

ANNUAL MEETING.- 18th JUNE 1920.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 18th June 1920,.

Present:- Messrs Michael Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey), James Hall, Gregory Devereux, Matthew Hughes, John Murphy, John Sinnott, John Cummins, James Shannon, Michael Byrne, James Byrne, Michael Redmond, Simon Kehoe, J. J. O'Byrne (New Ross), Owen Kehoe, David Kavanagh, A. F. Smith, R. Corish, Dr Ryan, James Doyle, and C. Culleton.

The above subscribed usual Declaration of office.

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

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Cummins, the Chair was taken by Mr M. Doyle (late Vice-Chairman Co Council).

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of ordinary Meeting of 5th May, and of special meeting of the 26th May, were read and confirmed.

Chairman of Rural District Councils.

The Secretary stated that the Rural District Council had elected the following as Chairman :-

Enniscorthy:- James Doyle, Hillview Terrace, Enniscorthy.

Gorey:- Owen Kehoe, Coolgreany, Inch.

New Ross:- Michael Byrne, Ballinabearna, Ballywilliam.

Wexford Rural District Council appointed Gregory Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Killinick, as their representative, Mr Culleton, Chairman of the R. D. Council, being an elected member of County Council.

Additional County Councillors.

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

"That this Council hereby agrees to choose two additional County Councillors."

On the motion of Mr John J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr James Doyle, Mr Philip Lennon, New Ross, was chosen as an additional County Councillor.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded By Mr John O'Byrne, (Gorey) Mr John Pender, Ferns, was chosen as an additional Councillor.

Appointment of Chairman & Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of Mr John O Byrne, seconded by Mr Corish, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr J. R. Etchingham, be appointed Chairman of this County Council to hold office until next annual meeting of the Council."

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

"That Dr James Ryan, be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until next Annual Meeting."

Dr Ryan having returned thanks for his election, subscribed declaration of office, and took the Chair which was vacated by Mr Doyle.

Deputy Vice-Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That this Council appoints a Deputy Vice-Chairman."

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

"That Mr Albert F. Smith, be appointed deputy Vice-Chairman of this County Council for the year."

Dail Eireann.

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

"That the Standing Orders of this Council be suspended to allow of a resolution being moved by Mr James Doyle."

The motion having been agreed to, the following resolution was moved by Mr James Doyle:-

"That this Council of the elected representatives of Wexford County, at a duly convened meeting, hereby acknowledges the authority of Dail Eireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish People, and undertakes to give effect to all decrees duly promulgated by the said Dail Eireann in so far as same affects this Council. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Republican Minister for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the Governments of Europe, and to the President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of the U.S.A."

The resolution was seconded by Mr John Sinnott, and adopted unanimously."

Rescinding Resolutions.

Mr Smith moved:- "That the following resolutions of the late County Council under date 17th May 1916 (dealing with the "Rising" in Easter Week 1916)

and resolutions of 17th December 1915, and of 2nd February 1916, (relative to Recruiting in Ireland) be excised from the Minutes.

Resolution.-17th May 1916.

"That we deplore the lamentable rising in many parts of Ireland, which occurred during Easter Week. Particularly in the City of Dublin, where the loss of life and property has been appalling.

We firmly believe that this Criminal rebellion has been encouraged by Germany to promote her own selfish ends.

That we believe many young men that took part in the outrage had no idea of the foolishness of their action and were intimidated to join in such criminal folly

We therefore call on Mr Redmond and our Representatives in Parliament to use their influence with the Government to deal mercifully with such young men who are now prisoners.

That we hereby renew our entire confidence in Mr John Redmond and the Irish Party, and assure them of our unswerving loyalty."

Resolution 1st December 1915.

"That the Wexford County Council having heard the statement of Mr Poulter, on behalf of the Department ^{ment} of Recruiting for Ireland, and fully appreciating the importance of recruiting at this juncture, is willing to actively co-operate in the efforts of the Department.

Further, they take this opportunity of placing on record the view that it is vitally essential to the people of the Country that this disastrous War be brought to a successful conclusion."

Resolution, 2nd February 1916.

