

SPECIAL MEETING.- 10th MARCH 1920.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 10th March 1920.

Present:- Mr M. Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs P. Quigley, N. J. Cowman, M. Cloney, T. Asple, J. J. Stafford, P. Whelan, P. O'Neill, W. Thorpe, J. J. O'Byrne, Kehoe, Scallan, M. Codd, N. J. Fowler, James Codd, Kinsella, Redmond, Barry, McGuire, Maddock, and O'Gorman.

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

Appointment Rate Collector No. 3 Collection District.

In connection with the appointment of Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, vacant through the resignation of Mr N. Moore, the Secretary referred to the Public Bodies Order 1920, under date 16th February 1920, and under which the County Council had power to elect a woman as Rate Collector.

Applications were received from the following:-

John Barry, Carrig-on-Bannow,

J. J. Berry, Scar, Duncormick.

Patrick Boyce, Blackhall, Bannow,

John McCormick, Arnestown, Ballymitty.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Barry:- Messrs Fowler, Asple, and O'Gorman.-3.

For Mr Berry:- Messrs Cowman, Whelan, Barry, Cloney, James Codd, Thorpe, and Quigley.-7.

For Mr Boyse:- Messrs Kinsella, McGuire, O'Neill, Kehoe, and M. Codd.-5

For Mr McCormack:- Messrs O'Byrne, Maddock, Stafford, Scallan, Redmond, and the Chairman.- 6.

Mr Barry then fell out, and a poll was taken between Messrs Berry, Boyce and McCormack with the following result:-

For Mr Berry:- Messrs Cowman, Whelan, Barry, Cloney, J. Codd, O'Gorman, Thorpe, and Quigley.-8.

For Mr Boyse:- Messrs Kinsella, McGuire, Fowler, O'Neill, Kehoe, M. Codd, and Asple.- 7.

For Mr McCormack:- Messrs O'Byrne, Maddock, Stafford, Scallan, Redmond, and the Chairman.-6.



Mr McCormack then fell out, and a final poll was taken between Messrs Berry and Boyse, with the following result:-

For Mr Berry:- Messrs Cowman, O'Byrne, Whelan, Maddock, Barry, Scallan, Cloney, J. Codd, Thorpe, and Quigley.-10.

For Mr Boyse:- Messrs Kinsella, McGuire, Fowler, O'Neill, Kehoe, M. Codd, Redmond, and Asple.-8.

Messrs O'Gorman, Stafford, and the Chairman did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Berry elected.

Mr Berry returned thanks for his election.

Appointment Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District.

Applications were received from the following as Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District, vice Mr Francis Blake, deceased:-

Mrs M. A. Blake, Tullibards Great, Bridgetown.

Richard Brett, Ballynaas, Ballycogley.

James Byrne, Newtown, Bridgetown.

Joseph Day, Ballyhealy, Kilmore.

Patrick Healy, Castlebridge.

John J. Murphy, Coddstown, Killinick.

P. Treacy, 11 High Street, Wexford.

John J. Rossiter, Walshestown, Ballycogley.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mrs Blake:- Messrs Cowman, O'Neill, Kehoe, Cloney, and James Codd.-5

For Brett:- Messrs Thorpe, and M. Doyle.-2

For Joseph Day:- Messrs O'Byrne, McGuire, Barry, Fowler, Scallan, M. Codd.-6.

For J. J. Rossiter:- Messrs Kinsella, Stafford, O'Gorman, Quigley.-4.

For Healy:- Messrs Whelan, Maddock, Redmond, Asple.-4.

Messrs Brett, Byrne, Murphy, and Treacy, then dropped out, and a second poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mrs Blake:- Messrs Cowman, O'Neill, Kehoe, Cloney, J. Codd.-5

For Mr Day :- Messrs O'Byrne, McGuire, Barry, Fowler, Scallan, M. Codd.-6

For Mr Healy:- Messrs Whelan, Maddock, Redmond Asple.-4.

