

SPECIAL MEETING. 8th JUNE 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 8th June 1921.

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

Also present:- Messrs. D. Kavanagh, R. Corish, Thomas Murphy, J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen) J. Murphy, and C. Culleton.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Accountant were also in attendance.

Proposed Amalgamation of Unions.

Under date 4th June 1921, Mr. J.J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Union, wrote that at a Conference of delegates representing Enniscorthy Gorey, New Ross and Wexford Unions, which was held on 2nd June 1921, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Conference favours Workhouse Amalgamation, that the the four general Workhouses be abolished, that the four hospitals be retained and properly equipped, children to be boarded out, the aged to be housed in a central home, and one of the Workhouses to be used for that purpose".

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Clerks of the four Unions of the County be requested to inform the delegates who attended Conference in New Ross on 2nd June 1921, on the subject of amalgamation of Unions, that the County Council will at their annual Meeting on 18th June 1921, consider the general question of amalgamation and also recommendation from the Conference, and would be glad to have the assistance of the delegates on the occasion.

That the Clerks of Unions be also asked to attend the Co. Council meeting".

State of Rate Collection.

A considerable portion of the time of the meeting was taken up in connection with the Rate Collection ending March 1921, and in respect of which a sum of £16800 was still outstanding.

As regards No. 1 Collection District, it was decided that Messrs. E.P. Foley, and C. Culleton, County Councillors and Mr. Charles



McCarthy, Murrintown, make arrangements for the collection of the balance of the Rates outstanding.

Arrangements were also made for continuation of Collection in Nos. 3 and 4 Districts.

As regards No. 6 District, Mr. John Murphy was requested to make provision for continuation of the collection.

In connection with No. 13 District approval was given to the appointment of Mr. Michael Kinsella, Ballyshane, Camolin, vice William Roche who did not take up the appointment of Rate Collector.

Regarding No. 16 Collection District, it was decided to ask Mr. Laurence Redmond, Morriscastle, Kilmuckridge to look after the Collection.

#### Payment of Poundage Fees.

A resolution was adopted that poundage fees be paid to Rate Collectors on the amounts they have lodged, except in the cases of Collectors P. Codd and J.C. Smith to whom poundage fees will not be paid until they close their collections.

#### Deferred Payments.

A full list of deferred payments from Road Contractors in connection with meetings of R.D. Councils in April last was submitted to the meeting by the County Surveyor.

Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, Contractor for Road No. 3E came before the meeting and explained that as work had been stopped at Doran's Hill Quarry he could not get the material for the road and in respect of which £64. 13. 6 had been deferred. He contended he had been put to a loss of £45 by upkeep of men and horses. If he had dismissed the men he had, he could not have found others so suitable and he would not have been able to carry on his other contracts. He was over £70 out of pocket by keeping on his men and he did not dismiss them because he did not know but the quarry would be re-opened any day.

"Contractor was informed that the County Council could not pay him for work which had not been performed. He would be paid in December for all material spread and work done on road in accordance with the terms of his contract".

A similar ruling was made in the case of William Murphy,



Contractor for Road No. 128G".

Joseph Cullen, Contractor for Roads Nos. 30E, 170E, and 172E, came before the meeting and complained that amounts had been deferred on his Contracts for shortage of material, but this arose because County Council Stonebreaker was not available.

It was decided that provided material was spread and work carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor the deferred amounts be paid in December next, in the meantime County Surveyor to arrange that Cullen should obtain an assignment from Bank to enable him to proceed with his contracts.

This Contractor also complained that an excessive sum had been paid by the County Surveyor to John Murphy, Castlebridge from whom Cullen had purchased road material, but the meeting having heard a statement from the County Surveyor came to the conclusion that amount paid John Murphy was in accordance with the terms of agreement which had been entered into by Michael Cullen.

As regards deferred amounts on Roads 32E and 49E the County Surveyor stated that these were cases similar to Cullen's i.e. the County Council Stonebreaker was not available to have material broken in proper time.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor would make arrangements by which Hyland could obtain an advance from Bank to enable him to carry on, and that the County Surveyor certify for R.D. Council Meeting in December on form 22 for all material spread and work done on these contracts".

#### University Scholarships.

It was decided that consideration of applications for University Scholarships be adjourned to next meeting of the Co. Council on 18th inst., in order to ascertain if parents or guardians of children were in need of assistance in order to provide a University Scholarship for applicants.

