

Meeting: - 18th June, 1923.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council on the 18th June, 1923.

Present: - Messrs E. P. Foley (Vice Chairman) presiding; other members: Messrs James Byrne, R. Corish, M. Clonky, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, James Hall, D. Kavanagh, John O'Byrne, J. J. O'Byrne, Patrick O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, M. Redmond & James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor & Mr. Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

Mrs Crofts, Inspector from the Ministry of Local Government was also present.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Business of Secretary
The Secretary submitted the following certificate from Dr. Y. Pierce, Wexford: -

"I certify that Nicholas J. Grizzell, Esq., has been suffering from Influenza since 5th May & has been unable to perform his duties since. He will require a few weeks' leave in order to recruit his health & enable him to resume

"The Secretary reported that he had returned to duty on 14th June.

Election of Chairman

Under date 29th May, 1923, the following letter No. Y. 22247/1923 was read from the Ministry of Local Government: -

"Inquiries having been addressed to the Ministry as to the necessity for holding an annual meeting of the Council for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Minister for Local Government desires me to refer to the provisions of sub-sections (2) and (4) of section 4 of the Local Elections Postponement Act, 1922. Subsection (2) directs that the first meeting of the Council or Commissioners is to be held, after the postponed election, on the date prescribed by the Minister & that all business which the Council or Commissioners are required to transact at an annual meeting, or quarterly meeting held next after a statutory election shall be transacted at the meeting held on the date prescribed."

Sub-section (4) directs that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in office at the passing of the Act shall continue in office until his successor shall have been duly elected at the first meeting of the Council after the statutory elections thereof.

4 shall have made the declaration accepting office
The Secretary mentioned that the Council
might consider the advisability of electing a Chairman
vice Mr. J. R. Etchingham, deceased.

Mr. Shanahan proposed the election of Mr.
John Cummins as Chairman of the Council
to hold office until the first meeting of the
Council after the next local elections.

Mr. Pender seconded

Mr. Hall proposed the election of Mr. E. P. Golly

Mr. Redmond seconded

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr. Golly:- Messrs John O'Byrne, Mr. Doyle
J. J. O'Byrne, Mr. Redmond, James Hall
and D. Kavanagh. - 6

For Mr. Cummins - Messrs Borish, Pender
Shanahan, & Patrick O'Byrne - 4

Messrs Golly & Cummins did not vote. The
other members on the attendance list were not present
when the poll was taken

Mr. Golly was declared elected, and
returned thanks, having subscribed the usual
declaration of office

Election of Vice-Chairman

Mr. John O'Byrne proposed & Mr. J. J. O'Byrne
seconded the election of Mr. J. Cummins as Vice
Chairman of the Council for the period during
which they would remain in office

Mr. Borish objected to any appointment being
made as the matter was not set out on the agenda
papers.

Of course, it was not possible for the Secretary
to include it as there was no certainty that the
Vice-Chairmanship would have been vacant

It was decided to postpone the election
of Vice-Chairman to next meeting

Co-opting of Member

It was decided that the question of co-opting
of member vice Mr. J. R. Etchingham, deceased,
be adjourned to next meeting.

Striking of Rate

On the motion of Mr. Borish, seconded by
Mr. John O'Byrne the following resolution was
adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance
& Roads Committee, we hereby strike the Rate for

4 Separate charges for financial year 1923-24 as agreed to at meeting of County Council on 4th May, 1923 as follows:-

Rural District	Rate on Land.		Rate on other Hereditaments	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Enniscathy	4"	0.	8"	4.
Goely	4"	1	8"	6
New Ross	6"	1	4"	11
Wexford	5"	4	6"	11

We 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 of said Rate Books, be adopted, 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 the Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscathy, New Ross & Wexford be duly signed & sealed, the amounts demanded from the said Urban Councils being:-

District	County Charges			Urban Charges			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Enniscathy	1380"	13"	4.	831"	10"	11	2212"	4"	6
New Ross	1565"	2"	0	632"	13"	4	2197"	15"	4
Wexford	2234"	3"	3	1428"	10"	10	3662"	14"	1.

Consideration of above was the special business of the meeting.

Payment of Poundage Fees

Under date 30th May, 1923, letter No G. 21615/23. the Ministry of Local Government wrote that they raised no objection to the payment of poundage fees to the Rate Collectors in respect of the 1922-23. Collection of all monies collected & lodged to the credit of the Council to the 31st March last.

New Method of Collection of Rates

Under date 16th June, 1923, letter No. G. 22495/23. Wexford County Council the Ministry of Local Government wrote that Mrs Crofts Local Government Inspector would submit to the present meeting of the Council scheme for the collection of the 1923-24 Rate through the Post Office.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation in connection with the Scheme, which had been explained to them in detail by Mrs Crofts.

