

ANNUAL MEETING.-16th JUNE 1915.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1915.

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

Also:- Messrs Peacocke, Lynch, Mayler, Kehoe, Redmond, Cloney, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, R. Scallan, Asple, L. Barry, P. Whelan, Mark Codd, Cowman, A. Kinsella, J. S. Hearn, Keating, and Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde.

Mr Lynch, Chairman of Enniscorthy Rural District Council, subscribed the usual declaration of office.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr John J. Kehoe, Mr John Bolger was elected Chairman for the coming year.

Having signed the usual declaration of office, the Chairman returned thanks for his election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman proposed Mr C. H. Peacocke as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Passed nem con.

Having signed the usual declaration of office, Mr Peacocke returned thanks for his election.

Appointment of Committees.

Finance & Roads Committee:-

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, Seconded by Mr Asple, the following resolution was adopted:-

& Roads

"That the full Council constitute the Financial/Committee for year 1915-6."

Proposal Committee:-

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, Seconded by Mr Asple, the

following resolution was adopted:-

"That the full Council constitute the Proposal Committee for years 1915-6."

Diseases of Animals Acts, Committee:-

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

"That the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be appointed the Executive Committee of the Wexford County Council for the administration of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts."

The Recent Political Crisis.

Mr Bolger proposed:-

"That we congratulate Mr John E. Redmond and the Irish Party on the manner in which they have dealt with the recent political crisis. We consider that in their capable hands the National interests of the Country have been fully safeguarded. We assure them of our whole-hearted support in any action which they ^{may} deem necessary to take in future, and in saying this we know that we represent the feelings of the vast majority of the people of Ireland."

Mr Lynch seconded.

"Passed unanimously".

Notices of Motion.

University Scholarships:- Mr Hearn moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Scheme of University Scholarships be abandoned as from the year 1916, until such time as the ratepayers are in a position to afford payment for this and for schemes of a similar character."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

On a show of hands 15 voted in favour of the resolution and 4 against.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried,.

Agricultural & Technical Instruction:- Mr Hearn moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be invited to consider the advisability, in view of the manner in which the ratepayers have been affected by the enormous increase in the cost of food stuffs, and by the withdrawal of government grants, in relief of local taxation, to suspend until after the conclusion of the War, all their Schemes except those dealing with the improvement of live stock."

By permission of the Meeting, Mr Hearn deleted from his resolution the last nine words, as follows:- "Except those dealing with the improvement of Live Stock".

Mr Kinsella seconded.

The resolution as amended was put to the meeting, and adopted nem con.

Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 28th May 1915, Mr Gerald Flood, Assistant Surveyor, applied for second annual increment of £5 to his salary in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the salary of Mr Gerald Flood as from 12th June 1915, be fixed at £90 per annum, in accordance with the terms of his appointment."

County Wexford Infirmary.

With reference to the suggestion of the Co Council, that the Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary should obtain the assistance of a Chartered Accountant to audit their Accounts, a letter under date 10th May 1915, was read from the Registrar of the County Infirmary, that at the meeting of the Committee on 12th April, a resolution was adopted that the two gentlemen, viz:- Messrs R. Hanton, and D. O'Sullivan, who so kindly audited the accounts in the past, be asked to do them again.

The Accounts were audited by the gentlemen in question on 29th and 30th April, and were unanimously approved of and adopted by the County Infirmary Committee on 10th May.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, and adopted:-

"We understand that the County Infirmary Committee are advertising for an Accountant, and we consider they should appoint a Chartered Accountant as already requested by the County Council."

Audit of County Council Accounts.

Under date 21st May 1915, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of their Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the County Council, for half-year ended 31st March 1915, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

The following is copy of Auditor's Report::

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended March last, and I forward,

herewith, a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

The Accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read"

Collector P. Nolan.

Under date 18th May 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 26340 : 1915, Wexford County) that they had approved of the appointment of Mr P. J. Nolan, as Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District.

Marked "Read".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for the renewal of licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were received from the following:-

Messrs A. Kinsella, Gorey, Laurence Codd, Enniscorthy, Matthew Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, John S. Hearn, 4 South Street, New Ross, James Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, J. J. Haughton, Ferns, George Stafford, John Street, Wexford, John J. Purcell, Broadway, Edward Brennan, Taghmon, Mrs Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, New Ross, Patrick Healy, Nth Main Street, Wexford.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke,

Seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to the persons whose names have been submitted to this meeting by our Secretary."