#### Overline Railway Bridges.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That on termination of existing agreements, and agreement entered into with Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Co., and Great



Southern & Western Railway Co., (jointly) for the repair of overline bridges and approaches thereto for sums of £32.18.0 and £21. 11.0 as regards Fishguard Co., and £4.16. 0 as regards Great Southern & Western Railway Co., respectively per annum. Agreement to be terminated at any time by six months' notice in writing on either side.

That an agreement be also entered into with the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., for maintenance of overline bridges on this line of railway and of the approaches thereto for the sum of £110 per annum, to be determined by six months' notice in writing on either side".

#### Enniscorthy Roads.

A Committee of the County Council consisting of Messrs. Hall. and W. Furlong, recommended that as regards work on roads 25E, 231E and 234E a sum of £8. 1. 0 should be paid the Contractor (James O'Brien Glenteigue, Edermine).

The report was received and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had noticed in April last about one-third or one-half a cubic yard of stones from Ballybrennan Quarry spread in the yard of Mr. Richard Murphy, Milltown, Killanne, and which appeared to have been taken from Road No. 48E.

"It was decided that the report of Mr. Ennis, be referred to Mr. J. Murphy, County Councillor, for report to next meeting of the County Council".

#### New Ross Bridge Repairs.

The County Surveyor brought forward account of over £275 odd from Messrs. Kelly & Co., Timber Merchants, New Ross, and Thomas Lee, Blacksmith, New Ross, for repairs to New Ross Bridge.

"It was decided that the amount be paid".

#### Outstanding Liabilities.

On the motion of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. T. Murphy, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to next meeting of the County Council full particulars of all amounts due by the County Council in connection with his department".

#### Insurance Policies.

Under date 26th May 1921, Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance



Brokers, Dublin, wrote as regards injury to a boat at Courtown, the property of the Council, that the Public Liability Policy which had been entered into did not cover these vessels and it would be necessary to have a Marine policy issued in respect of them.

"It was decided owing to the few boats owned by the Council and that the accident at Courtown was the first one with which the Council had to deal that it was not necessary to enter into a Marine Insurance Policy".

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

A resolution was adopted agreeing to renewals of Licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act to Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, and Edward Brennan, Taghmon, on condition that they stocked only Sheep dip which was manufactured in Ireland.

In connection with this matter the following, under date 7th June 1921, was read from Mr. James Codd, Assistant Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society:-

"Referring to yours of the 14th ult., re Licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act. Since receiving your letter I have been making enquiries through several sources especially through the Irish Industrial Development Association as to Sheep Dip manufactured in Ireland. The Irish Industrial Development Association gave me a list of manufacturers, but when I wrote these firms only one said they were manufacturers of dip similar to Coopers, and this firm is Kilch & Co., Cork, and they state that they have only begun to make this dip, and it has not yet been passed by the Department of Agriculture and until then they cannot put same in the market.

You state that the Licence will only be renewed on notification been received that applicants only stock Irish Goods in connection with the Act. Now this is a thing I would like to do, and also which the firm I represent would like to do, but as you see we have made every effort to find a manufacturer in Ireland of the quality of dip which is mostly used in this country, and we cannot find one.

I know of one firm myself (but of course at present time it is not in Ireland) being in Belfast, - the North of Ireland Chemical Company- which make this class of dip, but is out of the question.



As the sheep dipping season is now advancing I would be pleased if you would let me know at earliest whether you will grant me the Licence".

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Codd, Assistant Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, be informed that in the opinion of this Council satisfactory Sheep Dip is manufactured in Ireland, and we feel assured that same will be used without objection by the Members of his Society".

#### Employment Ex-Service Men.

Under date 30th May 1921, the Ministry of Transport wrote that they had noted that the County Council had no objection to the Ministry granting an honorarium to the County Surveyor in respect of services rendered in connection with the Works upon which ex-service men had been employed.

#### Wall at Blackwater.

Under date 3rd June 1921, Messrs. Buttle Bros. & Co., wrote applying for permission to remove a small portion of wall facing the main entrance of their new Store and Shop at Blackwater. They pointed out that the County Surveyor was satisfied that the wall should be removed provided the permission of the County Council was obtained.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Messrs. Buttle Bros. & Co., for removal of wall at Blackwater be agreed to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor".