That our Secretary prepare a report as to the cost of the proposals of the Ministry of Local Government for suggested scheme of Rate Collection through the Post Office & present cost, including, as regards the latter, remuneration for preparation of Voters' & Jurors' Lists & book of Rate Collectors' Accounts.

That, in order to facilitate the preparation of this report, the Ministry of Local Government be requested to state how they propose, & at what cost, to have prepared, in the future, Voters' & Quors' Lists also, some suggestions as to what remuneration should be given to the officer appointed in order to allow legal proceedings to be instituted against defaulting ratepayers, & the staff necessary to provide for the checking of the Rates in the County Council Office.

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Cloncy, seconded by Mr. Redmond.

Mr. C. McCarthy - Application for Compensation on account of Intermittent

An application was received from Mr. C. McCarthy, Rate Collector, for compensation during the time he was intimated, viz., from 8th January, 1921, to December, 1921. He pointed out that the matter had been postponed for three months which had long since expired.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:-
"That the application of Mr. McCarthy for compensation for the period of his intimation in 1921 be adjourned for a further three months."

Rate Collection

On the motion of Mr. Cloncy, seconded by Mr. Borish the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed as a Committee to meet the Rate Collectors, with the Secretary & the Solicitor to the Council, on Monday 23rd June, at 11 a.m., in the County Council Chamber, Wexford to examine into the question of the bonds of the Rate Collectors with a view to handing back Collection Books to the collectors to close the collection for the present rate & all arrears outstanding. Messrs Borish, John O'Byrne, Mr. Doyle & the Chairman (Mr. Golly). That said Committee be empowered to hand over Collection Books to the Rate Collectors whose bonds were considered in order, make report with regard to same to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee & include in said report any observations which they think advisable to present as regards the Rate Collectors to whom books have not been issued."

Primary Scholarships Scheme

On the motion of Mr. Cloncy, seconded by Mr. Borish, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed

"That the following be deemed to be eligible to compete for Primary Scholarships:-

Mary Ellen, Garrell, Kilmichael, Arklow.
 Berhadetta Bernly, Foxcove, Monaseed
 Catherine A. Parké, Duncannon.
 Thomas Hawlin, Grange, Kilmore
 Arthur Willis, The Burren, Kilmore
 Edward Shiel, Newtown, Kilmore
 Richard Devereux, Rallyharty, Kilmore
 Edward Breen, Duncannon.
 Thomas B. Larrissy, Duncannon
 Bridget O'Leary, Paleenduff, Adamstown
 Mary O'Neill, Mistlin, Adamstown
 Michael O'Brien, Quansloun, Piercestown
 John Stafford, Poulballagh, Dunagh
 Kathleen B. O'Keefe, Moor, Bridgetown
 John G. Dillon, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown
 Margaret Keating, Camolin.
 John C. Buckley, Blarroe
 Bridget Leigh, Coolcull, Yaghnor
 Patrick A. Nolan, Buncloidy
 James J. Kenny, Shillbaggan, Ramsgange
 Peter Green, The Ballagh, Ennisconky
 Margaret Grayne, Courtmacreddy.

Under date 8th June, 1923, the Ministry of Education wrote that, in regard to scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools it was proposed to hold the examination on the 10th, 11th & 12th July. Information was requested as to whether oral examiners should also act as Superintendents.

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

"That, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, the Ministry of Education be requested to arrange that the oral examiners at the forthcoming examinations for award of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools should also act as Superintendents."

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted

"That the Centre of examination be Wexford Town, the Secretary to arrange for either Town Hall, Technical School, or a Primary School"

University Scholarships Scheme

The question of the eligibility of the candidates to compete for University Scholarships was again considered.

Having gone through the list of applicants, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Clonely:-

"That no change be made in the list of applicants for University Scholarships already approved by the Council"

Proposed Improvements - County Hospital, Wexford.

Under date 16th June, 1923, Mr. Y. D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote forwarding copy of report which he had received from Mr. Harsett, Engineer, in connection with plans, etc. for conversion of old Union Buildings at Wexford into a modern Hospital. In his preliminary report, Mr. Harsett pointed out that plans were not yet available & that he could not furnish any figures as to the cost until he had received information as to the probable number of patients, etc. He also pointed out that, as the whole of the existing buildings would be necessary for the purposes of the Hospital, the erection of a suitable residence for the Medical Officer would have to be considered.

Protests were received from New Ross Urban District Council & Piercestown Branch of the Farmers' Union against the proposed expenditure of £10,000 for the proposed improvements of the County Hospital, Wexford.