For Mr Rossiter:- Messrs Kinsella, Stafford, O'Gorman, Thorpe, and Quigley.-5

The Chairman did not vote.

Messrs Brett and Healy then dropped out and a vote was taken between Mrs Blake, Day and Rossiter, with the following result:-

For Mrs Blake:- Messrs Cowman, O'Neill, Kehoe, Cloney, and J. Codd.- 5.



For Mr Day:- Messrs O'Byrne, Whelan, McGuire, Barry, Fowler, Scallan, M. Codd, Redmond, and Asple.-9.

For Mr Rossiter:- Messrs Kinsella, Maddock, Stafford, O'Gorman, Thorpe, and Quigley.- 6.

The Chairman did not vote.

Mrs Blake then dropped out, and the final poll was taken between Messrs Day and Rossiter, with the following result:-

For Mr Day:- Messrs Cowman, O'Byrne, Whelan, McGuire, Barry, Fowler, O'Neill, Scallan, M. Codd, J. Codd, Redmond, and Asple.-12.

For Mr Rossiter:- Messrs Kinsella, Maddock, Stafford, Kehoe, Cloney, O'Gorman, Thorpe, Quigley, and the Chairman.-9.

The Chairman declared Mr Day elected.

Mr Day returned thanks for his election.

#### Forthcoming Elections for County and R.D. Councillors.

The Secretary read the constitution of County and District Electoral Areas, for election of County and Rural District Councillors as set out in Schedule to Order of the Local Government Board (No. 35168 & 35169-1919) under date 5th February 1920.

"No Order"

#### Audit of Accounts.

Under date 3rd March 1920, the Local Government Board forwarded report of their auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy Union (17871-20) and Enniscorthy Rural District Council (No. 17872-1920) both in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1919.

Under date 2nd March 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 17146-1920) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of New Ross Union for half-year ended 30th September 1919, and under same date the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 17145-1920) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of New Ross Rural District Council, for same period.

"No Order".

#### Land Commission Annuities.

Under date 2nd March 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 17012-1920, Miscellaneous) that the sums withdrawn from the Guarantee Fund (Land Purchase Annuities) were less than the repayments made to the fund by £353. 13. 1d and accordingly this amount would be credited to the County in the Death Duty Grant payable in the course of the month.



General Cattle Diseases Fund.

The Local Government Board under date 20th February 1920, wrote (letter No. 5925-1920, Miscellaneous) that they had issued an Order under the 71st Section of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894, as amended, assessing the sum of £15616. 17. 11d upon the several administrative Counties in Ireland in proportion to valuation. The sum to be assessed on County Wexford was £411. 0. 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

\*No Order\*

New War Bonus to Civil Servants.

Under date 4th March 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 10345-1920, Miscellaneous) that in accordance with Award No. 101, dated 11th November 1919, the Treasury had authorized for permanent Civil Servants a new scale of War Bonus, copy which was appended.

The new Scale fixed 30 per cent of ordinary remuneration as War Bonus instead of 20 per cent as fixed by Award No. 84 as regards ordinary remuneration.

\*No Order\*

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 17th February 1920, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Veterinary Branch) wrote that as regards examination of milk, "Hitherto, the standing arrangement of your Local Authority with regard to microscopical examination of milk in cases of suspected bovine tuberculosis was that samples of the milk to be tested should be sent to Mr Malone, V. S., who was provided with the necessary apparatus for conducting tests required by any of the Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors. If it is to be understood that this arrangement is now to cease, the Department would wish to learn the name of each of the Veterinary Inspectors who is provided with the means of conducting tests for himself, and whether an Inspector who has not such means may still send samples to Mr Malone."

The following was received from the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council:-

"We the undersigned Members of the Veterinary profession appointed under the Tuberculosis Act, beg to bring under your notice with a view to granting of a substantial salary for the arduous duties to be performed by us, in the enforcing of this most important public duty.

