

ANNUAL MEETING.-16th JUNE 1914.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1914.

Present:- Mr J. Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also present:-Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. Redmond, J. T. Mayler, L. Barry, P. O'Neill, M. Cloney, A. Kinsella, T. Asple, J. Lynch, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, R. A. Rice, Philip Keating, J. J. Kehoe, N. J. Cowman, M. Hickey,

Mr J. J. Stafford attended after his co-option.

The Members in attendance subscribed the usual declaration of office.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Co-option of Members.

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

"That as provided by Section 3 of Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, two persons be chosen who shall be additional Councillors during the term of office of this Council."

Mr Peacocke proposed the co-option of Mr James Codd, Mr Kehoe seconded.

Mr Kinsella proposed, the co-option of Mr William Darcy, Ballyloughan. Mr Hickey seconded.

Mr Scallan proposed the co-option of Mr Walter Boggan, Kilmuckridge Mr Cowman seconded.

Mr O'Neill proposed the co-option of Mr J. J. Stafford. Mr J. A. Doyle seconded.

It was decided that a poll be taken, each Member voting for two.

The following was the result of the Poll.

For Mr Codd:- Messrs Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Rice, M. Doyle, Whelan, Mark Codd, Lynch, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Kehoe, Scallan, Mayler, Barry, and the Chairman.- 15.

For Mr Darcy:- Messrs Hickey, Kinsella, and Whelan.-3.



For Mr Boggan:- Messrs Cowman, Barry, Redmond, Scallan, and Kehoe.-5.

For Mr Stafford:- Messrs Cloney, M. Doyle, Rice, J. A. Doyle, Mark Codd, Lynch, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Mayler, and the Chairman.-11

Mr Darcy then fell out and a poll was taken as between Messrs James Codd, Boggan, and Stafford, each Member voting for two. The following was the result:-

For Mr Codd:- Messrs Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Rice, Barry, M. Doyle, Hickey, Kinsella, Peacocke, Kehoe, Scallan, Mayler, Whelan, Mark Codd, Lynch, O'Neill, Hearn, and the Chairman.-17.

For Mr Boggan:- Messrs Cowman, Barry, Whelan, Lynch, Kehoe, Redmond, and Scallan.-7.

For Mr Stafford:- Messrs Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Rice, M. Doyle, Hickey, Kinsella, Mark Codd, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Mayler, and the Chairman.-12.

The Chairman declared Messrs Codd and Stafford, co-opted as County Councillors.

#### Election of Chairman.

Mr O'Neill proposed Mr John Bolger, as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mr Lynch seconded.

Mr M. Doyle proposed Mr James Codd. Mr Cowman seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Bolger:- Messrs Cloney, J. A. Doyle, Rice, Whelan, M. Codd, Lynch, O'Neill, Hearn, Peacocke, Redmond, Scallan, and the Chairman.-12.

For Mr James Codd:- Messrs Cowman, Barry, M. Doyle, Hickey, Kinsella, Kehoe, and Mayler.-7.

The Chairman declared himself elected, and having subscribed the usual declaration of office, returned thanks for his election.

#### Election of Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, Mr C. H. Peacocke was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mr Peacocke having subscribed the usual declaration of office, returned thanks for his election.

#### Finance & Roads Committee.

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

"That the old Committee be re-appointed with the addition of Messrs



Cowman, Redmond, and Whelan, to replace Messrs Rossiter, T. L. Esmonde, and Fanning, who are no longer Members of the Council, and that the names of Messrs Kehoe, Keating, and Barry, be added to the committee."

#### Proposal Committee

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Peacocke, it was decided that the Proposal Committee be a Committee of the "Whole House."

#### Asylum Committee

Mr O'Neill proposed, Mr Kinsella seconded, and passed:-

"That Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, T. Asple, M. Codd, Jas Lynch, J. J. Stafford, J. Bolger, A. Kinsella, M. Cloney, N. J. Cowman, J. S. Hearn, J. Redmond, R. Scallan, P. Whelan, J. J. Kehoe, be representatives of the County Council on the Committee of Management of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr M. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be additional Members of the Asylum Committee Rev R. Fitzhenry Adm., Enniscorthy, Messrs John Sinnott, Ballybeg, M. J. Furlong, Templescoby, Enniscorthy, James Hore, George Street, Wexford, the Mayor of Wexford for the time being.."