As regards the proposal to purchase Rose Park, Wexford, as a residence for the Surgeon of the Co. Hospital, a letter was read from the Ministry of Local Government, under date 23rd May (No. A.20141-23, Wexford County Board of Health), stating that this house was much better than the stipulated apartments which were to be provided. But the Ministry would not object to the purchase if, as a set off, the emoluments of the Surgeon, viz., coal, light, & laundry were discontinued.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Clonky, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:

"That, as regards the proposed loan of £10,000 for the improvement of the County Hospital & the provision of Surgeon's residence, no action be taken, until (as already agreed to) plans estimates, etc. be submitted to the Council by the County Board of Health. Meanwhile, that our Secretary communicate with the County Board of Health & ascertain from them if it is proposed that the £10,000 loan should cover cost of conversion of buildings & the erection or purchase of a residence for the Surgeon & also communicate with Dr. O'Brien, Surgeon and enquire if, in the event, of a residence being provided for him by the County Council (by purchase or otherwise) he would be prepared to forego his emoluments viz., coal, light & laundry"

Overdraft

On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Ministry of Local Government to furnish statement as to total amount of outstanding Government Grants due to Wexford County Council to 30th June, 1923"

Union Amalgamation Scheme

Under date 14th April 1923, letter No. 15163-1923 Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Department, calling attention to the sections of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923 relative to the compensations of officers under above Scheme. These officers would be legally entitled to be paid the amounts first awarded by Board of Guardians, etc, until a determination is made by the Minister under subsection 4 of section 11 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act of 1923 or section 8 of the Act of 1919.

In acknowledging a resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 14th May, 1923, on the above subject, the Ministry of Local Government pointed out letter No. P. 21657-23, Wexford County, under date 4th June, 1923 that if the County Council desired to dispute the right to, or the amount of, any allowance (not a gratuity) granted to any officer under the Scheme, they should notify the officer concerned & the Minister of Local Government of their desire to dispute the right to, or the amount of, any such allowance.

Particulars of the compensations and allowances of the different officers of the four abolished Unions were forwarded by the Secretary to the Co. Board of Health & submitted to the meeting.

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

"That we desire to dispute all cases in which a larger sum was awarded officials superannuated under Union Amalgamation Scheme than amount allowed by Circular 53 of the Ministry of Local Government. That our Secretary notify the following officers that the amounts granted to them by way of superannuation under Amalgamation Scheme is being disputed by the Wexford County Council:-
 Mary Murphy, Midwife, Wexford. Dr. S. V. O'Connor Medical Officer, Wexford. D. O'Sullivan Clerk to the late Wexford Guardians. J. J. Yanning, Clerk to late Galry Guardians. R. Kehoe, Assistant Clerk late Wexford Guardians, Joseph Moran, Master, late Wexford Guardians"

Mr. Corish moved:-

"That the County Council inform the Minister of Local Government, Dr. S. V. O. Bannar and Mr. P. Kehoe, that they will not dispute the amounts awarded to these officials by the Board of Guardians."

Mr. John O'Byrne pointed out that if Mr. Bourish's motion was passed he would move that the amount awarded Mr. Ganning be not disputed.

After considerable discussion, the resolution proposed by Mr. Hall, was adopted, Mr. Bourish dissenting.

County Board of Health - Amendments in Scheme.

Under date 16th May, 1923, an order was read from the Ministry of Local Government, making certain emendations & modifications in the County Scheme, Board of Health.

Circular letter, No. 23233-1923 - Miscellaneous, under date 2nd June, 1923 from the Ministry of Local Government, explaining the changes, etc., was also read.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in regard to proposed amendments in the County Scheme Board of Health, we consider it most regrettable that all expenses should be raised as County at Large charges. We would ask the Minister to have outdoor relief at least raised over the areas comprised in the late Unions viz., rural & appropriate urban districts combined; otherwise, we fear that the necessary supervision in regard to expenditure under this head will not be exercised, & one district will vie with the other not for purposes of economy but to increase this expenditure as much as possible. We notice that representations to the Minister should have been made within a month from the date of his letter of the 16th May, but, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a copy of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Acts 1923, we were aware of this ^{time} limit, and, in the circumstances, we would request the Minister to give our representations on this item of expenditure favourable consideration."

Acts of Parliament

On the motion of Mr. L. Lonly, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Council considers that the Ministry of Local Government should supply

County Councils with all Acts of Parliament in which they are concerned, as, in order to properly discharge their duties, Councils should have these Acts of Parliament at hand"

Credit Balances - Board of Guardians

Under date 1st June, 1923, letter No. A. 22814-1923 Wexford County Board of Health, the Ministry of Local Government wrote that, in accordance, with Section 4 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, credit balances of the Boards of Guardians are transferred automatically to the County Council.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Clerks of the late Boards of Guardians in the County be instructed to lodge to the credit of the Wexford County Council all credit balances of such Guardians not already transferred to the County Board of Health, as, under Section 4 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, all such credit balances are to be transferred automatically to the Wexford County Council.