#### Foot & Mouth Disease.

Orders were received from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, prohibiting the movement of animals from or out of the premises of the following, owing to Foot & Mouth Disease:- William Doyle, Pondfields, New Ross, lands at Barrett's Park, Newtown, and Lacken, Bridget Ronan, Mountgarrett Lane, New Ross, John Bailey, Mountgarrett Lane, New Ross, and lands of Newtown, F.W. Taylor, The Quay, New Ross, Major J.M. Little, Berkley House, New Ross.

#### Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 4th June 1921, a letter was read from Mr. F. W.



Taylor, V.S. New Ross, stating he would be glad to know how the Veterinary Surgeons of the Council stood with regard to salary under Tuberculosis Order, if to be paid by case or by salary, He had not received any remuneration up to the present although the Order had been in force for 18 months.

The Secretary stated that the entire correspondence with the Veterinary Surgeons and resolutions of the Council dealing with this matter had been submitted to the Irish Co. Councils' General Council, some considerable time ago for recommendation, but nothing had been received from them to the present.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That the General Council of Irish County Councils be requested to submit recommendation to this Council in connection with remuneration to be paid Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order, in respect of which full details were submitted to General Council some months ago".

#### Malicious Injury Decrees.

Applications were received from Solicitors for payment of amounts of Criminal Injuries.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Solicitors applying for payment of compensation for Criminal Injuries be informed that the County Council will not pay same".

#### Payment to Ministry of Transport.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That £102 final instalment due Ministry of Transport in respect of loan advanced for purchase of stonebreaker be paid at first available opportunity".

#### Road 239R.

Consideration of Report of Committee as to above was adjourned pending information as to whether this report has been adopted by New Ross Rural District Council.

#### Shipment of Trailers.

In connection with amount due Thompson's Motor Car Co., Dublin



for Machinery, the County Surveyor stated that as regards the resolution of the Council refusing to make any further payment to Messrs. Thompsons until trailers had been delivered in Wexford, he had been in communication with Mr. Charles Thompson,, Managing Director of the firm, but could not find that trailers had been yet shipped to Wexford.

"No Order"

#### White Cross Fund.

Under date 24th May 1921, Mr. J.J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Board of Guardians, wrote that his Board had adopted the resolution of New Ross Urban Council, asking the County Council to obtain from his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns, permission to hold collections at the Church doors in aid of the Irish White Cross Fund.

"No action was taken in view of the fact that collections cannot be held without a permit from Military Authorities".

#### Unemployment.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Clerks of Rural District Councils, and ascertain if any steps had been taken to formation of a scheme to deal with unemployment in their districts.

#### Missing Pay Orders.

The Secretary stated that Pierce Franey, Grallough, Adamstown Road Contractor, wrote that two Paying Orders of his must have gone astray in post. One was on Road 121R No. of Order 678, amount £14. 2. 0. second on Road 95R, No. of Order 790, amount £22.10. 0.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy and passed:-

"That our Secretary be empowered to issue duplicate Pay Orders for No. 678, £14.2.0 and No. 790, £22.10.0 (General Account) as Original Orders issued 11th May 1921 were not received by Payee. That an estoppel be placed on payment of original Orders in these cases

That duplicate Pay Order for No. 531 (General Account) issued on 11th May 1921) to Daniel Connors, Ballinclay, Killurin, be issued as original had been lost by Payee.

That duplicate Pay Order be issued in favour of St. Kevin's reformatory, Glencree, for £36. 2. 2 (No. 830 General Account) as original had been lost by Payee.



That in all these cases estoppel be placed on original Orders".

Application for Funds.

Under date 3rd June 1921, Dr. Hugh T. Kennedy, Medical Superintendent, Asylum, Enniscorthy, wrote for instalment of Asylum Demand as the Committee had only £23.1.8d standing to credit.

"It was decided that application be adjourned to next meeting as County Council had no funds available".

Dublin Castle and Local Bodies.

Under date 31st May 1921, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote (25806-1920? forwarding Order made by Lord Justices under the provisions of the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act and Regulations, withholding payment to certain specified local bodies of sums which would otherwise <sup>be</sup> paid to them out of Local Taxation (Ireland) Account or any Parliamentary Grant or Fund administered by any Government Department or public body.

Under date 30th May 1921, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote that £87. 0. 2d being £85. 0. 4d Decree and costs in favour of Head Constable Coghlan, R.I.C. and £1. 19. 10d interest thereon, had been deducted from sums payable Wexford County Council under Local Taxation Account.