#### Infirmiry Committee.

Mr Asple proposed, Mr Cowman seconded and passed:-

"That the old Committee be re-appointed with the following changes, Mr Philip Keating, vice Mr John O'Connor deceased, Mrs F. J. Walsh, Glens Terrace, Wexford, vice Mr J. J. Stafford, Mr P. O'Neill, vice Mr John Bolger, Enniscorthy."

#### Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote under date 8th May 1914, (letter No. A12332-14) strongly urging the Council when appointing new Committee of Agriculture the desirability of making the appointment subject to the condition that any Member of the Committee who is absent from Meetings of the Committee during a period of six consecutive months shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Committee, and his office shall thereupon become vacant.

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That any Member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction failing to attend for six months without a satisfactory explanation, shall, ipso facto cease to be a member of the County



Committee, and his office shall thereupon be declared vacant."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Asple, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction consist of 28 Members, seven to each Rural District."

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following were appointed as the representatives of Enniscorthy Rural District:- Messrs C. W. Lett, Michael Doyle (Newtownbarry), T. L. Esmonde, J. Stamp, J. Bolger, P. O'Neill, John Doyle."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following were appointed as the representatives of Gorey Rural District:- Lord Stopford, Messrs A. McCann, J. Sinnott, P. J. Creane, William Darcy, Myles Webb, Walter Boggan."

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following were appointed as the representatives of the New Ross Rural District:- Rev M. Hickey, P. P., Messrs W. Thorpe, J. A. Doyle, Mark Murphy, J. J. O'Byrne, Michael Hickey, Adam O'Neill."

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following were appointed as the representatives of the Wexford Rural District:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, M. P. Ryan, Peter Walsh, W. R. Devereux, Benjamin Gainfort, and Edmond Doyle."

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

"That we delegate to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction full powers for the purposes of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899."

#### Diseases of Animals Acts.

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

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be appointed the Executive Committee of the Wexford County Council, under the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894."

#### Management Committee-Tuberculosis Act.

Proposed by Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, and passed:-

"That the Management Committee under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act be composed of 13 members as follows:- Messrs J. Bolger,



T. Asple, Alderman Hadden, P. O'Neill, P. J. Fanning, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, Sir Thomas Esmonde Bart., P. Rossitter, P. Keating, J. J. Kehoe, J. J. Stafford, M. Doyle (Newtownbarry)."

Old Age Pension Sub-Committees.

**No.1 Bannow, Rosslare and Bridgetown:-**

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following were appointed:-

Messrs M Hickey, James Codd, Rev T. Scallan, C. C., Rev P. Doyle P.P. P. Quigley, Rev J. Rowe, Rev M. Hickey P.P., Rev J. Crosbie, C. C., Rev H. L. Scott."

**No.2 Tintern and Fethard:-**

Very Rev Canon O'Connor P, P., Rev N. T. Sheridan, P.P., Rev J. Roche, P.P., Rev D. J. Lyne C. C., Brother Theodore, Rev O. W. Darling, Francis Doyle, R. A. Rice, Michael Cloney."

**No. 3-Taghmon and Killurin:-**

Very Rev Canon Furbong P.P., Very Rev Canon Quinn, Messrs James Cullen, Edward Brennan, Thomas Asple, D. L. O'Brien, W. Keating, Walter Boggan, Rev Martin Murphy."

**No. 4-Coolgreany and Gorey:-**

Very Rev Canon Rossiter, P.P., Very Rev Canon Murphy, P.P., Alexander Kinsella, Dr W. W. Murphy, John Byrne, Patrick Doyle, T. H. Doran, Rev W. Gahan, Mrs Boyan."

**No. 5-Enniscorthy and Kiltale:-**

Rev H. C. Lyster, Messrs P. O'Neill, John Bolger, Matthew Ryan, Mark Codd, James Johnson, Rev H. K. Atkinson, Rev P. Cummins, and Rev S. J. Cullen."