"That, in the event of any neglect or refusal to carry out this instruction, the Minister of Local Government be requested to take suitable action"

Vacancy on County Board of Health

Rev. W. J. Hanlon, C. C. Bannow, wrote that he would not be able to accept membership of the County Board of Health.

On the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, Mr. J. C. Emmitt, M. C. C. was appointed to the vacancy.

County Infirmary

Under date 22nd May, 1923, the following letter, No. 9525/1923 Wexford County, was read from the Ministry of Local Government:-

With reference to your communication of the 1st March last, the Ministry for Local Government wish to state that they are advised that there is no power under the existing law to grant compensation to officers of County Infirmarys on termination of their services.

It is, ^{intended} however, at an early date, to introduce legislation dealing with this matter.

Under date 14th June, 1923, the following letter, No. 22487-1923, Wexford County, was read from the Ministry of Local Government

"With reference to the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 9th April last in regard to the proposal of the Council to let the County Infirmary premises at Wexford to Dr. Gurlong, the Ministry for Local Government wish to point out that these premises are vested in the Co. Council under Article 15(1) of the Schedule to the Local Government Applications of Enactments) Order, 1898, & are held by them for the original interests & purposes, & the Council have no power to proceed as proposed."

The matter might be dealt with, however, in an amendment to the existing County Scheme by proceeding in accordance with Section 4 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923."

On the motion of Mr. Clardy, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in connection with the letting of the County Infirmary premises at Wexford to Dr. Gurlong, we request the Ministry of Local Government to issue their sanction to same in accordance with section 4 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923. The establishment of the County Infirmary as a private hospital well, in our opinion, be of great benefit to a number of people, particularly those in Wexford & vicinity & the step taken by the County Council to let the premises to Dr. Gurlong was carried out owing to strong representations by large numbers of important ratepayers."

Rent of Petty Sessions Office - Wexford

Under date 5th May, 1923, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors Wexford applied on behalf of Mr. Michael Flanagan, George Street, Wexford for payment of £33:12:4 amount due him as follows:-

2½ years rent of Petty Sessions Office
2¾ years pension as explosives officer

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The Secretary stated that a Civil Bill for the amount had been served on the Council. The matter had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting on 1st June, when the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay to Mr. M. Flanagan, George Street, Wexford, the sum of £33:12:4 in respect of which a Civil Bill has been served on the Council for hearing on 4th June."

On the motion of Mr. Clardy, seconded by

Mr. Redmond, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed

Scheme of Polling Districts & Polling Places

Under date 12th June, 1923, the following letter, No. 24402-1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government:-

With reference to previous correspondence in regard to the scheme of Polling Districts & Polling Places, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the Ministry now regard the scheme as satisfactory & it should be published in accordance with the Polling District & Polling Places Rules, 1923. At the expiration of the time for publication duplicate sealed copies of the scheme, together with copies of the newspapers containing the notice & copies of any objection received, should be transmitted to the Ministry.

I am to inquire whether, having regard to the Ministry's Circular letter of the 8th ultimo, & the recommendations of the Committee on Electoral abuses, any further sub-division of the town of Wexford is feasible or desirable.

On the motion of Mr. Borish, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, the Scheme of Polling Districts & Polling Places, presented to this meeting be approved. That the seal of the Council be affixed to the duplicate copies of approved scheme; that the necessary advertisement in connection with same be issued; and that copies of the scheme be printed for disposal to the public at three pence each."

As regards the last paragraph in the letter from the Ministry Mr. Borish, who is Mayor of Wexford, mentioned that Wexford Corporation are at present engaged on a scheme for sub-division of the town of Wexford & would forward same to the Ministry in due course.

Petrol Tank & Kerb Pumps - Gorry

In connection with the application of Mr. P. H. Nixon, Jr. Gorry, for permission to erect petrol tank & kerb pumps at his premises in Main Street, Gorry, which was adjourned from last meeting a letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, under date 31st May, 1923, that, as the proposed tank would not in any way prejudice the public or be a danger or an inconvenience to anybody, he was of opinion that the Council might agree to Mr. Nixon's application.

On the motion of Mr. Conish, seconded by Mr. Sloman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr. R. H. Nixon Jr., for permission to erect petrol tank & kerb pump at his residence at Main Street, Garly, be agreed to, Mr. Nixon to pay two shillings a year for same and be responsible for erection or any expense which may occur. That Mr. Elgee draw up the necessary agreement safeguarding the Council, & that the permission now given be determinable by a month's notice in writing."