In appealing to your gratuitous consideration for a living and workable wage, we beg to lay before you, that the cost of living has gone up 300%



as compared with pre-war days. Travelling facilities have also gone up equally high. The necessary expenditure which will accrue in the performance of our duties under this Act is a matter which we hope you will take into account in arranging for us a workable salary.

You must remember that the sovereign pre-war was worth 20/-, now it is only value for 8/3.

In lodging before you the attached forms, you can see for yourselves that the clerical duties to be performed will be both arduous and difficult.

Considering all these matters the least we can expect is a salary of £150 per annum. A workable salary is what we require to make the performance of our duties a success, and we hope that taking everything into account you will also remember the dignity of our profession."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That we recommend the local officials in charge of the administration of the Tuberculosis Order should receive an increase of 25 per cent on the amount of fees which were in existence before the War."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary inquire from Messrs James Malone V. S., Arthur Dobbins V. S., F. W. Taylor, V. S., and W. J. Doyle V. S., if they are prepared to procure the necessary apparatus for testing milk under Tuberculosis Order, or if they would prefer to have this work carried out by Mr R. Malone V. S.,"

#### Application Wages-Steam Stonebreaking Gang.

Under date 26th February 1920, the following letter was read from Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, Enniscorthy Branch:-

"A complaint has been made to us, that Andrew Clear, Andrew Morris, John Foley, and James Gaynor, of the Steam Stonebreaking Travelling Gang, were deprived of six days' wages through no fault of their own, during the week previous to Christmas or thereabouts. No coal was supplied during this week to the men by the County Council, and no notification was given the men to cease work and consequently the men turned up to work each morning.

These six days were claimed for on the Time Sheets of the men, we are informed, but no payment was made by the County Council, for same.



We now therefore demand payment for six days' wages to the men concerned, and we trust that same will be ratified at the next meeting of the County Council."

Mr Barry, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"The gang attending Stonebreaker in Ballybrennan Quarry, finished work on Wednesday, 17th December, the stock of Coal was consumed, and the man that had the contract for carting coal from Machinery Yard to the quarry, refused to take Coal to the quarry until the County Council Officials' Strike would be ended. When the Strike was settled, I notified the Gang to resume work on Monday morning, 29th December.

The Gang did not go to the quarry any day during week the Strike was on."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan--

"That as there appears to be a divergence of opinion on questions of fact as to the attendance of men to work at Ballybrennan Quarry, their application be adjourned for the present."

Claim for Breaking Quarry Material.

Under date 4th March 1920, the following letter was read from Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers Union:-

"Constant and persistent complaints have been made to us during the past few months by the stone breaking gang that when in Barmoney Quarry about March 1919, 440 yards of stone were broken, but that payment was made by the Council only for 250 yards, leaving a balance of 190 yards unpaid for.

This would mean that 190 yards at 10d per yard, the rate then obtaining, or a total of £7. 18. 4d is still due to the men who were at the time in the employment of the Council in Barmoney Quarry.

We trust the Council will rectify this error and grant payment of the above amount."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That in accordance with the statement of Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, the quarrymen employed at Barmoney Quarry be allowed for 53 yards, and also in view of the statement of Mr O'Gorman, Quarry Foreman, that the men were prepared to accept this <sup>as</sup> settlement of their claim."

Weekly Payments to Quarrymen.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February, a letter was



received from Mr D. Doran, Secretary, Irish National Agricultural and General Workers' Union, asking that arrangements should be made to have the men at Tara Hill Quarry paid weekly.

"The Council decided to postpone consideration of the matter until next meeting."

Mr D. Doran, Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union, appeared before the meeting and it was explained to him that it was now illegal to have an Imprest Account, and it would be well if his Union pointed out to the Tara Hill Quarrymen, that the County Council have on several occasions asked the Local Government Board to allow an Imprest Account with some official, but the Board felt that, in view of the decision of the late Lord Chief Baron, they were precluded from agreeing to same.

