Oulart, Kilmuckridge, and Kilmore.

Mr. Browne stated that so far as Kilmore was concerned the Resolution of the Council was treated as a dead letter. He proposed that the question of adoption of a by-law fixing the hours be postponed till next meeting, and that the fowl buyers be asked to attend the meeting in order that the Council could ascertain what were their views on the subject, and perhaps having heard them the Council could come to an agreement as to the hours.

Mr. Hearn seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr. Doyle dissenting.

Ford of Lyng.

The Secretary explained to the meeting a private suggestion made by Sir Thomas Esmonde, in connection with the difficulty of preventing flooding of the road at the Ford of Lyng.

On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Cummins it was decided that the question be postponed until Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, be in attendance.

The Acquisition of Quarries.

In connection with the proposal to acquire quarry at Ballythomas, Gorey District, the following report was read from Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr. P. J. Fanning, the Committee appointed to consider the subject:-

"Memo of agreement made the 16th June 1908, between Messrs Moses Walsh, Owen Bolger, and Mrs Alice Pierce, of Ballythomas, and Mrs P. J. Fanning, and Sir T. H. G. Esmonde (the latter two representing the Co. Wexford County Council)

Messrs Walsh, Bolger, and Mrs Pierce, agree to sell to the Wexford County Council, seven acres statute of their joint holding on Ballythomas Hill, for the sum of £50. The seven acres aforesaid having been this day roughly marked out by Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor.

The County Council is to enclose the said seven acres at its convenience, and also to build the end wall 33 yards long at the end of the plot for the proposed teacher's residence. The County Council is not to interfere with the existing well to the west of the said seven acres.

And the County Council is to bear all the legal expenses of the transaction required by the foregoing.

Moses Walsh

Owen ^{his} Bolger

Signed on behalf of Mrs Alice Pierce.

John B. Pierce
Albert Pierce

Signed on behalf of the Wexford County Council.

P. J. Fanning

Tho. H. Grattan Esmonde

In the presence of -

Henry Webster

Thomas Russell

Under date 18th June, the following letter was read from Rev J. Dunne, P. P., St. Kevin's Linahely:-

"I understand the Wexford County Council have made arrangements to purchase a quarry within this parish - at Wicklow Gap. I trust the Council will make such arrangements as will not interfere with the present school or with the Teacher's house which it is intended to build there. I should like the stonebreaker to be kept as far as possible from the school, as I am told by those who have seen the machine working, that the fine dust carried on the wind would make the recreation grounds unfit for their present purpose.

Besides I should like to have an acre of ground - Irish - for the Teacher's house and school garden. Some of the owners of the plot not only take this view but also would be disinclined to sell, should the sale interfere to any extent with the school.

I trust you will bring the matter under the notice of the Council, and help to arrange matters under the notice of the Council, and help to arrange matters to the satisfaction of both sides."

The Secretary said, that Sir Thomas Esmonde had written that it would be well no action be taken on the report of the Committee until they had come to an arrangement with Father Dunne.

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following resolution was adopted:-

That we adjourn the consideration of the report of the sub-committee relative to acquirement of Ballythomas quarry. That the letters of Rev J. Dunne, P. P., Linahely on this subject be referred to Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr. Fanning, the sub-committee appointed to deal with the question in order that they might visit Father Dunne, and endeavour to make satisfactory arrangements with him, so as to preclude any complaints later on as to the work at the quarry interfering with the school children. That the sub-committee be requested to submit the result of their negotiations to the Roads Committee."

— Ballintlea Quarry —

on the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs Ennis, Peacocke, and Walsh, be appointed a sub-committee to visit Ballintlea Quarry, and report to the Roads Committee. That the sub-committee be accompanied by Mr. Webster, and that the members fix date of their visit."

Roads Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke it was decided that the first meeting of the newly appointed roads committee, be held on Thursday 9th July at 11.30 a.m., and that the committee consider the report of sub-committee relative to Ballyfarrell quarry, submitted to last meeting of the Council."

Salmon Fishery on the Slaney.

Mr. Asple moved:- That the Council associates itself with the resolution adopted sometime since by the Oylegate Branch of the Land and Labour Association, asking for an extension of the open season for net salmon fishing on the river Slaney.

That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to hold an inquiry with a view to having the dates of the open season changed from 17th March to 17th September."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

The following letter on the subject was read from Mr. John Bolger:-

"I see on the Agenda Paper for next Wednesday's meeting of the County Council a notice from Mr. Asple regarding the close season for fishing from the net men on the Slaney. I am sorry I cannot be present as I will be from home all next week. I wish to point out to the Council the danger of the changing the close season for net fishing on the Slaney river, it would simply mean killing all the slack salmon returning to the sea after spawning after March, and up to the middle of April. They would then be killing the Goose for the Golden Egg! The question may then be asked why the rod men allowed to fish from the 26th February, this is very easily explained. Slack salmon as a rule, do not take flies or a bait, and any odd ones

that are hooked are returned to the water at once, as poaching has now been stopped altogether owing to the energy and care of the conservators. The greatest proof possible of the present system being right is the fact that all fishing in the Slaney both rod and nets has improved, and is improving every year. The net men got more salmon this season than any previous year, therefore they should be satisfied. I understand the Co. Council has no direct power in the matter. What I want is not to recommend any change."

The Secretary explained that the resolution of the Oylegate Land and Labour Association had been forwarded to the Department, and the latter wrote on the 9th December 1907, letter (no. 5751-07. J. B) that applications for change of close seasons were suspended, pending such legislation enabling the Department to deal with them in a satisfactory manner, as was contained in the Fishing Bill introduced into Parliament in the year 1902, by the then Chief Secretary. The Department also stated that they had noted the application of the Wexford Co. Council.

After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Keacocke seconded by Mr. Cummins, and passed:-

"That the two representatives of the fishermen present at the meeting be heard."

The two gentlemen in question having submitted the views of the fishermen, the following resolution submitted by Mr. Asple in lieu of his first motion, seconded by Mr. Heavin was adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture, be asked to hold an Inquiry as to fixing dates for the length of the open season for salmon fishing on the river Slaney, as the net fishermen are dissatisfied with the present dates."

— Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction —

Letters were read from Very Rev Canon Doyle P. P. Lagoat, and Mr. Luke Smyth D. D. Glasarrig stating that it would not be possible for them to serve on the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

The Secretary stated that in consequence there would be one vacancy for Wexford District and one for Gorey on the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The Forth Agricultural and Industrial Association recommended the appointment of Mr. Michael Doyle, Cottage, vice Canon Doyle.

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the name of Mr. Michael Doyle, Cottage, Sagoat, was added to the County Committee, vice Canon Doyle, Sagoat, resigned."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the Secretary was directed to request the Gorey Rural District Council to submit the name of some gentleman to replace that of Mr. G. Smyth on the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Mr. Doyle stated that it would not be possible for him to remain a member of the Co. Committee, and proposed that his place should be filled by the appointment of Mr. Michael Bowman, Sparrowland, Mr. Hearn seconded. Passed.

In connection with the appointment of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, as the Executive Committee of the County Council under the Diseases of Animals Act, the following letter under date 17th June 1908, and no 2710:08, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th instant, and in reply to state that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland have no objection to the appointment mentioned therein of the recently elected Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (partly composed of members of the Wexford Local Authority, and partly of other persons) as the Executive Committee of your Local Authority for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act."

marked "Read"

M. Hearn