Mandamus Proceedings.

The Secretary reported that he had received original Writ of Mandamus in the case of Local Government Board, Dublin, vice Wexford County Council.

"No Order"

Payment for Stonebreaker.

A resolution was adopted that £475. 10. 0 balance due by Co. Council on purchase of Stonebreaker should be paid as soon as funds are available.

Ballymotey Bridge.

The County Surveyor asked for directions as to repair of Ballymotey Bridge, Bryan Murphy, Ballinagore, Blackwater, had been accepted as Contractor at something over £200 and he had defaulted. One of the Sureties, Joseph Hyland, Kilcotty, had taken up the work and had carried out portion of it, cost amounting to about £30. The



bridge would not at present be able to carry a heavy motor lorry.

"The Council decided that in view of the present conditions it would be inadvisable to repair the structure and directions to this effect were conveyed to the County Surveyor.

Striking Rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. E.P. Foley:-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1921-1922 as agreed to at meeting of Wexford County Council on 20th April 1921, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said Rates being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished by the Commissioner of Valuation.

That the allowance for said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books, signed by the presiding Chairman, and two Members present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the Wexford County Council, and countersigned by the Secretary.

That the demands of Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, be fully signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Councils after allowing for Credit items being:-

District	County Charges	Union Charges	Separate Charges	Total
Enniscorthy	1065. 12. 2	1507. 8. 10		2573. 1. 0
New Ross	1008. 3. 0	1921. 6. 0		2929. 9. 0
Wexford	2181. 13. 7	3469. 11. 1		5641. 4. 8

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(Signed)

Dated this

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Presiding Chairman



ANNUAL MEETING. - 18th JUNE 1921.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 18th June 1921.

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

Also:- Messrs. C. Culleton, John Cummins, Simon Kehoe, M. Cloney, E.P. Foley, James Hall, D. Kavanagh, Michael Byrne, James Byrne, M. Doyle. R. Corish, John Murphy.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Chairmen of Rural District Councils, etc.

Mr. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Rural District Council, wrote that Mr. W.J. Furlong, Dranagh, Caim, had been elected Chairman of this Council and Representative of County Council.

Mr. Fanning, Clerk Gorey Rural District Council wrote that Mr. Patrick O'Byrne, Camolin, had been appointed Representative of Gorey Rural District Council on County Council.

Mr. Rochford, Clerk R.D. Council, New Ross, wrote that Mr. Michael Byrne, Ballynabearna, Ballywilliam, had been appointed Chairman of this Council and Representative on Co. Council.

Election of Chairman.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. E.P. Foley be appointed Chairman, but Mr. Foley would not allow his name to go forward as Chairman.

Mr. Foley proposed:- "That Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, be appointed Chairman of this Council for year 1921-22, and until his Successor had been appointed and taken office, position to be vacated by Mr. O'Byrne when Mr. J.R. Etchingham, County Councillor, is available to fill the Chair".

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne returned thanks for his election.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That Mr. E.P. Foley be appointed Vice Chairman of this Council for year 1921-22, to hold office until the



appointment of his Successor, position however to be vacated when Dr. Ryan returns to civil life and is able to take his seat on the Council as Vice-Chairman".

Mr. C. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Foley returned thanks for his election.

#### Election of Deputy Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. S. Kehoe seconded and adopted:-

"That Mr. C. Culleton be appointed Deputy Vice-Chairman of the Council for year 1921-22, and until his Successor has been appointed and has taken office, position to be vacated on return of Mr. A.F. Smith to civil life and on his taking his seat as Co. Councillor".

#### Proposed Co-option of Member.

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

"That as Mr. T. Walsh, recently co-opted a Member of this Council, is unable to arrange for attendance at County Council meetings we request the Wexford Trades Council to nominate a Member to fill the vacancy created by the internment of Mr. John Sinnott and to which Mr. Walsh was nominated".

#### Committees.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the following were appointed members of Finance Committee for year 1921-22

Messrs. Buckley, Cloney, Corish, Culleton, M. Doyle, J. R. Etchingham, J.J. O'Byrne, (Raheen) with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council to act as Ex-officio Members. That Member of the County Council appointed to represent Wexford Rural District Council be elected a Member vice Mr. G. Devereux (in prison).

