

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-6th MAY 1914.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 6th May 1914.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) Presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle Junr., M. Doyle Senr., A. Kinsella, J. J. Stafford, M. Gough, M. Codd, James Codd, P. O'Neill, P. J. Fanning, P. Rossiter, T. Asple, M. Cloney, J. T. Mayler, James A. Doyle.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Assistant Surveyors.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote applying for a week's holidays to be taken at the end of May.

On the motion of Mr P. Rossiter, seconded by Mr Mayler, Mr Kehoe's application was agreed to, the County Surveyor to make arrangements for the discharge of Mr Kehoe's duties during his absence.

With reference to the appointment of Mr Gerald Flood, as Assistant Surveyor, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Neill:-

"That as Mr Gerald Flood, has given every satisfaction to the County Council, and to the County Surveyor, in the discharge of his duties since entering into office as Assistant Surveyor, we request the Local Government Board to permanently sanction his appointment."

Report of Auditor of Local Government Board.

Under date 2nd May 1914, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of the Report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for half-year ended 31st March 1914.

Marked "Read"

Food & Drugs Act.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergeant Patrick Tucky, (59832) be appointed as Ex-Officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Gorey,

vice Constable J. Kelly."

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor for No.2 District.

Mr Vincent R. Doyle, Broadway, was the only Candidate for the position of Assistant Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr M. Doyle Junr.,

Seconded by Mr M. Doyle Senr.,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Vincent R. Doyle, be appointed, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, Assistant Surveyor for No. 2 District of the County Wexford at a salary of £80 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £100, the office to be held during good behaviour and with the approval of the Local Government Board, but should Mr Doyle desire at anytime to resign his position, he will be required to give the Council two months' notice in writing."

The following is a copy of Mr Doyle's application:-

"I beg to apply for position of Assistant Surveyor for No.2 District.
already
As you are/aware I have been doing temporary duty in above District for the past nine months. I am fully conversant with the work and am fully qualified under Local Government Board Regulations relating to Assistant Surveyors.

I submit testimonials as to Character and ability."

Mr Doyle produced references as to character, etc., from Messrs P. A. E. Dowling, Registrar, Royal College of Science, Dublin, John Tayler, M. A., Do., H. H. Jeffett, Do., Very Rev P. Doyle P.P., Lady's Island, and Mr Edmond Here J. P., Coldblow, Broadway.

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, Dublin.

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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 March 1914.

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

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	26
Milk	23
Whiskey	17

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Buttermilk	11
Margarine	4
Cheese	4
Rum	2
Sherry	1
Gin	1
Brandy	1
Port Wine	1
Total	91

One certificate was sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Ruane, Taghmen, for specimen of whiskey which was 26.5 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 2 per cent of water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs, thirteen specimens of tea and eight specimens of port wine were analysed.

One drug was incorrect. The specimens of tea and port wine were analysed to determine which was best for use in the Workhouse.

From the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs and a specimen of water were received. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water was forwarded to Doctor O'Farrell, St Vincent's Hospital, Stephen's Green, for bacteriological examination, at the request of the Clerk of the Union.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

Two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed for Mr Richard A. Rice, Ballygarvan, New Ross.

For the Wexford Meat Supply and Bawn Factory Ltd., Wexford, two specimens of fertilizer were analysed.

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

Total analyses..... 144

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

New Ross Bridge.

Mr P. F. Geold, Hon Sec, New Ross Feis, wrote on behalf of his Committee for permission to decorate New Ross Bridge for New Ross Feis.

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr Rensiter seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the request of Mr Gould be acceded to."

Proposed Tolls Duncannon Harbour.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, forwarded copy of the following letter which he had received from the Board of Works, under date 29th April, and No. 47522 14.

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, relative to Duncannon Pier, County Wexford, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that it does not appear that they have at any time fixed a Schedule of Tolls for Duncannon. They have now received a resolution passed by the Finance & Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council requesting them to do so, and if the County Council adopt this Resolution, the Board would be prepared to frame a Schedule of Tolls for Duncannon Pier, for the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury."

"The Secretary said that he had received a letter couched in a similar way, from the Secretary to the Board of Works."

On the motion of Mr M Doyle Junr., Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Board of Works be requested to forward draft Schedule of Tolls for Duncannon Harbour for the consideration of the County Council."