Revision of Valuation.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde,

Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted--

"That the business of dealing with applications for revisions of valuation for year 1915, be referred to a special meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 23rd June."

Rate Collector Sullivan.

By directions of the Council, Collector Sullivan attended in connection with certain items in his claims for Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the lists of claims of irrecoverable rates be returned to Collector Sullivan, and that he be directed to submit amended sheets to the Secretary in time for the monthly meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 21st July.

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

"Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31st March 1915.

72 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	25
Milk	19
Buttermilk	14
Whiskey	7
Cheese	2
Port Wine	1
Margarine	1
Sherry	1
Brandy	1
Ginger Wine	1
Total	<u>72</u>

Four certificates were sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 6.25, 6.25, 8.9, and 15.4 per cent of added water respectively, and five certificates for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 11, 15, 15, and 30 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and one certificate for specimen of butter adulterated with at least 60 per cent of fats foreign to butter.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, nine drugs, five specimens of Port Wine, four of tea and one of butter were analysed. One drug was incorrect.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains-

Total solid matter	34.300
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.030
Saline Ammonia	0.020

Nitric Acid. 4.370
 Chlorine 4.190
 Colour light yellow

This water was polluted.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for J. B. Hearn Esq
 New Ross.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Messrs Buttle & Co.,
 Enniscorthy.

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

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

Total analyses.....106

Adulterated and defective articles..... 11

Charles A Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee;

A Minute was received from the recently appointed Gorey R. D. School
 Attendance Committee requesting confirmation of the County Council to the
 appointment of two School Attendance Officers at £20 each, and a Secretary
 at £10 per annum.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde,

Seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the Gorey Rural District School Attendance
 Committee appointing two School Attendance Officers at a salary of £20
 each per annum, and a Secretary at £10 per annum."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

With reference to the application of Mr George Sharpe, Cherryorchard,
 for permission to increase the price of material from Cherryorchard Quarry
 from 3/6 per cubic yard to 3/9 per cubic yard, the following resolution was
 adopted on the motion of Mr L. Barry, seconded by Mr Peacocke:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to inform Mr George Sharpe
 that the Co Council cannot see their way to vary the agreement they have
 made with him for the supply of material from Cherryorchard Quarry at the
 rate of 3/6 per cubic yard."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations were submitted from Meeting of 19th May:-

County Surveyor's Report:- "That in future the Report of the County Surveyor for Monthly Meetings of Finance & Roads Committee be furnished the Members of the Committee with the Agenda Paper for the Meeting."

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

Liability of County Council:- "That the question of the responsibility of the County Council as to damage arising from blasting or other work at County Council Quarries, and the liability of the County Council as regards the practice of some Contractors allowing heaps of loose stones to remain on the travelling surface of the roadway, be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor. That the attention of the Assistant Surveyors be called to this practice of allowing heaps of stones to remain in dangerous positions on roads, and that they endeavour to have this matter remedied in future."

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

Stonebreaker:- "That as the new County Stonebreaker will be unable to provide sufficient material from certain quarries owing to the amount of work which must be carried out, the County Surveyor be authorised to hire a stonebreaker to provide the material which cannot be provided by the County Stonebreaker. That the County Surveyor be requested to provide for special supervision as regards the work of the hired stonebreaker."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Barry."

Explosives:- "That we authorise the County Surveyor to issue a certificate to Road Contractors requiring explosives for use in providing road material. That the County Surveyor be requested to explain to Road Contractors that they must procure a permit for the purchase of explosives from the local District Inspector of the R. I. C.,"

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

Kilmore Harbour:- "That the Report of the County Surveyor as to repairs at Kilmore be adopted, and the necessary work carried out as we understand from the County Surveyor it will not admit of any delay."

"That a guide light be erected at Kilmore Pier, cost not to exceed £5.

That application for permission for erection of lamp be made to the Irish Lights Commissioners."

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

Duplicate Pay Order:- "That our Secretary be empowered to issue duplicate Pay Order No. 440 for £9. 15/- in favour of Jane Brennan, Kildaloo, Ballycarney, as original appears to have been lost in course of post."

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

Ferryarrig Bridge:- "That Mr Elgee inform Mr Colhoun that the Finance & Roads Committee have again carefully considered the terms of the Contract, Etc., for erection of Ferryarrig Bridge, cannot see their way to increase their offer of £1364. 1. 8d, the sum originally agreed to, in order to effect a settlement between Mr Colhoun and the Council."