"That in view of the number of men who have already enlisted, of the number who have left the County to work at Munition factories in England and Scotland and also in Arklow, and to the number who will be required in connection with Munition Works to be established in Wexford.; and further owing to increase of tillage in the County, which ranks very high in record tillage crops, and to the great scarcity of labour, we consider no further men could be spared for the Army from the Rural Districts or from the town of Wexford. We are anxious to see as many available men as possible join the Army, and will help recruiting in every way consistent with the needs of the County."

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Mr Murphy seconded.

As an amendment Mr Corish proposed and Mr John J O'Byrne, seconded the

the following:-

"That the Resolutions referred to in resolution moved by Mr Smith, and seconded by Mr Murphy, be rescinded but not excised from the Minutes. That Dr Ryan Chairman of this Meeting be instructed to write in red ink across the face of each of these resolutions the words "Rescinded by unanimous vote of the County Council at their meeting held on 18th June 1920."

A show of hands was taken and the amendment carried by 10 to 9.

"It was then adopted nem con as the substantive resolution."

Finance Committee.

Mr Michael Doyle moved and Mr Devereux seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Finance Committee be a Committee of the "whole house".

Mr Corish moved as an amendment:- That the Finance Committee consist of a number less than the "whole house" said number to be agreed on.

The amendment was adopted nem con.

Proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Sinnott, and adopted unanimously:-

"That the following members comprise the Finance Committee:- Messrs Corish, Michael Doyle, Sinnott, Culleton, Devereux, Kavanagh, Smith J. O'Byrne (Gorey) and Cloney, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be ex-officio members, and three to form a quorum."

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

"That the functions of the Finance Committee be strictly limited to matters of finance and ^{of} such other subjects as may be specially referred to the Committee by the Council from time to time."

Proposal Committee.

Mr Sinnott moved, and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Proposal Committee consist of three members from each of the four Rural Districts of the County, viz:- Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford."

The following were appointed:-

Enniscorthy District:- Proposed by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Shannon:- Messrs James Doyle, John Murphy, and David Kavanagh.

Gorey District:- Proposed by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr Hall:- Messrs Owen Kehoe, Simon Kehoe, and Matthew Hughes.

New Ross District:- Proposed by Mr Michael Byrne, seconded by Mr James Byrne.-
Messrs John J. O'Byrne, Cloney, and Redmond.

Wexford District:- Proposed by Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Cummins.- Messrs
Corish Devereux, and Sinnott.

It was also agreed that the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman should be ex-officio
members of this Committee.

District Asylum Committee.

On the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr Corish, the following were
appointed as Representatives of the Council on the District Asylum Committee:-
Messrs Murphy, Smith, James Doyle, Kavanagh, Shannon, Pender.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Shannon, the name of Mr James
Hall was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Shannon, the name of Mr Simon
Kehoe, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Hall, the name of Mr John
O'Byrne (Gorey) was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr J. J. O'Byrne, (New Ross) seconded by Mr Sinnott, the
names of Messrs Redmond, Cloney, and Michael Byrne, were added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Owen Kehoe, the name of Mr
Corish was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the names of Mr
Devereux, and Mr Culleton, were added to the Committee.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr D.
Kavanagh, that the name of Rev J. Rossiter Adm., Enniscorthy, be added to the
Committee.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the name of Mr Thomas
McCarthy, Chairman, Enniscorthy Urban Council, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Hughes, seconded by Mr Shannon, the name of Mr John Nolan,
Newtownbarry, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Hughes, the name of
Mr John J. O'Byrne, Raheen, Camolin, was added to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Murphy, the following resolution
was adopted:-

"That the name of Ven Archdeacon Latham, D. D., Wexford, be added to the
Asylum Committee, and, in the event of his failing to accept appointment, that he
be requested to recommend a person in his stead."

County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

In connection with the appointment of Co Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, the Secretary read letter from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 30th April 1920, (A8967-1920) calling attention to the poor attendance given by members of County Committees in Ireland last year, and recommending that appointments of members of this Committee should be subject to the condition that any member who is absent from meetings of the Committee during a period of six months should ipso facto cease to be a member and his seat thereupon become vacant.

Mr James Byrne moved:- "That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction consist of 20 members being five from each of the four Districts of the County. That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council be ex-officio members of the Committee."