New Ross Courthouse

Under date 23rd May, 1923, the Town Clerk New Ross, wrote that Mr. George Dooley had at a meeting of the New Ross Urban Council proposed that the District Justice be allowed the temporary use of a room at the Gholsel for the purpose of holding District Courts but the motion was not seconded.

The following report of Committee of County Council who inspected premises in New Ross for the purpose of arranging for temporary Courthouse accommodation there was submitted:-

"On the 17th June, 1923, after meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, a sub-committee consisting of Messrs E. P. Foley, J. J. O'Byrne & Mr. Redmond, with Mr. Barry County Surveyor, & Mr. Y. A. Yezell Assistant Secretary, went to New Ross to endeavour to secure temporary accommodation for the holding of District Courts. The sub-committee arranged for the use of the A.O.H. Hall at present let to Mr. J. Butler, Lockpit Lane, New Ross. Mr. Butler said the rent he would require for the place would depend for the length of time it was needed. If required for a ^{few} months only, the rent would be 10/- per week but he would reduce this amount considerably if the Council had the place for any length of time."

On the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of the sub-committee, re Courthouse accommodation New Ross, be received & confirmed. That Mr. J. Butler be offered a sum of £6.10.0 as rent for premises for six months."

Garly Courthouse

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

"That the Geo. Surveyor arrange for the supply of chairs, tables, etc. required by Clerk, District Court, Garly."

After some discussion, it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, that Mr. John P. Byrne & the County Surveyor be empowered to make the best arrangements they can devise to meet the wishes of the Gorey Town Commissioners as regards furniture (which is to be purchased locally) for the purposes of the District Court which is being held in the Town Hall, Gorey.

Wexford Courthouse

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

"That the Wexford Courthouse be inspected by the County Surveyor who will report to next meeting on the requirements of the District Clerk, Wexford."

The County Surveyor dealt in detail with the requisition of District Court Clerk, after which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clonk, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That a sum of £50 be allocated for repairs at Wexford Courthouse & the provision of furniture recommended by the County Surveyor, furniture to be purchased locally"

Recovery of Old Courthouse

Under date 5th June, 1923, letter (No. G. 23406/1923 Wexford County) was read from the Ministry of Local Government, intimating that the Attorney-General had been requested to incorporate in a Draft Bill for another purpose a clause providing that any building which was in use as a Courthouse at any time during the past 10 years should be made available by way of arbitration for that purpose again which in the opinion of the Minister of Local Government such a course was not harsh or unreasonable.

Clanroche Courthouse

Under date 1st June, 1923, the following letter was read from Mr. J. V. Gahy, District Justice:-

"Would it be possible to have the rent due to the owner of Clanroche Courthouse paid? As there is now a Civil Guard station there, I will, if possible hold a Court in that District."

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

"That the Secretary ascertain from Mrs. Yecla if she is agreeable to let the old Courthouse in Clanroche on the terms & conditions as formerly obtained, & in the event of her refusing that he endeavour to arrange with the Committee of the Village Hall to have the latter building used as a Courthouse"

Civil Bills - M. Creane, Danescastle

Consideration of Civil Bills, served on the County Council, on behalf of Maurice Creane, Danescastle, for £26. 19. 4 & for £50. in connection with road work, was adjourned to next meeting

Non-scheduled Harbours

Under date 4th May, 1923, the following letter, No. G. 15532-1923, Wexford County was read from the Ministry of Local Government:-

"With reference to the Minutes of the Wexford County Council of the 12th March last, proposing the promotion of a Bill to empower County Councils to make contributions from rates towards the cost of repairing non-scheduled Harbours, I am instructed to state that the Minister of Local Government has read the Council's resolution. In view of what it contains regarding the promotion expenses, he instructs me to intimate that it should be clearly understood that no portion thereof can be a charge on the Exchequer."

Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 18th May, 1923, a report was received from the Ministry of Fisheries that the quantity of sand to be removed at Kilmore Harbour, in order to afford satisfactory berthage, was 18,000 tons. The Ministry suggested that the Board of Works should be asked to furnish an estimate for the removal of this quantity of sand.

Under date 16th June, 1923, letter No. 9974-23 was read from the Board of Works, stating that assuming her other engagements would allow of the dredger "Sisyphus" undertaking the work, & the sand to be of such a nature as she could deal with, they were of opinion that the cost would not be less than £1000.

Adjourned to next meeting

The Rev. Surgeon reported as follows:-

"Since your last meeting the Kilmore Harbour Master, Walter Kehoe, has died and I have requested his widow & son to care the lamps etc. pending your making a new appointment."