#### Proposal Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the following be appointed Members of proposal Committee for 1921-22:- Messrs. Clancy, Corish, Etchingham, W.J. Furlong, Hughes, Kavanagh, S. Kehoe, John Murphy, Patrick O'Byrne, M. Redmond, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as Ex-officio Members. That Member appointed by Rural District Council of Wexford as their



Representative on the County Council vice Mr. G. Devereux (in prison) be appointed a member of the Proposal Committee".

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:- "That the following dates etc. be agreed to for Half-yearly Meetings of County and Rural District Councils:-

Enniscorthy-	Thursday,	10th November	11 a.m.
Gorey	Tuesday,	8th "	11.30 a.m.
New Ross	Wednesday,	2nd "	11.30 a.m.
Wexford	Saturday,	29th October,	11 a.m.
Proposal Committee-	Wednesday,	3rd August	11 a.m.
Co. Council (Quarterly)	"	"	11.30 a.m.
Proposal Committee	Wednesday,	5th October,	11 a.m.
Co. Council (Half-yearly)	Wednesday,	7th December	11 a.m.

Road 239R.

In connection with the above a Committee of New Ross Rural District Council reported that they found that the Contractor, Mr. Moses Browne, had had £7.10.0 wrongfully struck off his contract. From the Contractor's statement the Committee found that £7.10. 0 had been wrongfully "struck off" his payment. Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor (Mr. Browne contended) had agreed that if he, Contractor, put the tonnage on another road at Boley, under Sudden Damage Order, at 4/- per yard, he would be allowed full pay on 239R. The Committee found road in perfect condition and recommended payment of the amount.

This report had been adopted by the Rural District Council of New Ross.

Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, in reply to report pointed out that the Contractor was 22 cubic yards short on this road. If there had been no shortage, Mr. Browne would have been paid in full.

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

"That report of Committee on Road 239R be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration. That Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, arrange to meet the Committee and Contractor on Road as soon as



convenient, and that Mr. Barry fix date for said meeting".

#### Wexford and New Ross Bridges.

In connection with the maintenance of New Ross & Wexford Bridges, it was decided that the question of proposals for same be considered at the August meeting of the Council.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cloney, that the County Surveyor advertise for a Caretaker for New Ross Bridge as from 1st July 1921.

#### Foot & Mouth Diseases.

Orders of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to restrictions for Foot & Mouth Disease on farms in the neighbourhood of New Ross were read.

Mr. Doyle proposed, Mr Culleton seconded and it was adopted:-  
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"That/the Foot & Mouth Disease is now non-existent in New Ross District we call on the Department to remove all restrictions of movement of animals in the restricted area, and also to use their influence to have the embargo on export of Cattle to England and Scotland removed at once".

#### Kilcarberry Mills.

The following resolution was submitted from Enniscorthy Asylum Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to instruct the Co. Surveyor to inspect examine and report on the Mill ruins at Kilcarberry with a view to ascertaining to what purpose they might be devoted, or if it would be advisable to demolish the buildings and sell the materials".

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

"That Messrs. Hall. Kehoe, Murphy, County Councillors, with Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman Asylum Committee and Rev. James Rossiter, Adm., Enniscorthy, be appointed a Committee to examine Kilcarberry Mills in company with the County Surveyor and to report to next meeting of the Asylum Committee".

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.



Murphy, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted Mr. Henry Hill, Ballycanew, on condition that he stock only Sheep Dip of Irish manufacture".

Under date 15th June 1921, Mr. James Codd, Assistant Manager Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, wrote that his Board were willing to give an undertaking to stock only Irish dips provided the Co. Council gave them permission to dispose of their existing stocks. He had a reply from Dublin that he would be able to purchase satisfactory dip of Irish manufacturers.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That the undertaking given by Enniscorthy Co-operative Society as to sale of sheep dip manufactured in Ireland be accepted, and that the County Council will raise no objection to the sale of foreign dip which this Society has on hands at present".

**New Members Co. Committee of Agriculture &  
Technical Instruction.**

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cloney:-

"That Mr. J.J. Meehan, Erinvale, New Ross and Mr. Simon Murphy Ballykelly, New Ross, be appointed Members of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr. Martin Rowe (who has gone to America) and Mr. Bernard Cleary, interned".