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 30th April 1914, the Secretary to New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, reported that the Committee at their Meeting of that date had appointed Mr John Aspel, as School Attendance Officer for the Southern District permanently, at a salary of £25 per annum. Mr Aspel was now School Attendance Officer for both North and South portions of the Rural District, at a total salary of £50 per annum.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Rensiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee in appointing Mr Aspel as School Attendance Officer for the entire District at a salary of £50 per annum."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Rensiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act to:-

L.. Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy.

Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd.,

Matthew Harpur, Main Street, Wexford.

W. B. Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey.

John Roche, Camelin.

Margaret Roche, Ballyanne.

J. Denehee Ltd., Enniscorthy.

Feet & Mouth Disease,

The following resolution was received from North Tipperary Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That we, the County Tipperary N. R. Committee of Agriculture, being convinced that the several recent outbreaks of Feet & Mouth Disease in Ireland were caused by the use of foreign straw as bedding (which straw was admitted into Ireland as packing) call upon the Department of Agriculture to take immediate steps to prohibit any more foreign hay or straw being admitted into Ireland as packing or fodder."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rensiter."

A resolution condemnatory of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction "for their attitude towards the recent outbreak of Feet & Mouth Disease" was received from Cloughjordan Fairs Committee.

Marked "Read"

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Rensiter, Seconded by Mr Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for New Works from the several Rural District Councils of the County, and from the Proposal Committee as appearing on Form 20 and subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, be and are hereby approved of."

:Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Rensiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment received from the Rural district Councils of the County, and from the Proposal Committee, as appearing on Form 22, and as adopted by the Proposal Committee as respects matters other than public works, be and are hereby agreed to, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Deputy Checkers'-Rate Collectors Accounts.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs N.Kehoe, R. Creighton, and M. J. Finn, be appointed deputy checkers of the Rate Collectors' Accounts for the districts of Wexford, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively in respect of financial year to 31st March 1915, at the remuneration of 5/- per 100 ratings.

That Mr Jasper Whitty, be appointed as deputy checker for the accounts of the Collectors in Enniscorthy District, at a salary of £30 per annum in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 1915."

Exchequer Contribution-Labourers Cottages.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 24th April 1914, that the following sums had been remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works, to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding loans under the Labourers Acts, charged on the following Districts:-

Enniscorthy	£506. 9. 5
Gorey	279. 15. 7
New Ross	302. 14. 7
Wexford	903. 18. 0

Marked "Read"

Trade Boards Acts.

Under date 24th April 1914, the Local Government Board, wrote that the minimum rates recently fixed by the Tailoring Trade Board (Ireland) apply to the making of male garments not only in ready made and Wholesale Bespoke branches of the Tailoring Trade, but also in certain sections of the Retail Bespoke Trade, namely those in which at least three persons or two female persons (in both cases exclusive of Cutters) are employed in making one garment.

Marked "Read"

Movement of Animals Orders.

Orders issued by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in reference to the prohibition of movement of animals from areas in which Foot & Mouth Disease existed were read.

Marked "Read"

Battle of Clontarf.

A Circular letter was received from the Town Clerk, Dublin, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to a meeting to be held in the Mason House, Dublin, on 26th May, with reference to arranging for the celebration of the

nine hundredth anniversary of the battle of Clontarf.

"On the motion of the Chairman, Mr P. J. Fanning was appointed to represent Wexford."

Sealing Contractors Bonds.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was agreed to:-

"That the bonds of Road Contractors etc., accepted at this meeting be sealed on behalf of the County Council."

Treasurer's Advice Notes.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Treasurer's Advice Notes for payments presented to this meeting be signed on behalf of the Council."

Exemption from Rates.

The following claims for exemption from Rates were laid before the Meeting:-

N.O'H.Walsh- Aughwilliam Nos. 93, 148, Carrick 60, 122, 216, Forth 3, 33, 137, Wexford Rural 54, 107, 157, 171, 334, 369, Taghmon 73, 142, Rathaspeck 78, 236.

G. Rossiter:- Ardavan 8, 205, 295, Ardcolm 24, 57, Artramont 1, 141, 146, 185, Kilbride 59, Killurin 51, Kilpatrick 87, 88, 95.