"No Order"

Application Increase Wages-Quarry Foremen.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the wages of Messrs M. J. O'Kelly and J. J. O'Gorman (Quarry Foremen) were fixed by the Co Council on the 3rd September 1919, we cannot see our way to agree to the increase asked for."

"This in O'Gorman's case was £1 and in O'Kelly's £1. 10/-"

Under date 18th February 1920, the following letter was read from Mr D. Doran, Secretary, Irish National Agricultural & General Workers' Union:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., notifying me of the resolution passed by your Council on the 11th inst., re my application for O'Gorman and O'Kelly. I may in the first instance state that I am very much surprised at same, because as your Council are well aware, very many extra duties have been given to these two men since the fixing of the wages. It appears from the Press that the question of an agreement for 12 months was discussed, and although this does not appear from your letter, still I presume same was the basis of the Council's argument. In this respect I would refer you to the letters written by Messrs O'Donoghue and King, from which you will see that no agreement was entered into. Now take O'Kelly's case- before the 3rd September 1919 he had only one quarry and a road to look after, - to-day he has charge of five quarries and the road leading from Ballynabola to New Ross, and his remuneration is £2 per week. In O'Gorman's case- three additional quarries have been



put on to him. Besides, these men owing to the long journeys they are obliged to travel by day, are compelled to do all their office work (i.e. reports etc) at night, when they should be in bed. On these exceptional circumstances are our demands based, and I would point out to your Council that the wages paid to them is not sufficient to enable them to keep their families, and my Executive are of the opinion that the increases asked for are very reasonable. In the circumstances they have directed me to inform your Council that unless they at once agree to pay these increased demands, I am to make arrangements to declare a general strike.

If your Council are anxious to avoid this course they will reconsider their decision within the next few days.

Awaiting an early reply."

The following report was read from the County Surveyor as regards the conditions of employment of Messrs O'Gorman, and O'Kelly:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst., with copy of letter from the Secretary of the Workers' Union. In reply to your queries I find we never had any specific agreement with either of these men re their duties, they were both employed as Gangers and Foremen for whole time, and the understanding was of course that they should carry out any County job, either Road Work or Quarry work, as might be put in their charge.

In the case of O'Kelly, all his work lies in or about Ballinaboola, where he resides, but O'Gorman has a larger area to deal with. Sometime ago, when the travelling gang was brought to Ballinaboola and Tinnecarrig side, and the question of being paid extra remuneration for being employed at a distance from home came up before the County Council, Mr Treanor was directed to so arrange that they would not be brought such a distance from home. Accordingly, now it is arranged that they are not brought down to this locality.

With regard to O'Kelly's case, the Secretary of the Workers' Union states he had only one quarry before September 1919, whereas I find he had the five quarries as under:-

Ballinaboola .-	August 1916.
Tinnecarrig.-	May 1918, Constantly since June 1919.
Carrigbyrne.-	July 1918.
Tomgarrow.-	June 1918.
and Palace.-	June 1919.

As regards roads O'Kelly has been employed on the same lot between



Ballinaboola and New Ross since he started the work on them.

In O'Gorman's case he has a great number of quarries to look after in whole or in part. The quarries he has are as under:- On these he has to attend to quarrying and breaker but has nothing to do with Rock Drill Work.

Killabeg.- October 1917, This quarry was shut up for some time but was re-opened in November 1919.

Tinnesarrig.- November 1917.

Carrigeen.- May 1919.

Doran's Hill.- July 1919.

Clonhasten.- September 1919.

Besides above he has attended with the travelling Gang to do breaking in the following quarries:-

Ryland.- January 1918.

Curraduff.- January 1918.

Ballyrehan.- March 1918.

Barmoney.- March 1919.

Cherryorchard.- November 1919.

Courtnacuddy.- December 1919. Only a few hours in this quarry.

