

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-5th MAY 1915.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chambers, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th May 1915.

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

Other Members:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, M. Cloney, T. Asple, M. Doyle, L. Barry, P. Keating, N. J. Cowman, P. Whelan, James Codd, M. Codd, A. Kinsella, J. T., Mayler, J. Redmond, J. J. Kehoe, James Lynch, P. O'Neill, ~~THE~~ Lord Courtown. J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, and R. Scallan.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of Meeting of 7th April, and of Special Meeting of 21st April, were read and confirmed.

Acknowledgment Vote of Condolence.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Mayler, the following letter from Mr P/O'Neill, Co Councillor, under date 28th April 1915, in reply to vote of condolence passed by the Council on the death of his brother, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Please convey to the Members of Co Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of my brother.

I wish also to thank yourself personally for your kind remarks."

Appointment of Rate Collector for No 14 Collection District.

Applications for the position of Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District, vacant through the death of Mr Patrick Nolan, were read from the following:-

Patrick Nolan, Clonamona, Craanford.

Patrick Joseph Nolan, Clologue, Ferns.

Patrick J. Fowler, Camolin.

Michael Kennedy, Middle Island, Craanford.

Michael Sinnott, Kilbora, Ferns.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Fowler:- Mr Asple.- 1.

For Patrick Nolan:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, and M. Codd.-2.

For Patrick Joseph Nolan:- Messrs Cloney, M. Doyle, Keating, Cowman, Scallan,

Mayler, Kehoe, and Lord Courtown.-8.

For Sinnott:- Messrs Whelan, James Codd, O'Neill, Stafford, Redmond, and the Chairman.-6

Mr Hearn did not vote.

Mr Fowler dropped out, and a poll was taken as between Messrs Kennedy, P. Nolan, P. J. Nolan, and Sinnott, with the following result:-

For Kennedy:- Mr Kinsella.-1.

For Patrick Nolan:- Messrs Barry, and J. A. Doyle.-2.

For Patrick J. Nolan:- Messrs Cloney, M. Doyle, Keating, Cowman, Scallan, Mayler, Kehoe and Lord Courtown.-8

For Sinnott:- Messrs Asple, Whelan, M. Codd, J. Codd, Stafford, O'Neill, Redmond, and the Chairman.-8.

Mr Hearn did not vote.

Mr Kennedy now dropped out, and a poll was taken as between Messrs P. Nolan, P. J. Nolan, and Sinnott, as follows:-

For P. Nolan:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, Kinsella, and M. Codd.-3

For P. J. Nolan:- Messrs Cloney, M. Doyle, Barry, Keating, Cowman, Scallan, Mayler, Kehoe, and Lord Courtown.-9.

For Sinnott:- Messrs Asple, Whelan, James Codd, Stafford, O'Neill, Redmond, and the Chairman.- 7.

Mr Hearn did not vote.

Mr Patrick Nolan now dropped out, and a final poll was taken as between Mr Patrick J. Nolan, and Mr Sinnott, with the following result:-

For Mr P. J. Nolan:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, Cloney, M. Doyle, Barry, Keating, Cowman, Scallan, Mayler, Kehoe, and Lord Courtown.- 10.

For Mr Sinnott:- Messrs Asple, Whelan, M. Codd, James Codd, Kinsella, Stafford, O'Neill, Redmond, and the Chairman.-9.

Mr Hearn did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Nolan elected and Mr Nolan returned thanks. He mentioned that he would give the security of the Gresham Insurance Co.,

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Rate Collector for No. 14 District vacant through the death of my father. I have had experience of the work for over two years, and I think as my testimonials show I have given satisfaction to all officials concerned, and to the County Council.

Hoping you will favour my application."

He submitted testimonials from:- Very Rev Archdeacon Doyle, P.P., Ferns.

R. Creighton, Clerk R. D. Council Gorey, Rev J. Redmond C. C., Ferns, Rev Canon Gibson, Ferns, Rev James Murphy P. P., Craanford, Rev M. Murphy, C. C., Ferns, Rev Owen Kehoe, C. C., Camolin, D. Murphy J. P., Ferns.

Mr Lynch was not present during the Election.

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Hearn, the following resolution was adopted:-

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

On the motion of Mr Hearn,

Seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rural District Councils of the County be requested to fix their adjourned meetings for consideration of tenders for roads and works, for a date that will allow of any Works and Roads untendered for being advertised in time for the following Co Council Meeting."

Proposals for Payments.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Hearn, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several Proposals for Payment submitted by the Proposal Committee, and Rural District Councils of the County, and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

Irish Education Act.-Gorey District.