**No. 6.-Newtownbarry & Ferns:-**

Very Rev Canon Doyle, Rev W. R. B. Fry, Rev T. W. Kennedy, Messrs John Bolger, Patrick Lett, John Sinnott, Canon Whitty, James Sinnott, Michael Doyle."

**No. 7 New Ross and Old Ross:-**

Very Rev Dean Kavanagh, Rev W. Gibson, George Moran, James O'Gorman, Denis Cummins, William Thorpe, Patrick Bolger, Peter Murphy, James O'Connor."

**No.-8 Monamolin and Ballyhuskard:-**

Rev J. Quigley, Messrs Moses Fortune, George Carty, Philip Redmond, John Colleton, Rev W. Codd, P.P., Walter Boggan, Denis Kavanagh, Myles Murphy."



County Wexford Insurance Committee

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Asple, the following were appointed as the representatives of the County Council on the Co.Wexford Insurance Committee: -

Mrs Bogan, James Codd, Michael Doyle, Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Lady M. Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Neill, C H. Peacocke, P. Rossiter, James Sinnott (as Mayor) J. J. Stafford."

County Wexford Insurance Society.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following were appointed representatives of the County Council on the Committee of the County Wexford Insurance Society:-

Messrs John Bolger, C, H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, Thomas Asple, James Codd, Philip Keating, J. J. Kehoe."

Representatives on Council of Agriculture.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following were appointed as representatives of the County Council on the Council of Agriculture:-Messrs John Bolger, and C.H. Peacocke."

Irish County Councils' General Council.

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Doyle, Messrs M. A. Ennis, and John Bolger, were appointed representatives of the County Council on the Irish County Councils General Council."

Revision of Valuation.

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

"That the business of dealing with applications for revisions of Valuations for 1914, be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Sealing of Quarry Agreement.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be attached to Quarry Agreements, between the Council and Mr George Sharpe, re Cherryorchard Quarry, and Mr Paul Roche, re Barmoney Quarry."

Passed.

Deeps Bridge.

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, brought before the meeting the question of provision of damp course for Deeps Bridge.

"It was decided that Mr Barry bring the matter to the attention of



Mr Cowan, Chief Engineer of the Local Government Board."

Relief from Suretyship for Road Contractors.

Mr Philip Keating, County Councillor, wrote asking the Council to relieve him as surety for Moses Power, Contractor for Roads No. 24W and 257W, naming Mr Nicholas Lambert, 2 North Main Street, Wexford, to take his place.

Mr Myles Webb wrote asking to be relieved of his suretyship for the following Road Contractors, owing to his appointment as Rural District Councillor for Gorey Urban, viz:- Denis Murphy, Gorey, John Kane and Denis Murphy, Riverchapel.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr M. Doyle the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Keating be relieved of his suretyship for roads No. 24W and 257W, and that the name of Mr Nicholas Lambert, 2 North Main Street, Wexford, be substituted in his stead."

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

"That Mr Myles Webb be relieved of his suretyships for roads of John Kane, and Denis Murphy, Riverchapel. That Messrs Daniel Donohoe, St Michael's Place, Gorey, and Edward Lawler, Esmonde Street, Gorey be accepted as sureties for roads of Denis Murphy, Riverchapel, and John Kane respectively, in place of Mr Webb.

With regard to the contracts of Mr Denis Murphy, Gorey, it was decided on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Hearn, that the question of accepting security for roads for which Denis Murphy Gorey is contractor, and Mr Webb is one of the sureties, be referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, with power to relieve Mr Webb of his suretyship provided a solvent security be named in his stead."

Mr John Cash, Ballinruan, **Screen**, applied to be relieved as Surety in respect of Road Contract of Edward Brown, Ballyhoe, and offering the name of Mr Thomas Nolan, Redmond Place, Wexford, in his stead.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That John Cash, Ballinruan, **Screen**, be relieved of suretyship in respect of road contract of Edward Browne, Ballyhoe, and that the

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place."

Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order 1914.

Circular letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (No. 242 V. B., -March 1914) explaining the various provisions of the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1914, was read for the meeting.

Mr Purdy, M. R. C. V. S., was present in connection with this matter on behalf of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee.