G. Rossiter (Half-year ended 30th September 1913) Ardavan 8, Artramont 73.

N. Moore- Ballymitty 117.

P. Redmond:- Edermine 17, Kilmallock 121.

L. Lacey:- Ballyvaldon 33, 250, Bolaboy 177, Castle Ellis 148, 150, Castle Talbot 175, 206, 240.

P. Nolan:- Balloughter 5, Ballyellis 22, 38, Ballybeg 62, 117, Monaseed 52, Rossmingue 44, Kilcomb 207, 300, 301.

J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 111, Ballycanew 108, Courtown 160, 162, 292, 351, 394, Gorey Rural 14, Kilnahue 72.

E. J. Murphy:- New Ross Rural 8, 9, 73.

Edward Cummins:- Kilmokea 134.

John Banville:- Carrigbyrne 118, 135, 136, Horetown 80, Kilgarvan 18,

James L. Doyle:- Dunmain 19, Tintern 21, 175, 203, 204, 248, 327, 346,

James Cogley:- Ballyhaak 235, 236.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Poor Law Amendment Act 1890, be applied to those cases and that they be exempted for the period stated, on the grounds that the premises have been vacant and empty."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 21st April 1914, Sir T. Esmonde, wrote forwarding the following copy of a letter which he had received from Mr Birrell:-

"I have received your letter of the 24th instant, and enclosed Memorial relative to Courtown Harbour, which I have read with interest. I have had the matter under consideration and I hope to bring the case of the Harbour before the Development Commissioners at an early date with the view of obtaining a grant, if possible, for the improvement of the Harbour."

The Courtown Harbour Committee, at their meeting on 5th May, recommended the appointment of Mr Walter Gahan, Courtown, as a member of the Committee, vice Mr A. Kelly resigned.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the name of Mr Walter Gahan, be added to Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr A. Kelly resigned."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from the Finance & Roads Committee, in respect of Meeting on 29th April 1914, were laid before the Meeting:-

New Ross Bridge.

"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be instructed to procure four Notice Boards warning masters of vessels against hanging on to dolphins, the warping buoys, or the bridge itself."

Reports of County Surveyor.

"That in future when there is a large amount of work dealt with in his report, the County Surveyor furnish a copy of his report to the Members of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Blacksmith's Wages- Tara Hill Quarry.

In connection with the application of Patrick Byrne, blacksmith at Tara Hill Quarry, for an increase in his salary of £1 per week, and which was laid before the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting by Mr Barry, County Surveyor, the Committee agreed to the following:-

"That an increase of 2/- per week be recommended to be given by the Co. Council to Patrick Byrne, blacksmith at Tara Hill Quarry."

Cherryorchard Quarry.

In connection with the working of Cherryorchard Quarry, it was decided at the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee:- "That the County Council be recommended to allow Mr George Sharpe, to charge a sum of 3/6 per cubic yard for road metalling, and 2/- for screenings taken out of Cherryorchard Quarry, under new agreement to be drafted by Mr Elgee, Solicitor, in consultation with the County Surveyor."

Railway Rates-Gt S. & W. Rly Co.,

Mr Elgee reported to the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee that he had attended the Conference of Public Bodies on 7th inst., and submitted the copy of Minutes and Circular which is being issued to Traders. he had informed the Conference that he had no authority to bind the Wexford County Council as to the payment of any expenses of an Expert Witness on Railway finance, or in any other way, or as to whether the Council would lodge any objection to the proposed increased rates, or appear before the Railway Commission.

The Committee had adopted the following:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor endeavour to ascertain the approximate amount of contribution which Wexford County Council should make in order to fall into line with the other public bodies which are opposing the increase of railway rates proposed by the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co.,"

In connection with this matter, a Circular letter was read from the Railway Clerks' Association of Gt Britain & Ireland, asking the Public Bodies to withdraw their opposition to the increase of four per cent in freight rates proposed by the Irish Railway Companies, on condition that an undertaking is given by these Companies to the Railway and Canal Commissioners that a sufficient sum will be allocated from such increase in rates to provide for an adequate improvement of the conditions of their salaried and wages staff."

Marked "Read"

On the motion of Mr Fanning, Secended by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary communicate with the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, Carlow, and Kilkenny, and ask them if they are prepared to consider the advisability of joining with the Wexford County Council in opposing the proposed increase of Rates of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co.,"

Irrecoverable Rates.