**Varying Rates of Wages to Labourers.**

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Under date 10th June, 1921, Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Transport Union Organiser, 4 Court Street, Enniscorthy, wrote that men employed by the County Council in spreading and carting road material were paid in Enniscorthy District under Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, 35/- per week, of four days; whereas the men in Wexford District, under Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, were only paid 32/- for similar work. These men were entitled to payment of 3/- per week arrears of wages.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the sum involved was £21. 10. 0. These men began work in December 1920, and it is only now they were raising the point of the 3/- per week arrears. No doubt they



carried out the same work as the men in Enniscorthy District and that the amount 35/- had been fixed by a Conference of Labour members and County Councillors in Enniscorthy.

Mr. Corish proposed, Mr Culleton seconded and it was passed:-

That the 3/- per week arrears of wages claimed by Workers in Wexford District be apid as the Council consider same is due in view of the Conference held to fix wages".

#### Rate Collection.

The Meeting approved of Circular letter to Ratepayers who have not yet discharged their obligations to the Council by Payment of their Rates, amounts to be paid by 14th July.

#### Applications University Scholarships.

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

1. George Joseph Bright, Seaview, Avenue, Wexford.
2. Wm. K. Dempsey, Courtclough, Blackwater.
3. Ellen Fortune, Kereight, Kyle.
4. Stephen Furlong, 16 South Main Street, Wexford.
5. Thos. V. McGrath, George Street, Gorey.
6. Agnes Murphy, Arthurstown.
7. Elizabeth M. Nurphy, The Bridge, Gorey.

The following order was made:-

"This meeting of the County Council does not consider that the parents of Agnes Murphy, Arthurstown, or Elizabeth M. Murphy, The Bridge, Gorey, are in need of assistance to secure University education for their children and accordingly they do not regard these applicants as coming within the terms of the Scheme".

Mr. Murphy proposed:- "That Messrs. Bright, Dempsey, Fortune, Furlong and McGrath be allowed to compete for University Scholarships"

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following:-

"That as we do not consider the parents of Ellen Fortune, Kereight, in need of assistance in order to provide her with University education we do not accept her application for University Scholarship, but that applications from Messrs. Bright, Dempsey,



Furlong and McGrath be accepted".

On a show of hands eight voted in favour of the amendment and three against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried. It was subsequently put as the substantive resolution and accepted nem con.

#### Union Amalgamation.

It was decided that a special meeting of the County Council be held on 29th June 1921, at 11.30 to consider the question of Amalgamation of Unions and that the delegates and Clerks of Unions be requested to attend.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cloney seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That in connection with meeting on 29th June to consider the subject of amalgamation of Unions, the four Clerks be requested to submit the following information:- Cost of provisions, necessaries, clothing and bedding, workhouse burials, salaries of officers, viz:- Master, Matron, Nurses, Doctors etc., also what their superannuation or compensation would be if retired. Cost of medicines and appliances, workhouse farm and expenses".

#### Finances of Asylum.

Under date 3rd June 1921, Dr. Kennedy, Medical Superintendent, Asylum, Enniscorthy, wrote asking for instalment of demand, as they had only £23.18.5d to credit.

"It was decided that £400 be transferred to the Asylum".

#### Seizure of Motor Registers etc.

On 11th June 1921 a party of police attended at County Hall and took away Motor Registers, Register of Motor Licences (Driving) and all other books, forms etc. in connection with Motor Car Acts. The District Inspector (Capt. McIntosh) who was in charge, stated that Wexford County Council by a recent Government Order had no power to transact any business under these Acts.

#### Irish Fisheries.

It was decided that everything should be done by the Council individually and collectively to develop and organise the existing home markets for fish.

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MEETING. - 29th JUNE 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council in conference to Representatives and Officials of the Boards of Guardians was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on Wednesday 29th June 1921, to consider the question of Union Amalgamation.

The following were in attendance:-

Mr. John J. O'Byrne, Chairman County Council, presiding.

Also:- Messrs. M. Doyle, M.C.C. W. Furlong, M.C.C., M. Redmond, M.C.C. E.P. Foley, M.C.C. James Hall, M.C.C. Simon Kehoe, M.C.C. John Cummins, M.C.C. Richard Corish, M.C.C. James Shannon, M.C.C. J. Pender, M.C.C. M. Hughes, M.C.C. M. Byrne, M.C.C. John Gannon and Moses Bolger, representing Gorey Board of Guardians; T. McCarthy and N. Whitty representing Enniscorthy Board of Guardians, Mrs. McTaminy and Mrs. O'Connor, representing Wexford Board of Guardians.

Also:- Messrs. A.A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Union, J.J. Fanning, Clerk Gorey Union, Daniel O'Sullivan, Clerk Wexford Union, and T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary of Co. Council.