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the consideration of this matter be postponed to the 16th June, and that, in the meantime the Secretary communicate with the County Council representatives for the County Divisions of Newtownbarry, Coolgreany, and Gorey, and point out to them the necessity of stringent measures being taken to have the sheep allowed to graze in common on the hills in those places, properly dipped in order to eradicate sheep scab.

That the County Council be requested to provide central dipping stations for these places, in which all sheep on the hills could be compulsorily dipped twice in the year.

That Mr Purdy represent to the Department, the necessity of inducing the County Councils of Carlow and Wicklow, to adopt similar measures as regards the portions of their Counties adjoining Wexford."

Mr Peacocke proposed:- "That a Sheep Dipping Apparatus be erected for the Newtownbarry and Coolgreany districts."

The motion was not seconded.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Veterinary Inspectors and the R. I. C., be requested to rigidly enforce the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order in this County for the future."

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

"That our Veterinary Inspectors be requested to exercise the strictest supervision in connection with cases of sheep scab as regards their inspections at fairs."



Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Messrs Edward Brennan, Taghmon, W. H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford, Patrick Healy, 82 Main Street, Wexford, John J. Purcell, Broadway, James Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, J. S. Hearn, North Street, New Ross, A. Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey, J. J. Haughton, Ferns, and J. J. Stafford, Main Street, Wexford, applied for renewal of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the applications were granted."

Road Limit-Enniscorthy District.

Under date 21st May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 26783:) stating they had given instructions for the preparation of an Order assenting to an extension of the limit of expenditure in the Rural District of Enniscorthy to £13359 for each of the five years ending the 31st March 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, and 1919.

"The Secretary stated he had received copy of the Sealed Order."

Marked "Read".

Petty Sessions Office-Wexford.

Under date 20th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote that they would raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to allow Mr Kavanagh, Clerk of petty sessions, Wexford, £10 per annum for rent etc., of an office.

marked "Read"

Proposed No.2 Account for County Surveyor.

Under date 27th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 24819-1914, Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 6th inst, respecting the question of payments for works in charge of the County Surveyor, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to refer to previous correspondence on the subject in the year, 1912, and to request that the Board may be informed how it is proposed by the County Council to conform to the provisions of Article 18 of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898."

Marked "Read"

Appointment of County Surveyors.

Under date 6th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 19029-1914, Miscellaneous) forwarding the revised conditions which are to govern the appointments of County Surveyors in Ireland in future.

Marked "Read "



Bonds of Rate Collectors

Letters under date 8th May 1914, (No. 24326-1913 Wexford County) and 14th May 1914, (No. 25819-1914 Wexford County) approving of the fidelity guarantee bonds of Collectors Joseph Cummins, and M.J. Sheehan, was read from the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

District Asylum Accounts.

Under date 9th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 24877-1914, Wexford Co,) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the District Lunatic Asylum, Enniscorthy, in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1914.

Marked "Read"

Salaries etc., of Assistant Surveyors.

Under date 26th May 1914, the following letter (No. 27,542-1914 Wexford Co) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 19th instant, respecting the proposed appointment of Mr V.R. Doyle as Assistant Surveyor in Wexford County, and the Board direct me to state that they doubt the expediency of fixing the salary of an officer who is immediately responsible for the supervision of 400 miles of roads at so low a figure as £80 a year rising by £5 annually to £100.

Experience has shown that close and efficient supervision is necessary not alone to secure proper road maintenance but to check expenditure, and it appears to the Board that the County Council might <sup>re</sup>consider the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors in relation to the duties assigned to them. The Board observe from the County Council Minutes of Proceedings on the 15th ultimo, that a redistribution of the Assistant Surveyors' districts is under contemplation.

The Board consider that it is highly desirable that Assistant Surveyors should, as far as circumstances admit, be whole time officers. They will defer consideration of the condition of Mr Doyle's appointment until the County Council have had the opportunity of considering this letter."

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

"That as Mr Doyle's appointment has been made on a basis of £80 per annum, the County Council cannot see their way to reopen the question.

The Council will take into consideration the observations of the Local Government Board regarding future appointments."



Tuberculosis (Animals) (Ireland) Order.