In the case of these quarries the work O'Gorman has to do is to superintend the work while the breaker is at work in the quarry and while the travelling Gangers are with it. You will please note that in the case of this list he would only have to attend to one quarry at a time as of course there is no breaking going on in the others concurrently, also the quarrying and preparation for breaking is carried out by the local gangers.

In the case of Ryland Gravel Pit this has been worked altogether in connection with the Road Board Work. As this work lies between Scarawalsh and Ferns, and Scarawalsh and Newtownbarry, this is quite convenient to O'Gorman's residence.

I must say that neither of these men should find it necessary to stay up at night to finish their returns when they ought to be in bed. The Office work is limited to a few measurements and Wages sheets for the fortnightly payments and a small amount of correspondence."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the wages of Mr J. J. O'Gorman, quarry foreman, be fixed at £3 per week, and the wages of Mr M. J. O'Kelly, quarryforeman, at £2. 15/- as from Saturday 6th March."



Complaint as to condition of New Ross Roads.

Under date 4th March 1920, the following letter was read from Dr W. F. Hearn, L. L. D., Solicitor, New Ross:-

"As I understand from a report of a meeting of the Council recently published that Mr Barry stated he only inspects places to which he attention is called, I would therefore feel obliged if you direct Mr Barry's special and immediate attention to the dangerous condition of the main road between Camross and Larkin's Cross. Its present condition is beyond description, and is certainly a discredit in the extreme, to any County.

I am prepared to pay the expense of a motor car to convey any Member of your Council over this road and abide by his report on the condition of this road. I feel bound also to request that you bring this complaint under the notice of the next meeting of your Council.

The condition of the road compels me in going to Wexford from New Ross (which is frequent) to proceed by Clonroche and Sparrowsland, and so avoid the main and direct road.

I will thank you to say what action your Council intend to take in the interest of taxpayers and the users of the Road."

The County Surveyor explained the difficulty he had in securing any sub-contractor for this road, and also the repairs which he was carrying out.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded By Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Dr Hearn be informed, that the County Surveyor is putting the New Ross Road into repair with as much despatch as possible in view of the difficulties which he has had in obtaining a sub-contractor for same. In consequence of the extra timber traffic on this road we approve of the issue of Sudden Damage Order to cover any extra cost of repair necessary."

Roads in Glynn District.

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February, a request was read from Glynn Farmers' Union to the County Council to receive a deputation as to neglected condition of certain roads in Glynn District.

"The matter was adjourned as one of the members of the deputation found it impossible to attend."

"No action was taken as no Members of deputation attended."



Road Drain.

Under date 19th February 1920, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote calling attention to a ditch and drain at the side of the road adjoining the land of Mr Hugh O'Connor, Waddingtown, and which they held it was the duty of the Road Contractor to look after. Unless the work was properly carried out, Mr O'Connor would take proceedings against the Co Council.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have drain on road adjoining premises of Mr Hugh O'Connor, Waddingtown, properly cleaned up."

Suretyship for Road Contracts .

Under date 28th February 1920, Messrs Michael Stafford, and Laurence Sinnott, sureties for Michael Cogley, Donanore, Davidstown, deceased, Contractor for Roads Nos. 303E, 316E, and 318E, wrote asking that the contracts should be cancelled and re-opened for tender, as Mr Cogley left no one who was able to take up the work.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in the circumstances mentioned in application of letter of Michael Stafford, and Laurence Sinnott, we hereby agree to cancellation of Contracts Nos. 303E, 316E, and 318E."

Road Limits of Expenditure.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Rural District Council:-

"That the County Council be requested to formulate an application to the Ministry of Transport to have the limit of Road Expenditure extended from £8928. 18. 4d to £9,929. 18. 4d for year ending March 31st 1921."

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Ministry of Transport be requested to fix the Road Limit for New Ross Rural District at £9929. 18. 4d for year ending 31st March 1921."