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

"That we approve of the temporary appointment of Mrs. Kehoe & her son to care the lamps, etc., at Kilmore Harbour, pending the appointment of a Harbour Master. That a new appointment be made at £1 per week

to cover the lamp-lighting the caretaking of the pier & the burial of carcasses conditions of appointment etc. for issue to intending applicants to be drafted by the County Surveyor. That the Finance & Roads Committee be asked to fix the date of appointment."

Mountgarrett Bridge

Under date 4th May, 1923 the Secretary, Kilkenny County Council wrote that at their meeting on 30th April, 1923, his Council had adopted a resolution that the Wexford County Council be approached with a view to ascertaining their intentions regarding erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett, & whether the work could be put in hands, & how soon?

Adjourned to next meeting

Proposals for Works

On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Road Contracts & New Works etc as appearing on form 20 from Proposal Committee & the Rural District Councils of the County be & are hereby agreed to subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon"

A letter was read from the Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council, pointing out that his Council had ordered list of intendered roads to be re-advertised, contracts to commence on 1st July & tenders to be considered on 14th July.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council, pointing out that road contracts, taken by the District Council, were only provisional & could not be effected until approved by the County Council. After their meeting on 18th June, it was not likely any further meeting would be held prior to August. He failed to see how contracts, taken on 14th July, could start on 1st July.

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

"That the intendered roads in New Ross Rural District as appearing on form 20 be given in charge of the County Surveyor who will be prepared to employ persons whose tenders are accepted by the New Ross Rural District Council at their meeting on 14th July, 1923, as sub-contractors; that the contracts on these intendered roads commence as from 20th July."

Gorly Road Work.

Mr. E. Stator, Glanacole, Glinality, complained that the County Surveyor had not carried out his agreement with him in connection with road No. 299.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Yeaman, Senior Assistant Surveyor produced a minute made by him on 23rd March, 1922 in Gorly Workhouse to prove that Stanton had agreed to supply stones at 6/- per cubic yard & haul at 1/6d. per cubic yard, which Stanton disputed. All other contractors, who were present at the meeting, had also agreed to this. The procedure adopted was that each contractor was called up, the minute made & read to him & he assented or dissented at the time.

The meeting decided that Mr Stanton had no grievance.

Haggard Quarry.

In connection with a complaint made by Mr. Glanacole at the meeting on the 4th May, 1923, the following letter was read from Mr. Skelton, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With regard to the report that men left above quarry some time ago during working hours & without permission, I beg to state that the foreman (Patrick O'Rourke) told me that a man named Michael Stafford, Ballytown, left the quarry about three o'clock in the evening to take a threshing machine from Lord Glinality's place where some dispute had arisen between himself & his workmen. He said the Transport Union Secretary brought the man away. This happened, he told me, some time in February last. He also admitted having paid Stafford for full time for that day. I charged him with leaving the quarry himself for the same purpose & on the same date, but this he denied point blank. He said he went that afternoon to a forge in Ramsgange for picks & wedges he was getting sharpened there."

Proposed by the Chairman & seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne & adopted:-

"That the complaint of Mr. Glanacole re Haggard Quarry be adjourned to next meeting for fuller information & that the Department's Surveyors concerned be directed to attend."

Burkestown Quarry.

Mr. James Byrne asked the County Surveyor what steps he had taken in connection with the action of a Transport Union official in stopping Matthew Bonville, Ballycullane from hauling from Burkestown Quarry because

he would not become a member of the Transport Union. This had been done by a man named O'Rourke who had adopted the same measurements in connection with other hauliers. Mr. Banville was the subject of threatening letters last Autumn, an action which he (Mr. Byrne) had been glad to see had been repudiated by the Labour members of the Council.

The County Surveyor read a report from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor stating that he understood Mr. Banville had been prevented from hauling, but this quarry was not in Mr. Kehoe's district.

A report was read from Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor for the district, stating that he inspected Burkeston Quarry on the 16th June & found no obstruction or interference was given to any haulier. He was told O'Rourke was trying to persuade Mr. Banville to become a member of the Union which he refused to do. The quarrymen were not concerned in the matter.

Mr. James Byrne proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor take the necessary steps to see that Mr. Banville be restored to his work immediately."

Mr. D. Kavanagh seconded the motion which was passed.

Mr. Corish pointed out that no official of the Transport Union had any right to take action against a man which was not directed from headquarters.

Sheep Scab

Under date 4th June the following memo was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to the recent outbreak of Sheep Scab on the premises of Mr. Patrick Hurlong, The Grange Broadway, Wexford, as confirmed by Mr. Malone V. S., Wexford, the Department will be glad to learn what action your Local Authority propose to take with a view to prosecution of the owner for not reporting the existence of the disease. All the 49 sheep on the lands are affected."

According to the report of Mr. Malone V. S., the date of the outbreak was twelve months ago.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-
"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction arrange with the Civil Guard to take proceedings against Patrick Hurlong, The Grange, Broadway, for neglecting to report outbreak of Sheep Scab."