Under date 10th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (Letter No.2095-14, V, B.,) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of 27th ultime, relative to the remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors of your Local Authority in respect of duty under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, I have to state that on a review of the matter in the light of the experience gained since the Order came into operation it appears to the Department that the circumstances call for a revision of the arrangement approved experimentally up to 1st instant.

The Department observe that on the whole the tendency towards fewer reports has already been manifested, and it seems to them, therefore, that rates of remuneration based on the duty which fell to Inspectors in the early stages of the Order's operation are no longer justly applicable. They accordingly desire to suggest that your Local Authority should now consider the question of determining anew all these rates of payment except that of microscopical examination of samples of milk etc., In the Department's view it is desirable that payment per case should take place of payment by way of salary, and that the scale recommended by the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland should be adhered to for the present. A further copy of this scale is enclosed herewith. It will be observed that in one important particular, (viz., the fee for clinical examination of animals after the first) it differs from the scale on which the additions to salary were fixed. The Department are of opinion that a payment in this connection of 1/- per head should be sufficient."

Under date 2nd June 1914, the following letter was read from Mr F. W. Tayler, V. S.:-

"As the year for which my salary under the Tuberculosis Order has now expired, I would be very much obliged if the County Council would kindly reconsider same with a view to granting me an adequate increase. My salary was fixed on the basis of the cases which occurred during the first four months of the Order, and on this basis it was £42 for the year. During the past few months the number of cases have greatly increased and my remuneration would be almost £100 at the scale of fees on which original salary was fixed. Hoping the County Council will give above their favourable consideration."

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this matter be referred to the Finance & Roads Committee, in the



meantime the Secretary furnish each member of the County Council with a copy of the particulars dealing with cases and Scales of Fees, etc.,"

Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 9th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 2907-14, F.B.,) as follows:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the improvement of Ballyhack Harbour, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that it would appear that Lord Templemore claims ownership of the site of the proposed works. His Lordship's Agent, Mr G. L. Taylor, Estate Office, Fethard, states that Lord Templemore is willing to convey the area to be affected to the County Council if that body will pay the cost of the conveyance.

Clause 8 of the Agreement between the Council and the Department with regard to the execution of the works provides that the Council should acquire or be in possession of title to or rights over the site of the works, and the Department would feel obliged if steps were taken by the Council to secure the necessary conveyance from Lord Templemore, as further progress cannot be made with the work until this is done.

The Department are informing the Board of Trade of Lord Templemore's claim."

Under date 10th June 1914, (letter No. 2,975/14, F.B.,) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to the Agreement dated 27th February, last, between the Department and the Wexford County Council in connection with the improvement of Ballyhack Harbour, I have to forward herewith, for the information of the Council, a copy of a report by the Department's Engineer on the subject of certain modifications in the design of the works, which are locally desired, and to state that the Department would be glad to know whether, as provided by Clause 2 of the Agreement above referred to, the Council are prepared to give their consent to the proposed alterations."

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

"That the County Council procure the necessary Conveyance from Lord Templemore relative to improvement works at Ballyhack.

That Mr Elgee take the requisite steps to have same executed provided the making of title presents no difficulty or unreasonable cost.

That Mr Elgee report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."



Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 11th June 1913, enclosing copy of the following letter from Mr Allingham, Secty to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners:-

"There are two lamps at Ballyhack, for looking after which we pay a man there named Patrick Cowman £10 yearly. One of these is at the head of the Old Slip, lighting it, and the boat-harbour which you took over from us sometime ago (and I should then have raised the matter, but did not think of it at the time). It seems only fair that your Council should pay for the maintenance of this lamp, (we of course continuing to be responsible for the other one, which lights the Steamboat pier) so perhaps you would kindly mention the matter to Mr Frizelle. Cowman is a first rate fellow and you could not have a more satisfactory Harbour Constable there, if you have not already filled the post."

Mr Doyle proposed, Mr Stafford seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the application of Mr Allingham, Secretary Waterford Harbour Board as to taking over lamp at Ballyhack Boat Slip be rejected."

#### Movement of Animals Order.

Under date 19th May 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote forwarding copy of the Movement of Animals (South West Ireland) Temporary Prohibition Order No. 2.