Correspondence was read from the Ministry of Transport, that the applications of the County Council for extension of Road Limits for Enniscorthy and Wexford Rural District Councils were under consideration.



New Ross Bridge.- War Bonus to Contractors.

In connection with the proposed War Bonus to Messrs Lawler & Sons, New Ross, Contractors for New Ross Bridge, the Ministry of Transport wrote under date 18th February 1920, (R.I.6 Wexford:) that as the County Council could not cancel the contract to Messrs Lawler & Sons, New Ross Bridge Contractors, until May, and as Contract expired in June, the Ministry regretted that they had no authority to approve of the proposal to grant War Bonus to Messrs Lawler & Sons, unless on the terms of their letter of 29th January last.

"Adjourned to next Meeting."

Grants for Tarring Roads.

Under date 23rd February 1920, the Ministry of Transport wrote stating that the Treasury had set aside new Grants of £250,000 for Great Britain and Ireland, to be confined to expenditure on works of surface dressing with refined tar on important roads.

"Referred to County Surveyor."

New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee.

A resolution was received from New Ross Rural District Council nominating Messrs Edward Neill, D. C., Ryleen, New Ross, and William Byrne, D. C., Camblin, New Ross, vice Messrs Philip Kehoe, and M. J. Kenny, disqualified for non-attendance.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs Edward Neill, Ryleen, New Ross, and William Byrne, D. C., Camblin, be appointed members of New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee, vice Messrs Philip Kehoe and M. J. Kenny, disqualified for non-attendance."

Courtown Harbour.

In connection with malicious injury to lamp at Courtown Harbour the Secretary stated that the necessary informations with a view to claiming £5 compensation had been sworn by the Harbour Master.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, asked for instructions as to whether the application would be proceeded with.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the small amount involved the Co Council take no further action in respect of application for payment of £5 compensation



for injury to lamp at Courtown Harbour."

Proposed Erection of Stores.

Mr Martin Howlett, Campile, Secretary for Shelburne Co-operative Agricultural Society, wrote under date 25th February 1920, asking for permission to erect Stores the end of which would be at a distance of only 16 feet from the centre of road, and six feet from face of road fence.

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

"That permission be given to the Shelburne Co-operative Agricultural Society for the erection of Stores at Campile in view of the facts set out in letter of Mr Martin Howlett, Manager, and having regard to the statement of the County Surveyor that the buildings would not cause any obstruction to traffic."

Re Motor Car Speed.

Under date 20th February 1920, Mr P. J. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote calling attention to the resolution of his Council re by-law restricting the speed of Motor Cars in Towns and Villages and requesting that some steps should be taken.

On the of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council are prepared to apply to the Local Government Board for an Order to restrict the speed of motor cars in any of the Enniscorthy Streets suggested by the Enniscorthy Urban Council, on condition that the said Urban Council will be responsible for the cost of public inquiry, without which it is improbable that the Local Government Board will issue such Order."

Working of Courtown Harbour.

The following is an extract from the Minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee for 3rd February:-

"The Committee beg to call the attention of the County Council to the large increase in the price of coal bags, about 200 will probably be required this year, which will cost about £17. 10/- per hundred, as compared with about £6 before the War. The charge for the use of bags is at present three pence per ton, which will not pay for repairs of damage done to the bags, so we recommend that the charge for the use of the bags be raised.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following



resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the present great cost of coal bags we consider the time has arrived when the Coal Merchants using Courtown Harbour, should take steps to acquire coal bags for their own use."

In connection with the Minutes of the Courtown Harbour Committee for meeting of 3rd March 1920, the following note was attached to Minutes by Lord Courtown:-

"These proceedings are entirely informal as the business was finished before the advertised hour of meeting, 12 noon, before I arrived."