Under date 26th April 1915, Mr Creighton, Clerk Gorey R. D. Council wrote, that his Council had recommended the appointment of the following as the Representatives of the County Council as Local Authority, on the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, viz:-

Messrs A. Kinsella, J. J. Fowler, James Kavanagh, Robert Spenser, and John Sheehan, and suggested that the Board of Education should appoint the following to complete the Committee, Viz:-

Canon Murphy, Rev N. Mernagh, P.P., Rev L. Jones P.P., (Or Rev J O'Grady C.C.
Rev R.R.Tilson Rector, Ardamine, Rev N. Clarke, Rector Ballycanew.

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Gorey R. D. Council, the following be appointed the Representatives of the Co Council as Local Authority on the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

A. Kinsella J.P., Gorey.

N. J. Fowler, Camolin,

James Kavanagh, Garrynew, Killena.

Robert Spenser, Kildermot Gorey.

John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey.

With regard to the suggestion of the Gorey R. D. Council as to the appointment of the representatives of the Commissioners of National Education the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Neill:-

"That the Clerk of the Gorey R.D. Council be requested to forward to the Commissioners of National Education the recommendation of his District Council as to the appointment of the representatives of the Board of National Education on the Gorey R.D. School Attendance Committee"

A letter was read from Mr P.J. Crean, Hon Sec., Gorey National Teachers Association, asking for the appointment of Mr M. O'Sullivan, Camolin, and Mr Lorretto, Ardamine, National Teachers, on the Committee.

"No Order".

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 3rd May 1915, a letter was read from the Office of National Education, giving the names of the following as Members of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

Rev M. Hickey P.P., Clongeen, Foulksmills.

Rev James Redmond P.P., Cushinstown, New Ross.

Rev Thomas Cloney, P.P., Templetown, Fethard.

Rev W. J. Harpur, C. C., Ballykelly.

Rev E. Doyle, C. C., Gusserane, New Ross.

Marked "Read."

Tuberculosis Scheme.

The Minutes of Tuberculosis Committee of 23rd February 1915, relative to erection of proposed Sanatorium and purchase of land on which to erect same, as appearing on the Minutes of Meeting of Co Council of 21st April 1915, were read:-

The Secretary submitted replies which he had received from Secretaries of other Co Councils, in regard to the arrangements which had been made for the Treatment of Tuberculosis.

The following letter from Local Government Board, under date 30th April (No 23501 : 1915 Wexford Co.,) was read:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, and, with reference thereto, I am to draw your attention to the final paragraph of the Board's Circular letter of the 27th August 1912, and I am to point out that the provisional allocation of the Sanatorium Grant was not intended to hold good for an indefinite period.

I am to state that while the Board would prefer that the County Council should proceed with the erection of the combined institution originally proposed, still, they will raise no objection to the postponement, for a limited time, of the question of building the Sanatorium portion of the Scheme. In the latter event the Capital Grant would be available for the purpose of the erection of a Dispensary alone. In this connection I am to observe that much stress was laid in the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis on the importance of a Central Dispensary, without which no scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis is complete. It is indispensable to the Tuberculosis Officer as a centre of diagnosis, and for bacteriological work, and as a place for the keeping of records. It also helps to co-ordinate the various elements in the County Schemes.

These advantages would more than counterbalance any extra expense incurred owing to the rise in the wages of labour and the increased price of materials, and thus the immediate erection of the Dispensary would prove ultimately to be more economical."

On the motion of Mr Stafford,

Seconded by Mr M. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we recommend the Tuberculosis Committee to invite tenders for the erection of Central Dispensary only, and that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, consider the necessary accommodation with the Tuberculosis Officer in the meantime."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Chairman brought up the question of Male University Scholarships holders residing in properly recognised Collegiate Hostels. He pointed out

that when the University Scholarship Scheme was first established, accommodation could not be secured in them by County Wexford Scholars, and the County Council then allowed the students to reside in private lodgings which were approved of by the College Dean of Residence.

Accommodation could now be obtained in Collegiate Hostels.

A letter was read from John Connolly, University Scholarship Holder for permission to reside at 7 Ranelagh Road, Dublin.

A similar application was received from Mr Maurice Kinsella, University Scholarship Holder, for permission to reside at 71 Heytesbury Street, Dublin.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hearn, it was decided that the applications of Messrs Connolly, and Kinsella, be agreed to, subject to the approval of the Dean of Residence."