The Finance & Roads Committee considered disallowances by the Local

Government Board in several of the Irrecoverable Rates Lists of the Rate Collectors.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That in cases of claims for payment of irrecoverable rates in which lands and buildings are jointly rated, and which have been disallowed by the Local Government Board, we would request the Local Government Board to allow refund to the Collectors in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1914, as we are satisfied that the amounts claimed by the Collectors are irrecoverable, and that it was through inadvertence they did not make application for special receipts. That the Collectors who failed to obtain Special Receipts in these instances be informed, that in future they must suffer any loss which may arise through their neglect to comply with the instructions of the Local Government Board in this matter.

That as regards the reference in the letter of the Local Government Board to Collector P. Rossiter having signed these receipts, we are satisfied with the Collector's statement that he has not done so, and a close examination of the receipts bears out the Collector's statement."

"The Secretary stated that the Local Government Board, under date 4th May 1914, letter No. 23253, had written that in order to meet the wishes of the Council, they would assent on this occasion to amounts, which were not reconcilable, being regarded as irrecoverable. In future, the Collectors must be prepared to follow the Board's instructions, or abide the consequences."

Petty Sessions Clerk's Office for Wexford.

Mr M. Kavanagh, Petty Sessions Clerk, Wexford, wrote applying for an office, as the Registrar of Petty Sessions, had decided that there should be a public office provided. Heretofore, he had held the office in his own private house, but the authorities had decided that this should not continue in future.

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting held on 1st April had adopted a resolution requesting the High Sheriff to agree to an office being provided in the Courthouse.

At the meeting of the Committee on 29th April, a letter was read from the High Sheriff, stating that he would not consent to any change from the present office, unless some very material public advantage was attained.

The Committee had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay Mr M. Kavanagh, £10 per annum, as from 31st March 1914, to provide a suitable office for Wexford Petty Sessions, and which sum is to provide for heating and lighting.

Under date 30th April, Mr M.Kavanagh wrote, accepting the offer of the Committee.

Mr Rossiter proposed, and Mr J. A. Doyle seconded, the following resolution:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed."

As an amendment Mr Asple proposed and Mr Fanning seconded the following resolution:-

"That this matter be postponed to next meeting of the Council."

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 7 to 3 and the confirmation of the Finance & Roads Committee Minute, was put and passed.

A Case in connection with Rates.

Under date 25th April, Mr R. W. Elgee wrote that in connection with the case-J. Murphy & Others v Edward J. Murphy, Rate Collector, and the Wexford County Council, which had been several times adjourned, a question would arise at the next hearing that the Rate was bad, the occupiers being described as the "Cesspayers of Bantry", who of course no longer existed. He suggested the employment of Counsel to argue the matter on behalf of the County Council.

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th April, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be empowered to employ Counsel to represent the Wexford County Council at Quarter Sessions in the case of J. Murphy & Others v E. J. Murphy Rate Collector, and Wexford County Council."

Ballingly Quarry.

The following recommendation in connection with Ballingly Quarry, was adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th April:-

"That the lease of Ballingly Quarry from James Byrne, Ballingly, to Wexford County Council for £5 per annum be sealed and signed."

Payment for Works in Charge of County Surveyor.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee, was read:-

"That Mr Peacocke, be requested to attend before the Local Government Auditor of the County Council Accounts, on his next visit to Wexford, and explain to him the difficulty which exists in dealing with payments for wages on Works in charge of the County Surveyor and for quarries, and that Mr Peacocke request the Auditor to allow the County Council to place a certain sum in the hands of the County Surveyor to meet said payments."

Desk for Ex-officio Inspector-Weights & Measures.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee in connection with an application of the County Inspector, R. I. C., for a desk for the use of Ex-officio Inspector of Weights & Measures, was read:-

"That we recommend the purchase of plain desk by Ex-officio Inspector of Weights & Measures for Wexford District, cost not to exceed 15/-"

Fethard Lifebuoy.

With reference to removal of Fethard Life Buoy in connection with Fethard Disaster, the following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"That the County Surveyor claim cost of replacing lifebuoy at Fethard from Life Boat Institution."

Opening of Bascules of Wexford & Ferrycarrig Bridges.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th April, an application was considered from the British Reinforced Concrete & Engineering Co., as to the opening of the bascules of Wexford & Ferrycarrig Bridges.

"The Committee decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Fanning, the resolutions of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 1914.