Mr Redmond seconded.

Mr Hall moved and Mr J.J. O'Byrne (New Ross) seconded:-

"That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction consist of 25 members, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council as ex-officio members."

On a show of hands the amendment was defeated by 9. to 12.

Enniscorthy District:- On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton:- Messrs Shannon and Smith were appointed.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following were appointed to the Committee-- Messrs T. D. Sinnott, Enniscorthy, Johnson Pasha, Ballinapierce, and Walter Furlong, Dranagh, Caim.

Gorey District:- Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed-- Messrs Patrick Kavanagh, Tomcoyle, Inch, W. J. Brennan Whitmore, Gorey, John Kavanagh, Ferns, Thomas Murphy, Garden City, Gorey, A. McCann, Newbridge, Camolin.

Mr Hall seconded the proposition which was passed.

New Ross district:- Mr Michael Byrne proposed, and Mr Sinnott seconded:- That the following be appointed members of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.- Messrs Bernard Cleary, Ballynabola, Martin Rowe, Begerin, New Ross, William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross, John J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, Ballynabola, and Rev M. Hickey P.P., Clongeen.

"Adopted"

Wexford District:- On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Corish, the following were appointed as members of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.- Messrs John Sinnott, M. C. C., Frank Carty, Nth Main St., Wexford, Patrick Kavanagh, Rathmacknee, Killinick, William Maddock, Gibberpatrick,

Duncormick, Michael Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat.

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

"That a Member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee or from six meetings in the year-without valid cause- be disqualified, and that the meetings of the Committee be held monthly."

Tuberculosis Management Committee.

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

"That the Tuberculosis Management Committee consist of six members of the County Council, and three non-members."

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following County Councillors were appointed members of the Committee-- Messrs Corish, Smith, Hall, Devereux, Sinnott, and Dr Ryan; and, on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following non-members of the Council were appointed-- Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan, Bridgetown, Mrs Kelly, High Street, Wexford, and Mr Patrick Byrne, Camolin, Ferns."

Diseases of Animals Executive Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Owen Kehoe-- "That the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical instruction, be appointed the executive Committee for the administration of contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committees

No. 1 (Bannow Rosslare and Bridgetown) On the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Devereux, the following were appointed:-

Messrs William Maddock, Gibberpatrick, Duncormick, John Roche, Ballask, Kilmore, John Fitzpatrick, Ballyminane, Ballymore, Rev P. Kavanagh C. C., Rosslare, Rev C. Ffrench C. C., Kilrane, Rev G. M. Fry, Bannow, Rev H. L. Scott, Mulrankin, Rev James J. Murphy C. C., Ballymittty, M. J. O'Hanlon, Danescastle, Bannow, Christopher Culleton, M. C. C., Ringaheen, Ballycogley, Rev M. Hickey, P.P. Clongeen, Rev Philip Doyle P. P., Rathangan.

No. 2 (Tintern & Fethard) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Corish:- Very Rev Canon Sheridan P. P., Ramsgrange, Rev Thomas Cloney, P. P., Templetown, Rev James Redmond P. P., Horeswood, Rev

Edward Doyle C. C., Gusserane, Rev Brother Theodore, The Monastery, Ramsgrange, Rev J.C. Ludgate, The Rectory, Duncannon, M. Cloney M. C. C., Dungulph Castle, Duncannon, N. Howlett, Ramsgrange, and Frank Doyle, Arthurstown.

No. 3 (Taghmon & Killurin) On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the following were appointed:- Very Rev Canon Fortune P. P., Taghmon, Rev T. W. Lowe, The Rectory, Taghmon, John Sinnott, Vice-Chairman Enniscorthy R. D. Council, Walter Boggan, Growtown, Taghmon, Denis Asple, Galbally, John Kennedy, Taghmon, Messrs James Cullen, Edward Brennan, and W. Keating, all of Taghmon.