Marked "Read"

#### Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 6th June 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No.G.2014-14) that ~~one~~ of their officers had purchased two samples of butter at Castlebridge on the 22nd April, three at New Ross on the 23rd April, three at Newtownbarry on the 24th April, and three at Ferns on 25th April. The samples were certified by the Public Analyst to be pure.

Marked "Read"

#### Rates on Commons.

The Secretary mentioned that at last Quarter Sessions in Wexford, Rate Collector E. Murphy, had been sued in connection with seizure which he had made for rates on Bantry Commons, the occupiers in the case being described as "The Cesspayers of the Barony of Bantry". County Court Judge Barry had decided that the rate was invalid owing to this description. In consequence he, (Secretary) wrote to all the Rate Collectors directing them in cases in which occupiers were described as "Cesspayers" or "Ratepayers" of Baronies,



to furnish the forthcoming revision of valuation the names of the persons in occupation, or enjoying the use of lands in question.

Mr E. Murphy, Rate Collector, wrote as follows:-

"I am duly in receipt of your Circular letter dated 29th May ult., I shall do my best to carry out the directions contained in that letter, but I feel bound respectfully to mention that great difficulty will arise in acting upon these directions for the following reasons.

It is I believe doubtful whether any particular person, or persons, can be considered as "Occupiers" of Bantry Commons within the meaning of the Rating Acts at all. A large number of people put sheep to graze on these Commons occasionally, but in many cases the sheep are kept there for only a short time, and in still more cases, it would be practically impossible for me to ascertain who are the owners of the sheep.

In meantime, I beg to bring under the notice of the Council, the fact that I have been sued by a number of men resident in County Carlow, in respect of a distress of sheep belonging to them, which at the time of seizure were grazing on the County Wexford side of Bantry Commons. This case came before the Co. Court Judge on 28th ult., and, he decided that the rate struck by the County Council in respect of Bantry Commons was bad, and consequently all seizures made under that rate were illegal, the result was that I<sup>was</sup> decreed for £13. 3/- with costs and expenses making the whole £17. 7/-.

In executing this distress I acted in the bona fide belief that I was protected in so doing by the Warrant of the Council, and if I did not think I was thus protected, I would not have made any seizure.

I therefore respectfully ask the County Council to pass a resolution that I should be recouped the above sum of £17. 7/- which I submit in fairness should be made good to me."

Mr E. Somers, Rate Collector, wrote calling attention to rating No. 62 Bantry Commons, Killanne E. D., "Cesspayers of Barony of Bantry", and to Rating No. 65 Blackstairs Commons, Killanne E. D., "Cesspayers of the Barony of Bantry".

He wished to know what he was to do as regards these two cases, as according to the decision of Judge Barry they were both invalid. And what was he to do with regard to the Valuation Lists, should he include the name of every ratepayer in Killanne E. D., for each of these cases.

The Secretary stated he had referred the letter of Mr Somers, to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, who had replied as follows, under date 10th June:-



"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with Copy of one from Mr Edward Somers, Rate Collectors, as to rates struck on Bantry Commons and Blackstairs Commons, and the preparation of the Valuation Lists of such Commons, but it is quite impossible for me to advise on his letter, and in my opinion the only course for you to pursue is to lay the whole matter before the Commissioners of Valuation and see what they can do to set things right.

Judge Barry decided at the last Sessions here, as you know, that the insertion of Cesspayers of the Barony of Bantry, in the Valuation Book, as Occupiers of Bantry Commons, was illegal, and that the rate struck thereon was invalid, there being now no such persons as "Cesspayers" and consequently it is for the Commissioners of Valuation to frame their Valuation in a form that will be legal."

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

"That subject to the approval of the Local Government Board the Co. Council refund Collector E. J. Murphy, a sum of £17. 7/- less sustained by him in the case of Murphy & Ors., against Murphy."

"That the letter of Mr Edward Somers, be referred to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

\* Annual Report-County Infirmary.

Under date 6th June 1914, Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar County Infirmary wrote, forwarding the Annual Report and balance Sheet of County Wexford Infirmary.

Marked "Read"

Stonebreakers on Roads,

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

"That the attention of Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be called to the dangerous position in which stonebreakers are allowed to remain on roads."

Opening of New Ross Bridge.

