

MEETING.- 8th MARCH 1917.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th March 1917.

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs J. Lynch, J. J. Stafford, T. Asple, M.Codd, L. Barry, John J. Kehoe, James Codd, N. J. Cowman.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Rate Collectors who have not up to the present collected 40 per cent of the amount of their warrant, and inform them that only a few weeks remain to the end of the financial year, and the Council will not make any application for an extension of time. The County Council will consider the question of the appointment of some of the Collectors before the issue of warrants for next financial year."

Deductions from Estate Duty Grant.

Under date 2nd March 1917, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 7,684-1917, Miscellaneous) stating that the amount which will be deducted in respect of land purchase liability from the Death Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of the month of March was £633. 12/-.

"No Order"

Industrial School Application.

Under date 17th February 1917, the Manager, of St Dominick's Industrial School, Waterford, wrote applying for an increase of 6d per head for the children committed to the Industrial School, as it was impossible to maintain the children at the present price.

The Secretary stated that capitation grant paid to this School by the Council was 2/- per week.

The Manager, Boys' Industrial School, Kilkenny, made a similar application.

The Secretary stated that the capitation rate for this School was 2/6 per child, per week.

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

"That an additional 6d per head, per child, committed from this County to St Dominick's Industrial School, be paid by this Council, as from 1st January 1917.

That the application from the Manager, Boys' Industrial School, Kilkenny, be adjourned to next meeting."

Advertising Contract with "Echo"

Under date 24th February 1917, the following letter was read from the Manager, "The Echo" Newspaper, Enniscorthy:-

"You are aware no doubt that "The Echo" has resumed publication after a lapse of nine months. I would ask you to kindly bring before your Council that we seek a reinstatement of their advertising contract with the "Echo" up to March 31st 1917.

As the fulfilment of the advertising contract between County Council and the North Wexford Printing and Publishing Co., during the lapsed period, was a matter entirely outside our powers, I trust your Council will see its way to grant us a renewal of contract up to the aforementioned date, (March 31st).

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

"That as the present advertising contract of the Co. Council expires on 31st March 1917, the County Council be recommended not to re-open the question of the Contract with the "Echo" Newspaper."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman."

Courtown Harbour Committee.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following were appointed as members of Courtown Harbour Committee, for a period of three years as from 1st March 1917:-

Lord Courtown, Major Richards, Mrs Richards, Rev John O'Grady C.C., Rev Mr Talbot, Messrs J. Kavanagh, P. Doyle, R. Spencer, K. MacNeill, R. Garland, J. Murphy, J. Millar, J. McEneaney.

Complaint as to Roads.

Under date 23rd February 1917, the following letter was read from Mr Denis W. Dunne, The Hotel, Ferns:-

"I desire to bring before the County Council the disgraceful state of the roads particularly the road from Newtownbarry to Clohamon. I am interested in the matter, not only as a Ratepayer, but also as having a contract for the carrying of the Mails from Ferns Railway Station to Newtownbarry. The state of things is such that it is nearly impossible to keep a Motor running.

I went myself on the 19th February to inspect the roads and to see whether the cause given by my employees for the delay in the Mails was so serious as they stated, I found the roads much worse than I could have conceived. The road from Newtownbarry to Clohamon was in such a state that it would not be safe even to walk except in the day time. On the return journey the Motor got into regular trenches along the road and could only be got out with difficulty and driven very slowly. The Mail that is delivered by Motor arrived one hour and a half late on the 20th February, this was owing to the state of the roads, and having myself seen the condition of things I am quite satisfied that the delay was unavoidable the roads being as they are. Before taking any further steps I must call on the County Council to see that the roads are put into some reasonable state of repair without delay."

"Under date 24th February 1917, the following letter was read from Messrs P.J.O'Flaherty, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on behalf of Mr D. W. Dunne--

"We are instructed by Mr Denis W. Dunne, who has already written you complaining of the disgraceful state of the roads, that the Motor Car which carries the Mails under contract with the Post Office, was seriously damaged. It sank in the road between Newtownbarry and Clohamon and could not proceed and had to go back to Newtownbarry and go by a circuitous route to Ballycarney and then back to Strahart several miles of a round in order to bring the mails. The result was that the Motor Car got broken up and yesterday (Friday) was not able to return from Clonegal. The matter is serious and steps will have to be taken unless something is done by the County Council immediately."

Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, explained that material was being provided on this road. On account of the collapse of Clohamon Bridge

the road had to bear more traffic than it was ever made to stand.