No. 4 (Coolgreany & Gorey) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Owen Kehoe:- Messrs J. J. Marrion, 68 Main Street, Gorey, James Connors, William Street, Gorey, Peter Connolly, George Street, Gorey, Very Rev Canon Lennon P. P., Gorey, Rev P. Doyle, C. C., Gorey, Rev Owen Kehoe C. C., Monaseed, Very Rev Canon Murphy P. P., Craanford, Gorey, Rev Thomas Cleary C. C., Gorey, Rev W. H. T. Gahan, Rectory, Gorey, John O'Byrne M. C. C., Gorey, James Malone V. S., Gorey, James E. Cooke, Medical Hall, Gorey.

No. 5 (Enniscorthy & Kiltale) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Smith:-

Rev P. Cummins C. C., Enniscorthy, Rev Canon Lyster B.D., Enniscorthy, Rev S. Cullen C. C., Marshallstown, Rev W. F. Benson M. A., Templeshambo, Rev A. McCormack C. C., Kiltale, Messrs Albert Smith, Tomnalossett, James Doyle, Hillview Terrace, Enniscorthy, Thomas Doyle, R.D.C., Coolree, Ballindaggin, James Leary, Grange, Rathnure.

No. 6 (Newtownbarry & Ferns) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

Rev A. Forrestal P. P., Newtownbarry, Rev R. Gaul C. C., Ferns, Rev Mr Talbot, Ballycarney, Messrs John Nolan D. C., Newtownbarry, Matthew Hughes M.C.C., Newtownbarry, Morgan Lacey, Cloologue, Ferns, John Kavanagh, Ferns, John Pender, Ferns, and Rev Canon Fry, Rectory, Newtownbarry.

No. 7 (New Ross & Old Ross) The following were appointed on the motion of Mr John J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Michael Byrne:-

Very Rev Canon Gibson, Rectory, Rosbercon, Very Rev Canon Rossiter P.P., New Ross, Messrs A. P. Bolger, South Street, New Ross, William Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross, Charles Kavanagh, Cross lane, New Ross, James Walsh, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, John O'Neill, Wexford Street, New Ross, James Murphy, New Ross, and Rev D. A. Kavanagh C. C., New Ross.

No. 8 (Monamolin & Ballyhuskard) The following were appointed on the motion of

Mr Simon Kehoe, seconded by Mr Hughes--

Rev T. Quigley P. P., Blackwater, Messrs Myles Murphy, Crosshue, Nicholas Whitty, Killahard, Blackwater, Moses Brien, Killeagh, Blackwater, John Murphy, Castlebridge, Patrick Weafer, Kilmuckridge, Owen Lacey, Killela, Blackwater, Rev T. K. Moran, C. C., Monamolin, Rev J. Furlong, Screen.

Appointment of Representatives on Council of Agriculture.

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

"That we approve of Mr Michael Doyle, M. C. C., acting as one of our representatives on the Council of Agriculture, and that Mr Christopher Culleton, be appointed as our second representative on said Council, to take office should any vacancy occur, and in any event to represent the Council after 1st April 1921."

Representatives of Co. Council on General Council of Co. Councils.

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) Messrs Etchingham and Smith, were appointed as the representatives of the Council on the Irish County Councils General Council.

Representatives on Co. Insurance Committee.

The following were appointed representatives of the County Council on Co. Wexford insurance Committee:- Miss Maisie Browne, Bridgetown, Mrs Stafford, St., Peter's College, Wexford, Messrs Patrick White, Secretary Trades Council, Wexford, James Gleeson, Avenue, Gorey, John O'Byrne, Gorey, Frank Carty, North Main Street, Wexford, Rev John Sinnott C. C., Wexford, and Rev Owen Kavanagh C. C., Blackwater.

Trustees of Co. Wexford Insurance Society.

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

"That the question of the appointment of representatives of the Council on County Insurance Society Committee be referred to the Secretary and the Solicitor to the Council for report to next meeting."

County Wexford Infirmary Committee.

On the motion of Mr Michael Byrne, seconded by Mr David Kavanagh, the following were appointed members of County Wexford Infirmary Committee:-

Messrs Corish, Cloney, James Doyle, John Murphy, Philip Lennon, (County Councillors) Rev T. Hore Adm., Wexford, Ven Archdeacon Latham, D. D., Rectory, Wexford, Miss Charlotte Whelan, George Street, Wexford, Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan, Bridgetown, Rev R. Fitzhenry, P.P., Lady's Island, Mrs McTaminey, Quay,

Wexford, Michael Parker, North Main Street, Wexford, Rev P. Murphy M.S.S., Enniscorthy, Miss Kehoe, Mount St Benedict, Gorey, Patrick Doyle, Kellystown, Adamstown, Thomas Redmond, New Ross, Nicholas Whitty, Killahard, and Rev J. Quigley, P.P., Tagoat.