The Assistant Secretary read the following report of a Conference of delegates from the four Unions held in New Ross to consider the matter.

"At the New Ross Conference on Workhouse Amalgamation, following resolution was adopted (the Labour representatives keeping an "open mind" on the matter at present).

That, as this Conference favours Workhouse Amalgamation, it recommends:-

1. That the four General Workhouses be abolished as such.
2. That the existing General and Fever Hospitals (to be properly equipped) be retained and converted into, and called District Hospitals on the lines contemplated by Section 90 of the Local Government Act, 1898.
3. That the necessitous and infirm be accommodated in a central institution to be called the "County Wexford Home".
4. That all children be boarded out in the Country districts.
5. That with a view of saving retiring allowances as much as possible, the new "Home" absorb such and as many of the existing officers as it may be deemed advisable to transfer thereto.



6. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each Board of Guardians for consideration".

These recommendations had been submitted to the four Boards of Guardians with the following result:-

Wexford :- Adopted the resolution subject to the finds of this day's Conference being again submitted to them.

Enniscorthy:- Adopted the resolution.

New Ross :- Special Meeting of the Guardians in Committee was held on the 25th inst., to consider same but as only 12 out of 55 attended it was adjourned for five weeks.

Gorey:- No definite decision, the Clerk of the Union writing as follows:-

"The question of Workhouse Amalgamation in the County was discussed at the Meeting of my Board of Guardians on Saturday last arising out of the report of the New Ross Conference. The Members are divided in opinion as some of them believe that it would work far more costly than the present arrangement. At the same time the Guardians as a body are not definitely opposed to it, but they want more information before coming to any decision favourable to the Scheme. For this reason they have again appointed the same deputation to attend the forthcoming Conference with the County Council of Wexford. If it could be shown that taking everything into consideration it will save money to have a Central Home established for the whole County, they will not go against the wishes of the three other Unions in this matter provided all the others are favourable to it".

After a lengthened discussion the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Moses Bolger:-

"That this Conference agrees to the principle of Union Amalgamation. That the cost of a Scheme of Amalgamation be prepared by a special Committee showing separately and in detail the cost of equipping and running one County Home, and one County Hospital and comparing same with the cost of the existing arrangement. The Committee consist of:- Miss O'Ryan, The Mayor, Messrs. E.P. Foley, T. McCarthy, M. Byrne, Moses Bolger and John J. O'Byrne, Chairman and the Clerks of the four Unions".



"That the Committee report to a further Meeting of this Conference to be held on Wednesday 20th July".

The delegates of the Boards of Guardians then withdrew, and the County Council proceeded to transact the ordinary business of the Council:-

#### Payments to Unions.

"It was decided that sums of £250 each be forwarded to Enniscorthy New Ross and Wexford Unions, as a further advance on account of Demands for year ended 31st March 1921".

#### Employment of Ex-service Men.

The following letter No. I.R.U. 32 Wexford, from the Ministry of Transport under date 22nd June was read:-

"I am directed to inform you that the Ministry of Transport are advised that it would be desirable, having regard to the number of ex-service men in the neighbourhood of Wexford who are at present unemployed, to initiate additional works on which such men could be employed, and I am to state that, subject to acceptance by the Wexford County Council, the Minister is prepared to make an additional grant of £3,750 to cover the wages of ex-service men to be employed on the breaking up and removing of concrete walls and floor at the Aerodrome Site at Ferrybank on the same conditions as those laid down in connection with the Grant of £2,000 referred to in the letter addressed to you by this Department on the 8th January last, Scheme I.D. 58.

I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to let me know at your earliest convenience whether the Wexford County Council are prepared to accept the Grant, in which case an instalment will be forwarded to enable the County Surveyor to re-start the work without delay".

"It was decided that the County Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the carrying out of the proposal in the letter of the Ministry of Transport".

#### New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that with reference to the caretaking of New Ross Bridge from 30th June 1921, to 30th June 1922, and which had been given into his charge, he had advertised for tenders.



He submitted the following:-

T. Lee, Rosbercon, New Ross £52.

E. Lawler & Sons, Bridge Quay New Ross £50.

"The tender of Messrs. Lawler & Sons, at £50 being the lowest, was accepted."

Re-arrest of Secretary.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that the Secretary should be granted leave of absence during his detention by the Military".

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this            day of            19