Under date 3rd June 1914, Mr M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote stating that he had been directed by his Urban Council to call the special attention of the County Council to the serious inconvenience and probable loss to persons attending the New Ross Fairs, caused by the opening of the New Ross Bridge on Fair mornings, and to request that the County Council would take steps to remedy this very serious matter.

"Referred to County Surveyor."



Diseases of Animals Acts.

The following resolution from Meath County Council was read:-

"That we the Meath County Council, hereby demand a Parliamentary Inquiry into the working of the Diseases of Animals Acts and the relations between Great Britain and Ireland in the working of these Acts, and having regard, among other things to the statements made in Parliament by responsible Ministers at the time these Acts were enacted."

Marked "Read"

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on 9th June 1914, was also read:-

"This Committee regrets that the Council of Agriculture has refused to sanction an inquiry into the general working of the diseases of Animals Acts as between England and Ireland, and calls on the other County Committees of Agriculture in Ireland to support the general demand for such inquiry."

Marked "Read"

Duplicate Pay Order.

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

"That duplicate be issued for Pay Order No. 1175 for £6. 7. 3d to Mr Nicholas Fortune, Barmeney, Bree, as the recipient lost the original."

Read Board Grants.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of the 27th May the County Surveyor stated that he had received a communication from the Road Board that they were prepared to make Grants amounting to £5024 in respect of improvement of roads.

The County Surveyor wrote:- "In connection with this Road Board work the Board has sanctioned the payment out of the Grant of fees to the Surveyors at the rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  to the County Surveyor, and  $1\frac{1}{4}\%$  to the Assistant Surveyors, and when such work has been carried out in other Counties the County Council have usually approved of this, and payment has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board. I therefore respectfully request the Wexford County Council will likewise sanction these charges"

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That as recommended by the Road Board, payment at the rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  to the County Surveyor, and  $1\frac{1}{4}\%$  to the Assistant Surveyors, for the supervision of work undertaken under the Road Board be recommended out of grants received from the Road Board."



"On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Keating, it was decided that this matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Co. Council."

#### Killabeg Quarry.

The County Surveyor reported that in order to make a proper roadway at Killabeg Quarry, it would be necessary to provide for a further sum of £25 to be paid the owner of the Quarry to allow the roadway to run through his yard.

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to pay an extra £25 over and above the sum already agreed to in order to provide a roadway to Killabeg Quarry,."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

#### Ferryarrig Bridge.

The Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation at their meeting on 27th May:-

"That a sum of £25 be allocated for the repair of the centre pile on the north side of Ferryarrig Bridge. That the County Surveyor issue notices to owners of engines in the habit of using the bridge, that it will not be available until the pile is properly set, and that the County Surveyor publish notices in the papers to this effect."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by the Chairman."

#### Footpath-New Ross Bridge.

The following letter under date 20th May 1914, from the Clerk of New Ross Urban Council, was referred to the County Council from the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"At last meeting of my Council an order was made directing that the Co. Council be asked to construct a concrete footpath on the New Ross Bridge, instead of the asphalt one already asked for, at an estimated cost of £135 for both sides of the Bridge, and in accordance with the following specification, viz:- "Concrete to be laid to inner edge of existing iron kerb, 4½" thick.

"A core 3" thick laid 4--1. Finishing Coat 1½" thick., 2--1".

On the motion of Mr Cewman, seconded by Mr Barry, the application of the new Ross Urban Council was refused."

#### Duncannon Harbour:::::

In connection with the proposal to adopt a schedule of tolls at Duncannon Pier, the following recommendation was read, from the Finance and Roads Committee:-



"That the County Council be recommended to abandon the idea of imposing tolls at Duncannon Harbour. That the Waterford & Duncannon Steamship Co., be requested to state if they are prepared to contribute the amount necessary to remunerate a Harbour Master to have control of the berths etc., at Duncannon, as this appointment would be made directly in their interests."

The Secretary of the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., wrote as follows, under date 28th May:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., setting forth the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee with reference to Duncannon Harbour, and I shall place same before my Directors at the next Board Meeting of the Company.