Road 300E.

Mr Smith raised the question of Contract on Road 300E (Contractor John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown).

After discussion the following was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr J.J.O'Byrne (New Ross):-

"That the circumstances of contract for Road 300E be referred to next meeting of the County Council, and that the County Surveyor present to said meeting a report dealing with this contract."

War Bonus Road Contractors & Ministry of Transport.

At last Meeting of the County Council a letter was read from the Ministry of Transport (under date 14th May 1920.-I.R.6) in connection with proposal of the Council to pay War Bonus to certain Road Contractors. This communication pointed out that authority to pay War Bonus proposed could only be given under a statutory provision, and in the absence of such provision, much as the Ministry would desire to help the Council, they found themselves unable to do so in the direction indicated. The difficulties experienced by Wexford County Council were more or less common to all County Councils in Ireland, but on the information at hand the Ministry were not convinced that the payment of War bonus would overcome these difficulties. In forming this view the Ministry had regard to the fact that conditions of labour, provision of material, etc., could not be considered as settled and that many Councils found great difficulty in securing contractors even at increased prices. The question would therefore appear to arise whether the principle of direct labour for repair of roads should not be extended, and in cases in which the Council consider contracts should be entered into, having them fixed for shorter periods than had hitherto been the case.

In connection with this matter a letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, under date 5th June 1920, (and who acted for most of the contractors concerned) stating that their clients could not see why, when a War Bonus was given before by the County Council, the Ministry of Transport would not also have equal power to give a Bonus. In the event of a War Bonus not being forthcoming, they desired the Council to ask the Ministry of Transport would they relieve the contractors interested of their contracts.

The following resolution from a meeting of Gorey Road Contractors and adjourned from last meeting of the County Council was read:-

"That in the event of material running short at Tara Hill Quarry, owing to steamrolling in the vicinity, contractors be paid their full half-year's pay at November Meeting. And we further request that if we are to be put into winter haulage thro' same cause that we be allowed 25% of the prescribed tonnage."

The following resolution was read from Kilanerin Farmers' Association:-

"That, owing to the deplorable condition of our roads at present and their increased tendency to deteriorate owing to the difficulty of obtaining contractors and in order to facilitate existing contractors to complete their contracts, we, the members of the Kilanerin Farmers' Union, respectfully request the Council, to urge upon the Ministry of Transport, the necessity of sanctioning the Bonus which was unanimously granted by the several district councils and approved of by your late County Council."

The following resolution was received from a meeting of Gorey Road Contractors:-

"That we respectfully request the Council to urge upon the Ministry of Transport the necessity of granting to the contractors the bonus which was unanimously granted by the several district councils and approved of by the late County Council, otherwise we appeal to you to grant us thirtyfive per cent off the tonnage on all existing contracts, as we think your Council and County Surveyor have power to do so, and if not practical we lastly appeal to you to cancel our contracts and formulate some other Scheme of road repairing."

Mr Corish proposed, and Mr Sinnott seconded, the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That a special Committee be appointed to deal with the correspondence from the Ministry of Transport as regards proposed payment of War Bonus to Road Contractors. That this Committee also deal with the general system of road maintenance as at present carried out by the Council and under a Scheme of direct labour. That they present a report to next meeting of the Council. That the County Surveyor be instructed to attend the meetings of the Committee."

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

"That the special Committee to consider Road Contractors' War Bonus and Road Maintenance consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council the Chairman or County Council Representative of each Rural District Council, Mr

R. Corish, J. J. O'Byrne, C. Culleten, and A. F. Smith. That the first meeting of the Committee be held in Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, 22nd inst.,"

Ministry of Transport & County Council Minutes.