The following letter was read from Mr T. J. O'Rourke, University Scholarship Holder:-

"I am writing to inform you that I have joined the Cadet Company attached to the 7th Leinsters outside Fermoy, as a Candidate for a temporary Commission in the Army. Will you kindly put this letter before the Committee as I wish to have my Scholarship held over for me if I am able to take it up after the War. I have lived in lodgings and attended lectures up to April 25th, my hostel fees are £10 for 12 weeks (minus two weeks holidays). Will you kindly forward those fees and surplus money to my Mother at 8 St Peter's Sq., Wexford.

A receipt for Hostel fees will be sent to the County Council from my Landlady, as I have written to her to-day.

I considered it my duty to offer my services for the duration of the War, and I hope the Committee will hold my Scholarship open for me until I receive my discharge."

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

"That Scholarship awarded Mr T. J. O'Rourke, be held over for him until the termination of the War."

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

"That at the expiration of the present College term, all University Scholarship Holders of this Council be instructed to reside in a recognised Collegiate Hostel."

National Road Conference.

Under date 19th April 1915, a Circular letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils Association, London, in connection with National Road Conference and Exhibition to be held from 25th June to 1st July, and expressing the hope that the County Surveyor, County Secretary, and Members of the Council interested in road matters will be able to take part in the Conference, etc.,

"No Order"

County Wexford Infirmary.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to inform the Committee of County Wexford Infirmary that the Council is surprised that no reply has been received from the Infirmary as regards the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee to appoint a Chartered Accountant to audit the Accounts of the Infirmary. That the matter be brought before the adjourned Meeting of the Council on the 19th inst.,"

Roads & Works.

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

"That contract given James Sinnott, Zingrove, Wexford, Road No. 330E., be cancelled, as we believe that the contractor who was accepted was not the person who perfected the bond."

Untendered Roads & Works.

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

"That the present meeting be adjourned to 19th May, at 11 a.m., in the meantime our Secretary advertise all roads and Works untendered for from the various Rural District Councils."

Confirmation Minutes-Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 21st April, were submitted:-

Wexford Bridge:- "That the work of repair be carried out by County Surveyor as heretofore."

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

Mountgarrett Bridge:- Requesting information from the Kilkenny County Council

as to whether they would agree to the resolution of the Wexford Co Council of 25th November 1914, by which the Kilkenny County Council were to be responsible for the re-erection of bridge at Mountgarrett.

In connection with this matter the following letter was read from the Secretary, County Council, Kilkenny, under date 23rd April 1915:-

"Yours of the 22nd instant to hand. My Council have agreed to contribute half the cost of re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, and application has been made to the Local Government Board for approval of loan of £2,425 to carry out the work. As however, the Treasury have refused sanction to other loans for road improvements in the County, the proposal in question may be negatived by that Body."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed and that the Kilkenny County Council be requested to state definitely if they are prepared to comply with the terms of the Resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee of Wexford County Council of 25th November 1914 (confirmed by Council on 2nd December 1914) by which the work of having the structure erected would be carried out by the Kilkenny County Council."

Kilmore Harbour:- Directing the County Surveyor to make arrangements for repair of damaged work at the Pier, submitting estimates etc., to the Committee which had already inspected the damage.

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

Enniscorthy Courthouse:- Recommending that a sum of £5 be allocated for alterations in Caretaker's apartments in Enniscorthy Courthouse.

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

Ballyregan Quarry:- Recommending the Council to arrange with John Brennan, Ballyregan, for entering quarry at 3d per cubic yard for material, and £5 to cover ground for roadway, for dumping ground, and for all surface damage.

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

Under date 3rd May 1915, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J O'Connor & Co., relative to proposed lease of Ballyregan Quarry:-

"We have been instructed by Mr Samuel Morris, Miss Jane Morris, and Mr James Breen, all of Ballyregan, Camolin, and Messrs Peter Leary, and Patrick Doyle of Ballymore, Camolin, that it has been brought to their

Knowledge that the Wexford County Council propose to open a quarry on the lands of Mr John Brennan of Ballyregan. All our Clients, who are named above have a right of way convenient to where the quarry is proposed to be opened, and they say there would be a great interference with their right of way if horses and carts and other machinery are to be suffered to pass and re-pass to and from the quarry along this right of way, and that they would be greatly hampered in driving their cattle to and from their lands. Your Council, as you are no doubt aware, have no power to use our Clients' right of way in connection with the quarry, and this letter is to give your Council notice that your Council will not be allowed to use it without their consent."

Cherryerchard Quarry:- Refusing the application of Mr George Sharpe, Cherryerchard, Quarry, for increase of price of material from 3/6 to 3.10 per cubic yard.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan!"