Sheep Dipping

Under date 14th May, 1923, letter No 1101-23, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, approving of the appointments of Mr. James Murphy, & Mr. James Hayden as Sheep Dipping Inspectors at a remuneration of £26 each, to cover both dipping periods.

An order was made that the Sheep Dipping Inspectors submit weekly reports as to the manner in which the dipping is being carried out, more particularly as regards the manner in which the notices have been served on them.

Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses

Under date 1st June, 1923 the following letter, No. G. 22841-23, Miscellaneous, was read from the Ministry of Local Government.

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to intimate that it has now been decided to revert to the regular legal procedure in regard to the payment of Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses which was temporarily suspended during the conflict with the British Administration. Payment of these expenses is primarily a legal obligation of the Council, & following examination of the accounts by a Local Government Auditor, reimbursement will be made as heretofore from an Exchequer Grant in Aid."

"The Treasurer of the Council should be advised that drafts for payments issued by the Clerk of the Peace should be honoured as formerly."

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

"That the Treasurer be directed to honour drafts for payment of Prosecutors' & Witnesses' Expenses issued by the Clerk of the Crown & Peace."

Poisson & Pharmacy Act

Mr. John Roche, Camolin applied for a renewal of his licence under the Poisson & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Byrne Mr. Roche's application was agreed to.

Memberships - New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee

A letter was read from the Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council, stating that his Council had recommended Mr. James Murphy, D. L., Courthoyle, Rahew, for appointment on the

New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee in place of Mr. Michael Donovan disqualified on the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Redmond, Mr. James Murphy D. C., Courthoyle, Rahela was appointed a member of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice Mr. Michael Donovan.

Memberships - No. 1. Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee

The Clerk to No. 1. Sub-Committee, Old Age Pensions, wrote stating that his committee had recommended for memberships of the Committee Mr. Michael Hassett, Bridgetown, Mrs. McButcheon, Wellingtonbridge, & Mrs. Handcock, Laurel Grove, Yullycanna, vice Rev. P. Kavanagh D. C. Rosslove, Rev. C. French, D. C. Silbrane & John Fitzgerald.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne Mr. Michael Hassett Bridgetown, Mrs. McButcheon, Wellingtonbridge; and Mrs. Handcock, Laurel Grove, Yullycanna, were appointed members of No. 1. Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, vice Rev. P. Kavanagh D. C., Rev. J. French, D. C., & Mr. John Fitzgerald.

Sufferance Quay Privileges

Under date 16th May 1923, the following letter was read from the Sheriff:-, Customs & Excise, Wexford:-

"With reference to your application for sufferance quay privileges for Arthurstone, Ballyhack, Lahore, Lame, Burtown Duncannon, Yethard, Kilmore, Slade, I am directed by the Revenue Commissioners to inform you that, in the absence of any statement as to the number of foreign arrivals, or as to the volume of trade to be expected, they are unable to grant the privileges requested.

In the event of any considerable volume of trade at any of these places the Commissioners will, however, be prepared to further consider the matter on a special application for approval of a particular quay or place, but it is to be understood that any such approval may necessitate the prior provision of transit or examination sheds and office accommodation.

In the meantime, no objection will be raised to landings at the places mentioned provided prior & timely application is made to Customs, Wexford, so that the necessary arrangements can be made & that a deposit

is made to cover the expenses of the officer who attends to perform the Customs duties

Under date 15th June, 1923, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council wrote that he had been informed by the Surveyor, Customs & Excise, Wexford, that it would not be necessary at the present time to provide transit sheds & office accommodation at the Harbours named, as it was not anticipated that any general cargo would be landed at any of the Harbours for the present at least. In the case of local cargoes, the consignee of the cargo would have to notify the Surveyor of the arrival or expected arrival of such cargo, who would then arrange to have an officer sent to the Harbour in question for the purposes of the examination of the cargo at the expense of the consignee. The Surveyor suggested in the case of any Harbour where the Council had a Harbour Master that the latter should notify the Surveyor of the arrival or expected arrival of any vessels immediately on his being aware of the arrival.

It was ordered that the Harbour Masters at Kilmore & Courtown & the caretakers of the other Harbours be instructed to notify the Surveyor of Customs & Excise, Wexford, of the arrival or expected arrival of any vessels at the Harbours of which they are in charge.

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants

The Secretary submitted statements from the Land Commission, showing that, on 1st November last, a sum of £5,219:13:6 was outstanding on instalments in respect of advances made under the Land Purchase Acts. It was pointed out, however, that in a number of cases, the arrears had been paid since the statement was prepared.