Under date 21st April 1920, a letter was read from the Ministry of Transport, asking that, as from the 1st January 1920, a copy of the Minutes of the County Council should be furnished them, and also, as regards future meetings, copy of Minutes as soon as possible after each meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleten:- "That no order be made on the letter from the Ministry of Transport, under date 21st April 1920, but that the Ministry be informed that the Council will communicate with them as regards matters in connection with road maintenance when necessary."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Applications for award of University Scholarships were received from the following:-

Stephen Hayes, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

James Hayden, Curragh, Kilanerin.

Patrick J. Gibbins, Millpark Road, Enniscorthy.

Thomas McGrath, George Street, Gorey.

Mary O'Rourke, St Peter's Square, Wexford.

Aidan Redmond, Ballysampson, Taggart.

Lee Sullivan, Selskar Street, Wexford.

Laurence J. Walsh, Town View, Gorey.

On the motion of Mr Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr John Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the eligibility of applicants for award of University Scholarships be referred to the Finance Committee."

Proposed Superannuation of Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector.

The Secretary stated that the following notice of motion by Mr Fowler, late County Councillor, had been issued on 8th May 1920:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 18th June 1920, or (in the event of my non-election as County Councillor) I will arrange for another Member to move, that a superannuation allowance be granted to Mr Robert Earle, late Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District, and that the amount of said superannuation be fixed in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of 9 & 10 Geo 5 Cap 19, Local

Government (Ireland) Act 1919."

The Secretary stated that as the new Council had not been furnished with a copy of this Notice of Motion, he held that a new Notice should be served.

Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) stated that he would give notice of motion to be considered at August meeting as to superannuation allowance to Mr Robert Earle, late Rate Collector.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, and that renewal of licences be issued to Messrs John Roche, Camolin, Edward Brennan, Taghmon, W. H. McGuire, Commercial Quay Wexford, and Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitty."

Medical Inspection & Treatment of School Children.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board under date 19th December 1919 (61034-1919, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Public Health (Medical Treatment to Children) (Ireland) Act 1919, and which had been referred to the new County Council was read. An Exchequer Grant would be available towards defraying half the cost of an approved Scheme. The latter would involve the appointment of a whole time School Medical Officer (with-if necessary- Assistant School Medical Officers) one or more Dentists, qualified medical and surgical nurses, or arrangements with voluntary nursing associations for the services of such Nurses, provision for the medical treatment of children at Clinics or in Hospitals or Dispensaries, and finally provision for the requisite instruments and necessary equipment, heating etc., of premises. In the case of an Urban District with a population of not less than 6,000 the Act authorised the transfer, by mutual arrangement, confirmed by the Local Government Board, of the administration of the Scheme to the Council of the Urban District.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Shannen, it was decided that no action be taken in this matter pending receipt of draft Regulations from Local Government Board.

Application Co. Council Officials & Co Surveyor for War Bonus

-----Awards 84 & 101-----

Correspondence was submitted from Mr G. Griffin, Acting General Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers' Union, asking the County Council to put into force Award 101 (of the Conciliation & Arbitration Board for Government Employees) as regards the Staff of the County Council who are members of the Irish Clerical Workers

Union.

This matter was before the meeting of the County Council on 26th May 1920, and adjourned to next meeting.

Under date 19th May 1920, an application was read from the County Surveyor asking the Council to apply Award 101 in his case.

This application had also been before the meeting of 26th May 1920, and postponed.

Under date 17th June 1920, the following letter was read from the General Secretary, Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 8th inst., I shall be glad if your Council will consider at their meeting on to-morrow (Friday) the application to our Members of the bonus granted as from 1st March 1920, based on the Report of the Committee appointed under the National Whitley Council.

Trusting you will submit our claim in this amended form."

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

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

Rent St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 8th April 1919, the following letter was read from the Community of St John of God:-

"When St Brigid's Home as an Inebriate Home for females was closed last year owing to lack of inmates the County Council were good enough (in view of the large outlay of the Community of St John of God on the premises) to allow us to hold it at a rent of one shilling from 1st July 1918. Recently we have undertaken the Nursing of wounded Soldiers and Sailors for the War Office but as the work is of a very limited character to the present, the Community would be extremely grateful to the Council if they would see their way to allow us to hold the premises for another year on the same terms as obtained in 1918. After this we would be in a position to know what we could expect from the Military Authorities.