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

Bascule Piles-Deeps Bridge:- "Having further considered the matter the Finance & Roads Committee are of opinion that the British Reinforced Concrete Engineering Co., are responsible for the cost of repair of damage to bascule piles of Deeps Bridge."

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

Cherryorchard Quarry:- "That as it has come to the knowledge of the Finance & Roads Committee that Mr Sharpe tendered to supply road metalling to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council at 2/9 per ton at the quarry. We desire to have an explanation from him as to why he stated in his letter dated 1st May that his tender to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council was at 3/- per ton."

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

Courtown Harbour:- "That the recommendation of the Courtown Harbour Committee striking out of commission the boats "Margaret" and "Lady" be agreed to."

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

Deductions re land purchase annuities:- "That the Irish Land Commission be informed that, as regards deductions from the Estate Duty Grant, the Wexford County Council do not require information containing a list of all estates purchased in the County. What they ask for and what they consider they are entitled to obtain is a list of the tenants who have allowed their annuities to become in arrear, and regarding whom a sum of £831, has been deducted from the Estate Duty Grant allocated to the County."

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

Road 18R:- "That having heard the explanation of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, as to the condition of Road No. 18R, we exonerate him from all

blame in connection with the report of Special Road Committee which inspected this road on the 9th April 1915. We strongly disapprove of the manner in which the Contractor for this road has performed his Contract, and consider that steps should be taken, if at all possible without injury to the road, to have this contract cancelled."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

The following recommendations were submitted from Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 16th June:-

Deeps Bridge:- "That in order to avoid the cost of law proceedings we offer, without prejudice, to pay £22 half cost of repair of damaged piles at bascule of Deeps Bridge."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Mr Cowman dissenting.

Mountgarrett Bridge:- "That the Local Government Board be informed that the loan for the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge will be procured from the Treasurer of the Wexford County Council, viz:- The National Bank Ltd., This will enable the County Council to spread the cost over five years which will be of considerable advantage to the ratepayers at the present crucial period, and will not, in anyway, affect National finance."

We cannot recommend the repair of the existing structure as the County Surveyors of Wexford and Kilkenny consider that the cost of repair necessary to put the present bridge into satisfactory condition would practically equal a third of the cost of the proposed new structure."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

"That as regards the erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett, we agree to pay expenditure chargeable to this County to the extent of half-cost on the certificate of the County Surveyor for County Kilkenny, provided that the preliminaries as to design etc., be settled in consultation between him and the County Surveyor for County Wexford, and on the understanding that the contract shall be taken by Kilkenny County Council and ratified by the Wexford County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Repairs Kilmore Pier:- "That the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor, with a recommendation that he employ a tradesman to carry out the pointing work."

Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Explosives:- "That the County Surveyor be authorised to take out the various store licences necessary for keeping explosives in quarries and erect magazines at each quarry."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Roads in hands of Co Surveyor:- "That for the future road contractors who have taken roads from the County Surveyor be a paid half-yearly (so far as is possible) and not quarterly."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Roads No. 2G and 3G:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to apply to the War Office for a Grant for the repair of main road, Gorey to Arklow-Nos 2G and 3G, owing to amount of damage done by the Motor Charabanc conveying workers to Knoch's Arklow, for the manufacture of high explosives."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Holidays:- "That the Secretary, County Surveyor, and Solicitor to the Co. Council be granted a month's holiday to be taken to meet the convenience of the work in their various offices."

That a fortnight's holiday be granted each Assistant Surveyor, and each Member of the Clerical Staff of the County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

New Form of Tender:- "That we approve of the insertion by the Local Government Board, of a clause providing for the termination of a contract at anytime during its currency in case of neglect on the part of a Contractor in the new form of Tender for Public Works."

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

Ferryarrig Bridge:- "That we decline to recommend the County Council to alter their decision to offer Mr Colhoun a sum of £1364. 1. 8d in settlement of his claim for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Refund of Rates:- "That a refund of £1. 2. 11d amount of rate at 4/7 in the £ on £5 reduction in valuation of Miss E. C. Goulding, Ballyhire, St Helen's E. D., on appeal be made Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, for Miss Goulding."

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

Duplicate Pay Order-- "That duplicate Pay Order No. 1215 be issued in favour of Mr P. French for £1, 2/- in lieu of original order issued 5th May 1915, which appears to have been lost in post. That the original Order be

estopped by our Secretary."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this *4* day of *August* 1915.