Irish Library Conference

A letter was read from Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dublin, stating that an Irish Library Conference would be held in Dublin in June, and, in view of the important developments which were taking place in County Library Schemes, it was very desirable that a representative of every County Council in Ireland should attend the Conference particularly on the morning of the second day (24th June).

On the motion of Mr. John T. Byrne seconded by the Chairman Mr. Borish was appointed delegate of the County Council to the Irish Library Conference.

The Late Mr. James Malone, V. S.

Under date 28th May, 1923 a letter was read from Mrs Malone, Gorey, stating that a mistake had been made in regard to the payment of her late husband's salary to the 31st March, 1923, as the work was being carried on all the time by his Assistant, Mr. McMahon, V. S. She had given notice of this at the time & understood the County Council & the Department were quite satisfied with the arrangements. A sum of £6:14:6 was due in respect of the period from 16th January to date of temporary appointment, 12th February.

On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to sanction payment of £6:14:6 to Mrs Malone, Gorey, in the circumstances mentioned in her letter of the 28th May 1923"

Mr. J. B. Smith, ex-Rate Collector

Under date 15th June, 1923 Messrs O. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Ennisceathy, wrote asking for a copy of the resolution dismissing Mr. J. B. Smith, or, if not dismissed, any resolution accepting his resignation.

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

"That the consideration of letter from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Ennisceathy be adjourned to next meeting"

Weights & Measures Act

Under date 15th June, 1923, the Ministry of Industry & Commerce wrote that they were endeavouring to arrange for the restoration of the administration of the Weights & Measures Act. The restoration of the standards would apparently involve considerable cost, but the Ministry were taking every possible step to minimise the statutory charges on County Councils. They had arranged for the checking & examination of the condition of the County standards still available for use, & had issued instructions for the collection in one cental in each County of the local standards still available. A proportion of the expense of this preliminary work would be chargeable to each County Council. The Ministry had under consideration the question of arranging one inclusive contract for all standards which will have to be provided by County Councils as it was believed that much better terms could be secured than if tenders were invited separately by each Council.

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

"That we approve of the steps proposed to be taken by the Ministry of Trade & Commerce for arranging one inclusive contract for all standards under Weights & Measures Acts required to be provided by County Councils"

Salaries of Officers - Gorly Rural District School Attendance Committee

The Secretary stated that a resolution was submitted by the Gorly Rural District School Attendance Committee increasing the salaries of their officers by £10 per annum, making the salaries £35 per annum, the last meeting of the County Council, when the resolution was referred to the Gorly Rural District Council for their observations. He had received the following letter, under date 31st May, 1923, from the Clerk to the Gorly Rural District Council:-

"In reference to the proposal to increase the salaries of the School Attendance Officers & the Secretary of the Gorly Rural School Attendance Committee, the District Council at their meeting on Saturday last, unanimously gave their approval to this increase."

On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Council approves of the salaries of the officers of the Gorly Rural District School Attendance Committee being increased by £10 per annum, making their salaries £35 per annum."

Machinery Yard, Enniscaothy

The following was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"The approved work at the new Machinery Yard in Enniscaothy is in progress but there is a difference with the Co-operative Society in regard to the building up of the doorways & other openings into their own premises."

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

"That, as a misunderstanding has arisen in connection with allocation of the expenditure for building up doorways, etc., in the new machinery yard at the Co-operative Stores Enniscaothy & which the County Surveyor estimates would cost £10, this County Council would be satisfied to pay half cost, provided the other moiety is borne by the Co-operative Society."

Annual Revision of Valuation

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

"That the several applications for revision of valuation, as presented by our Secretary be and are hereby agreed to with the exception of the applications from the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company and the Great Southern & Western Railway Company, regarding which we believe the valuations should not be changed as the Railways are, in our opinion, valued quite low enough."

Payments to Subsidiary Bodies

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

"That the Secretary issue Paying Orders to the County Bodies to the extent he considers allowable, having regard to the present state of the Council's finances & the needs of such Bodies."

Loan, £3,000 - Improvements, County Home, Ennisceorthy

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department (Ireland) by letter dated 9th May, 1923, this Council to borrow from the National Bank, Ltd., Wexford, the sum of £3,000 for the purposes in said letter mentioned - the said sum to be repaid to be repaid to the Bank by 30 equal half-yearly instalments of £100, spread over a period of 15 years with interest thereon at one half per cent per annum under the Irish Bank's rate rising & falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than 4% per annum. Said loan to be secured by mortgage over the Rates available for that purpose. And that the seal of the Council be attached to such mortgage."

Store in Gorly

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the offer of Mr. Michael Redmond, 27 Main Street Gorly, to rent store at 1/6 per week for storage of tools and as office etc be accepted."

John Cummins
Chairman

7/8/23