The Council on this letter adopted the following resolution:-

"That the Community of St John of God be allowed to hold St Brigid's Inebriate Home at 1/- per annum as from 1st July 1919."

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

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

On the motion of Mr James Byrne, seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following deputation was appointed:- Dr Ryan, Messrs Corish, Devereux, and Sinnott, with the Secretary and County Surveyor.

It was agreed that the Rev Mother, St John of God Convent, be requested to receive the deputation at St Brigid's Inebriate Home, at 4 p.m., on 23rd June 1920.

Reports Audits.

The Local Government Board forwarded report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of Asylum Committee in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1920.

"No Order"

Sanction Appointment Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Under date 31st May 1920, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Veterinary Branch.-V.B., 1424-20) wrote approving of the appointments of Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, as Sheep Dipping Inspector for Enniscorthy & Gorey Rural Districts, and Mr James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, for New Ross & Wexford Rural Districts, the remuneration in each case to be £26 covering both dipping periods.

"No Order"

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor (Mr Barry) submitted a letter from Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, under date 6th June 1920, stating that he (Mr Burden) had brought to the notice of the Kilkenny County Council the matter of proceeding with the erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett, and he found they were inclined to entertain it and directed him to ascertain the views of the County Council and to procure tenders. He told them that he could not get tenders but would look into the probable cost. He suggested that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, should ascertain the views of the Wexford County Council at the Annual Meeting.

On the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr J. J. O'Byrne, (New Ross) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of re-erecting Mountgarrett Bridge, repairing existing structure and erecting temporary bridge, be referred to next meeting of the Proposal Committee. That the County Surveyor bring forward proposals regarding same. That he make further representations to the Ministry of transport with a

view to securing a grant towards this important and expensive work which is the main channel of communication between considerable sections of the community of Kilkenny and Wexford Counties. That Kilkenny County Council be requested to make similar representations to the Ministry of Transport. That the latter be requested to state why they refused a grant in this instance altho' they provided a grant under practically similar circumstances in Portadown."

Rate Collection.

In connection with the close of the Rate Collection of the late Mr F. Blake (No. 4 Collection District) Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote enclosing copy letter from District Secretary, National Benefit Assurance Co., 51 Dame Street, Dublin, in which it was stated that the Company had received a letter from Mrs Blake, widow of late Collector, to the effect that she would pay the amount £4. 11. 9d alleged to be collected from Mrs Mary Day (No. 31 Tomhaggard) over to the new Collector, and it was assumed this would put the matter right.

The Secretary stated that Mr Day had closed the collection satisfactorily on 8th June.

"the Council made no further order in view of the fact that the collection had been lodged in full."

Sanction Rate Collectors.

Under date 14th June 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (26769-1920, and 39346-1920) approving of the appointments of Mr John J. Berry as Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, and Mr Joseph Day as Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District, for the current year's collection on the terms of query form which they returned. They would consider the permanent appointment of these Collectors at the close of financial year.

"No Order"

Motor Charges-Conveyance of Prisoners.

In connection with the claim of the District Inspector, R. I. C., Gorey, for a refund of payment for motor hire at 2/6 per mile and also 8/6 per hour the Co. Council at last meeting adopted a resolution offering 1/6 per mile.

In reply to this the County Inspector, R.I.C., wrote that he had been directed by the Inspector General to state that every effort was made to induce the motor car owners to reduce their charges but without avail, and the police had no option but to pay the claim.

On the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Sinnett, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no further action be taken by this Council as regards the payment of Motor hire claimed by the Gorey Constabulary in respect of the Conveyance of Prisoners."

Newtownbarry Streets.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy R. D. Council: -

"That we request the Local Government Board to have the streets of Newtownbarry regularly inspected."

On the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Cerish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolution of the late Rural District Council of Enniscorthy as to inspection of Newtownbarry Streets by the Local Government Board be referred to the existing R. D. Council of Enniscorthy for their observations."

New Telegraph Line.