The following note was put on the Minutes by the Chairman of the Meeting:- "At the Meeting the business was not started until 12 noon, it was 12. 10 when Lord Courtown arrived. All the members present (McGarry, Garland, Williams, and O'Byrne) agree the meeting did not start until the time appointed."

The Harbour Master wrote:- "As to Lord Courtown's statement that the meeting was held before the appointed time, I have nothing to add to the Chairman's remarks."

"No Order, as the Council felt they were bound to accept the view of the majority of the members of the Courtown Harbour Committee as regards the time at which the meeting was held."

#### War Pensions Committee.

Under date 13th February 1920, Mr Thomas McCarthy, Secretary, Irish National Trade & Labour Insurance Society, wrote that the Society had nominated Messrs Wm Boggan D. C., Whiterock, Wexford, Michael Ryan, Ballineroode, Oulart, and John Murphy, Taghmon, as Members of County Wexford War Pensions Committee.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs W. Boggan, D. C., Whiterock, Wexford, Michael Ryan, Ballineroode, Oulart, and John Murphy, Taghmon, be appointed representatives of Irish National Trade & Labour Insurance Society on County Wexford War Pensions Committee."

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, Seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act held by Mr Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, be renewed for one year."



Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1889, etc.,

Under date 3rd March 1920, the following resolution was received from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That the County Council of the County Wexford be asked to consent to the Rural District Council of Gorey being constituted the Local Authority for the Rural District of Gorey, for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899, and the Housing Act 1919."

On the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the Rural District Council of Gorey being constituted the Local Authority for the Rural District of Gorey for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1889, and the Housing Act of 1919."

The Irish Language

The following resolution was received from the Gaelic League:-

"That we call on the Councils and Public Bodies to give official recognition to the Irish Language by having Cheque Books and stationery headings printed in the Irish language."

"The above resolution was approved on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Cost of Lunatic Asylums.

The following resolution was received from Tyrone County Council: -

"That the burden imposed upon the Ratepayers arising from the increased cost of the District Asylum is excessive and oppressive, and that the contribution of the State, through the Exchequer, is, under present circumstances, totally inadequate, and should be at least doubled, in view of the imperative character of the main part of the expenditure."

"The above Resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Letter Box at Monaseed.

Mr M. Carbery, Postmaster, Gorey, applied for permission to have a letter box attached to a post erected at Monaseed.

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

"That permission be granted for erection of letter box to be attached to the post erected at Monaseed."



Proposed Fishery Inquiry.

The Department of Agricultural & Technical Instruction, forwarded Notice of Inquiries into salmon and trout fishing in the River Slaney, at Tullow on 23rd March, and Enniscorthy on 27th March.

"No Order"

Application for Loan to National Bank

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th February 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the directors of the National Bank, be reminded that one of the conditions on which the consent of the County Council was transferred from the Provincial to the National Bank, was that all loans required by the Council should be advanced at 3 per cent, and the directors should make up their minds to advance the loan required by the Council, otherwise the County Council must consider the advisability of determining the agreement entered into with the National Bank."

Under date 9th March 1920, the following was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford:-

"With further reference to the Council's application for an advance of £1522 at 3% I am directed to say that when taking over the accounts of the Wexford County Council, no undertaking was given or implied that the rate on advances was to remain 3% for all time.

Seeing that this rate under present conditions involves a loss to the Bank, the Board feel that in allowing the existing loans to remain outstanding on the old terms they are going as far as their duty to the Shareholders will allow. In view of this they consider that any fresh advance should bear a rate of 4% at least, which is 2% below bank rate and is barely higher than current Deposit Rate.

Other County Councils have adopted the Bank's view and agreed to pay more.

I beg to remind the County Council that the Bank reduced the rate of Interest on the Wexford Rural District Council's loan of £17000, and the Council are enjoying the benefit of this reduction since 1912."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Seallan, Seconded by Mr O'Neill:-

"That we request the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, to state what was the rate of Interest allowed on the credit balances of the County Council for



the past twelve months."