The following recommendation was made by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to attend to the repair of the road between Clohamon and Newtownbarry at once."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to John Butler, Taghmon, Manager for Mr E. McQuillan. That licence under this Act issued to Mr McQuillan on the 21st February 1917 be cancelled, as he is not in a position to personally manage the premises in respect of which licence was granted."

New Advertising Contract.

The Secretary stated that the Proposal Committee had rejected the Notice of Motion of Mr John J. Kehoe, as to new advertising contract, and had adopted the following resolution instead:-

"That our Secretary advertise the absolutely necessary advertisements of the County Council in "The People" Newspaper provided he considers the charge for each advertisement satisfactory, this arrangement to remain in force for a period of three months as from the 31st March 1917."

"This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Open Voting v Voting by Ballot,

Under date 1st March 1917, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Irish County Councils General Council:-

"I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council to inform you that, at the Spring Meeting of the Council the question of the desirability of the adoption of ballot instead of open voting for the election of paid officers of local authorities will be considered.

I shall be much obliged if you will be so good as to let me know the opinion of your Council on this matter at your earliest convenience.

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matters that your Council may desire to bring forward at the Spring Meeting, on or before the 31st inst.,"

"The Chairman took a show of hands and declared as a result that the majority was in favour of voting by ballot when dealing with the appointment of officers."

Direction Posts

Under date 2nd March 1917, a letter was read from the Manager, Ford Motor Co., Trafford Park, Manchester, asking whether the Wexford County Council would be prepared to erect direction posts in the County, and, under the direction of the County Surveyor, give facilities for such erections. The Company were in process of formulating a scheme of such signs in Ireland directly conditions allow. If possible the whole of the sign posts would be made in Ireland.

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the matter be referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Telegraph Wires.-Wexford Bridge.

Mr Ray, Sectional Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department, wrote asking for provisional consent to the fixing of approximately ten brackets along the upper beams on each side of the Wexford Bridge, in order to allow the telegraph cable to be repaired.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That no objection be offered to fixing of brackets on beams of Wexford Bridge, on the terms and conditions of letter of Mr J. O. Ray, Sectional Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department; under date 8th March 1917, to allow of repair of telegraph cable."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.-FINANCE & ROADS COMMITTEE.

Purchase of Stonebreaker:- "That the offer of Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., for stonebreaker at £384. 2/- be accepted."

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

Clearing away Snow on Roads :- "That Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, be summoned to attend the next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to explain the circumstances under which men were employed to clear snow drifts from the roads in Adamstown district."

Roads Committee of 8th inst:-

"That we accept the explanation of Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, as to the employment of men to clear away snow drifts as satisfactory."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin.
22nd February 1917.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st December 1916.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	54
Butter	44
Whiskey	35
Buttermilk	15
Margarine	14
Cheese	11
Sugar	7
Port Wine	7
Mustard	7
Rum	9
Flour	8
Cocoa	8
Brandy	6
Drugs	6
Rice	6
Cornflour	4
Gin	6
Tea	4
Bread	6
Lard	3
Pepper	3
Sweets	2
Coffee	2

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Indian Meal	2
Vinegar	2
Wholemeal	2
Salid Oil	1
All Spice	1
Maizw	1
Ginger	1
Ginger Wine	1
Dripping	1
Oatmeal	1
Sherry Wine	1
Sago	1
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Total	282

Three certificates were sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 13, 20, and 20 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Flynn, Ballybrazel, Campile, for specimen of whiskey which was 35 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 13.33 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Breheny, Killinick, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 21 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 23 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 11 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and one certificate for specimen of vinegar which contained only 2.78 per cent of acetic acid instead of at least 4 per cent.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 17 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Lyons, Ferns, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 26 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats and one certificate for specimen of rum which was 35 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 13.33 per cent of water.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society one fertilizer was analysed. One specimen of water analysed for Mrs Jeffares, Newbay, Wexford, had the following composition:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matters	46.200
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.014
Saline Ammonia	0.003
Nitric Acid	3.870
Chlorine	4.473
Colour	light yellow.

An inferior water.

One specimen of water analysed for E.N.Townsend, Esq, Ferns, had the following composition..

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter:	39.200
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.009
Saline Ammonia	0.036
Nitric Acid	4.120
Chlorine	7.380
Colour	light yellow.

A polluted water.

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

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

Total analyses.. .. .	303
Adulterated & defective articles.....	10

Charles A Cameron.

(Signed) John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.