The Superintending Engineer, Post Office, wrote applying for permission to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the public road from a point near Bettyville House, Wexford, to a point at the rear of Wexford Workhouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cerish, seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That this County Council consents to the placing of overground telegraphic line along the public road from a point near Bettyville House to a point at the rear of Wexford Union Workhouse, provided that the County Surveyor is consulted as to the position of the poles, in view of his complaint that instances have come to his knowledge in which poles have been erected in the watertable and have so obstructed the drainage of the road. That we consider some protection should be placed round poles so as to prevent injury to wearing apparel of persons leaning against them."

Wexford Seaplane Station.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, forwarded under date 2nd June 1920, copy of letter from Major G W. Hall, Chief Land Agent, General Headquarters Ireland, under date 31st May 1920, that on completion of certificate from County Council accepting £180 in full discharge of all claims arising out of interference with or damage or injury to the road leading to the premises lately occupied as an American Seaplane Station at Ferrybank, Wexford, a draft for the sum mentioned would be forwarded.

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

"That the agreement with the War Office to accept £180 in lieu of

replacement of road at Ferrybank at late American Seaplane Station be sealed and signed."

Malicious Injury Claims.

Under date 2nd June 1920, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I write to let you know that on last evening about 9 p.m., two strangers called at my house and informed that they were instructed to tell me that unless I gave an undertaking not to appear on the hearing of malicious injury claims, stronger steps would be taken to compel me to do so. Under these circumstances I gave the undertaking."

"No Order was made on this communication."

National Bank and County Council Loans.

In agreeing to loan to County Council for £1522 at 4 per cent, the Manager Wexford Branch of the National Bank, wrote under date 17th May 1920,- "Seeing however, that the Irish Banks Standing Committee have decided that no bank is in future to make new advances to a County Council at a lower rate than one-half per cent below the Irish Banks Rate, varying with a minimum of 4 per cent, that rate has necessarily to be charged on all new transactions. This would be equivalent to a present rate of 7 per cent."

On the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr James Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Ministry of Finance, Dail Eireann, and ascertain if the County Council can obtain money for road improvement etc., and at what per cent, having regard to the present combination amongst Irish Banks and the rate of Interest they propose charging local authorities."

Demand of Enniscorthy Urban Council.

The Secretary reported that the current instalment of Demand on Enniscorthy Urban Council had been forwarded less £23 odd amount included in demand for payment of criminal injuries as assessed on Urban Council.

"No Order"

Income Tax Returns.

Mr James Byrne, proposed, and Mr Corish seconded, the following resolution which was passed:-

"That we direct our Secretary not to allow the Inspector of Taxes access to the Rate Books or any of the documents of the Council for the purposes of assessing Income Tax on any official of the Council or otherwise."

Wexford Gas Company.

Notice was received from Wexford Gas Company, that they were applying to the Board of Trade to authorise them to increase the price of gas from 6/6 to 7/- per 1000 cubic feet.

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

"That the application of Wexford Gas Company, as to increase in price of gas be referred to the Wexford Corporation, and that they be informed that we are prepared to fall in with the views of the Corporation in the matter."

Rate Collector John A. Ryan.

A letter was read from Mr J. A. Ryan, Rate Collector, stating that as he had not fully recovered from his illness he would be grateful if the Council would re-appoint Mr Philip Ryan, his brother, to act as deputy Collector for the present half-year.

A certificate was read from Dr Ryan, that Mr John A. Ryan would require another term of three months' leave before he would be able to resume work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Michael Doyle, Seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That Mr John A. Ryan, Rate Collector, be granted leave of absence to 30th September 1920, and that Mr Philip Ryan, be appointed deputy Rate Collector for the period."

Wexford Bridge.

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

"That the County Surveyor submit a report as to the amount expended on the Wexford Bridge and as to its present condition and future cost. Also as to the cost of erecting the new bridge on the site opposite the Courthouse, Wexford."

Defaulting Contractors.

The County Surveyor reported the following as defaulting Contractors:- Bryan Murphy, Ballinagore, Blackwater, (Ballymoty Bridge) Michael Kelly, Rathnure (Ballyeden Bridge) and asked the permission of the Council for prosecution.

Mr Corish proposed, and Mr Sinnott seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Messrs Bryan Murphy and Michael Kelly, be proceeded against in a Republican Court for their default in carrying out the work of repair at Ballymoty and Ballyeden Bridges respectively."