Mr Cowman moved, and Mr Maddock seconded, the following resolution which on a show of hands was carried by 8 to 6 Votes:-

"That we adhere to our agreement with the National Bank, and request them to advance loan for £1522 for steamrolling at 3 per cent."

#### Road Machinery.

The following is an extract from the report of the County Surveyor, to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"With regard to the purchase of road machinery I wish to point out the great difficulty in arranging for the transport of material and furthermore we cannot arrange satisfactorily for the work being carried out in due time without having our own plant. I shall submit Memo with regard to the necessity for the County Council owning their own machinery to deal with the enormously increased work in the quarries and other haulage generally."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be empowered to procure the necessary machinery, viz:- steamrolling and motor lorry for Scheme of Steamrolling at a cost not exceeding £4000 on condition that this amount can be provided from the Government Grant of £16000 for steamrolling, and subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport and to the confirmation of tenders and quotations at subsequent meeting of the County Council."

#### Large New Rock Drill.

The following is an extract from the County Surveyor's Report to the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"At the meeting of the 11th February, I was authorised to purchase amongst other things a Rock Drill cost not to exceed £135. This will cover only the cost of the smaller drill and I have delayed ordering same as I consider the larger drill with 20 feet boring rods should be purchased. This by recent quotation will cost £173. 19. 10d and I ask for permission to substitute this for the smaller one."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase a large Rock Drill with 20 feet boring rods at a cost of £173. 19. 10d instead of smaller drill."



Material taken from Road.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 11th February 1920, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Solicitor to the County Council be directed to institute proceedings against John White, Scar, Duncormick, Road Contractor, for material the property of the County Council taken by him from Ballyconnick Quarry."

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, explained that Rev P, Doyle P. P., Rathangan, was unaware that the material which had been put on the grounds of the Catholic Church was taken from the County Council Quarry.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That in view of the statement of our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- and Mr Barry, County Surveyor, we agree to accept £2 cost of material taken by Mr John White, Scar, from Ballyconnick Quarry, and cancel directions to institute proceedings in regard to same."

Defaulting Road Contractors.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take such proceedings as he considers desirable against the following road contractors to oblige them to fulfil the terms of their Contracts:-

Road 163W-Rep John O'Reilly, Corramacorra, 61W Michael Whelan, Saunders-court, Crossabeg."

Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the several proposals for New Works as submitted on Form 20 from Proposal Committee be and are hereby adopted."

Proposed Railway Siding at Rathgarogue.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the directors of the D. & S. E. Railway be requested to provide a Goods' Siding at Rathgarogue Railway Station. Not only would that be a great convenience to the general public but also to the County Council as a very large quantity of road material must pass through this Station. We are sure that if siding was provided sufficient revenue would be realised by the



Railway Company to pay for erection and working."

The proposed Education Bill.

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

"That we, the Representatives of the people of Wexford, pledge ourselves by every legitimate means in our power to prevent the children of the people of the County attending the Godless Schools proposed to be set up under the new Education Bill."

Temporary Clerical Staff- Application for Increase.

Under date 3th March 1920, the following letter was read from Mr Richard Corish, Secretary, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, (Wexford Branch):-

"I am directed by the Temporary hands employed by your Council, who are members of the above Union, to request that their remuneration should be raised from 9d to 1/3 per hour.

They will have no difficulty, I feel sure in reconciling their minds to the fact that the rate these men are at present paid is a ridiculously low one, and altogether inadequate to provide them with the necessaries of life, and hope they will treat this application with the consideration it deserves."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the temporary staff employed for the preparation of Rate Books for the present year be paid in respect of work for 1920 at a rate of 1/- per hour, that the permanent staff be paid 1/- per 30 ratings for original rate books, 1/- per 35 ratings for copies of Rate Books, and 1/- per 18 Receipt & Demand Notes."

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(Signed)

*John Bolger*  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7 day of

*April*

1920.