I wish to inform you, however, that the suggestion that this Company should contribute the amount necessary to remunerate a Harbour Master does not meet with the approval of either the Managing Director or myself, as we are of the opinion that a person in that position whose remuneration was guaranteed by us would have little or no control over the other vessels using the harbour. Although we admit that the appointment of a Harbour Master might to a large extent be in our interests, we think it unfair that no charge should be made on others using the harbour. Our idea would be that we should pay an annual sum for our berth at Duncannon, and that either tolls or dues should be levied on other vessels trading there. This is the arrangement we have at Waterford."

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

"That we fix a charge of £10 per annum for the use of hulk and berth at Duncannon by the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., on the understanding that the berthage of the steamer must not interfere with the rights of any other vessel discharging there."

#### Local Government Elections.

Under date 20th May 1914, letter No.98/M 1914, was read from the Local Government Board, forwarding copies of an Order Amending the Rules in the existing Election Orders regarding the appointment of Polling Agents by Candidates for County and Rural District Council elections, and for election as Guardians in Urban Districts.

Marked "Read."

Under date 26th May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No



27839: 1914, Wexford County) that with reference to the proposed amendments of the Scales of Expenses at Elections of Urban District Councillors and of Guardians in Urban Districts, as the existing scales of election expenses cannot be found copies of the existing scales should all be resealed by the County Council as new Scales, those scales which it was proposed to amend being forwarded in the form in which the County Council now desired approval."

Mr Hearn proposed, Mr Lynch seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That the seal of the County Council be attached to the scales of Election Expenses by our Secretary, when he has made the necessary alteration agreed to by the County Council as to omission of last paragraph in the scales of expenses for Urban District Councillors and Guardians in Urban Districts."

#### Tara Hill Quarry.

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the remuneration of £5 per annum proposed to be paid Mr Paddle for extra duty in connection with Tara Hill Quarry, begin as from 18th April 1913, as this was the date upon which Mr Paddle commenced such duty."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

#### Issue of Duplicate Pay Order.

The Finance & Roads Committee had agreed at their meeting of 27th May to issue of duplicate Pay Order to Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Adamstown, (No.776) for £3. 10. 7d as original order had been lost in the post.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

#### Proposed erection of hut in Courtown.

Mr James Redmond, 31 Main Street, Gorey, wrote asking the consent of the County Council to the erection of a wooden hut near the weighbridge at Courtown Harbour.

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

"That the matter be referred to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, to arrange with Mr Redmond, permission for the erection of the hut to be granted on the undertaking that the structure must be removed forthwith on demand by the Co Council."

#### Amendment of Juries Acts.

Under date 12th May 1914, the following letter was read from the Town Clerk, Belfast Corporation:-

"Complaints have reached the Law Committee of this Corporation of the



trouble and inconvenience caused by Jurors, summoned to the Assizes, who have to remain in attendance in case they should be called and the assistance of the Committee has been requested in an effort to obtain some relief.

I am to ask if your Council would be willing to join in making representation to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with a view to bringing about, for the country generally, an extension of such portions of the Common Law Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1853, Amendment Act 27 & 28 Vic., c., 28, which applies only to Cork County as would be applicable, and which would give the relief sought.

For your information I enclose copy of this Act.

A reply at your convenience will be much esteemed."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill."

#### Irish Volunteer Force.

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"That owing to recent political events, and particularly to the attitude of the army on the Ulster question, we, the members of the Limerick Co. Council consider that the time has come when every effort should be made to organise the Irish Volunteer Force in every parish in Ireland. We are convinced that such a force, wisely led by men in whom our indomitable leader, Mr J. E. Redmond, would have confidence, would prove to the world that the manhood of Ireland are ready to do their part in defence of their homes and their liberties, and if need be to protect our fellow-Nationalists in Ulster from insult and attack."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr O'Neill."

#### Importation of Hay & Straw.

The following resolution was received from Wicklow Co. Council:-

"That this Council protests against the revocation of the Order prohibiting the importation of Hay & Straw into this country from Great Britain, and we strongly urge that suitable measures should be adopted to prevent the importation of Hay & Straw, either when used as packing or in any other form, as we believe the Foot & Mouth disease has been introduced into this country by this means."

"Adjourned"

(Signed)

*John Bolger*  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this            day of            1914.