Tara Hill Quarry:- Recommending an increase of wages to John Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, from £1 per week to 22/6 per week.

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

New Ross Bridge Footpath:- Recommended that the question of improving footpaths of New Ross Bridge be adjourned until after the War.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Lord Courtown!"

Oulart Courthouse:- Declining to recommend the County Council to purchase in fee Oulart Courthouse in consequence of exorbitant amount asked for by landlord.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Redmond."

Courtown Harbour:- Refusing to recommend application of Messrs Peeley & Son, Ltd., for an increase of 10/- per annum in the contract for maintenance of weighing apparatus at Courtown Harbour.

Under date 23rd April 1915, a letter was read from Messrs Peeley & Co., that they would continue the contract at the old price.

"On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr James Codd, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Screenings Quarries:- Agreeing that the County Council had no legal power to sell to the public, from any of the County Council Quarries.

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

County Relief Committee:- Agreeing to the payment of 13/5 incidental expenses for Co Relief Committee.

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

Application for Loan.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to loan of £2425 from National Bank, repayable in five years at 3 per cent on Instalment principle, moiety of cost of Wexford Co. Council in connection with the re-erection of Mountgarrett Bridge."

Coals-Gorey Courthouse.

Under date 27th April 1915, the following letter was read from Mr J. Valentine, Courtkeeper, Gorey Courthouse.:-

"I wish to call your attention to the amount allowed to me for coal for the Gorey Courthouse, and I ask if you will kindly lay my letter before the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee with the view of having the amount increased to meet the requirements of the Courthouse.

I am only allowed £9 a year for coal and as coal is now 34/- a ton, the quantity of coal which I am able to buy for that sum is altogether too small for the proper heating and airing of the Courthouse."

Mr Scallan proposed, and Mr Cowman seconded:- "That the Council consider that the allowance for coal to Mr J. Valentine, Courtkeeper, Gorey, is quite sufficient."

As an amendment Mr Kinsella proposed:- That the amount be increased from £9 to £12 per annum."

"The amendment was not seconded, and the resolution was passed."

Courtown Harbour.

With reference to a question raised at the meeting of County Council on 21st April 1915, as to payments by Merchants for use of coal bags and discharging boats at Courtown Harbour, the Secretary produced copy of "Tolls Dues and Wharfage Charges" from which it appeared that 3d per ton was charged vessels for use of coal bags and 4d per ton for use of discharging boats.

"No Order".

Guide Light at Kilmere Harbour.

A Memorial from fishermen and others residing at Kilmere Quay and vicinity, as to the urgent necessity existing for a guide light on the end of Kilmere Pier, was read.

The matter was before the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 21st April, when a resolution was adopted adjourning the application, the County Surveyor to ascertain in the meantime from the Harbour Master and

fishermen of Kilmere, if the proposed new lamp would be lit free of cost provided the County Council supplied oil, etc.,

"Adjourned for report of County Surveyor, to be presented to Meeting on 19th inst."

Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order 1915.

Under date 19th April 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 1399-14) forwarding copies of Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915. Owing to the extent to which Sheep Scab prevailed and the danger which existed of further restrictions being enforced as to the landing of Irish Sheep in Great Britain, the County Council should take adequate steps to have the Order properly enforced in their District. In this connection it was suggested that the County Council should appoint Inspectors to see that dipping is effectively carried out.

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

"That we point out to the Department that we have received from our Veterinary Inspectors no report as to the existence of Sheep Scab at any of the fairs in the County. We are aware that as regards sheep detained in Waterford, the Veterinary Inspectors of the Department have been unable to trace the disease to this County."

Electric-Firer for Quarries.

The County Surveyor applied for permission to purchase an Electric firer for use in quarries, cost not to exceed £10.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Keating, the application of the County Surveyor was agreed to."

New Member of Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe, Seconded by Mr Scallan, Mr Walter Boggan, Grewtown, Taghmon, was appointed a Member of the above-named Committee, vice Mr P. Ryan resigned."

Quarry Reck Drill.

Under date 27th April 1915, letter was read from Mr James Wadden, Maudlintown, Wexford, offering to sell to the Co Council for £42. 10/- a Reck Drill and Boiler.

"No Order. County Surveyor stating he did not consider the Drill would be sufficiently useful to their quarries to justify the expenditure."

Bantry & Blackstairs Commons.

In connection with arrears of Rate in Bantry and Blackstairs Commons, the Local Government Board wrote under date 28th April 1915, (letter No. 22,263/1915, Wexford Co.,) that they had assented to the payment of poundage fees to Collectors Semers and Murphy in respect of the collection period ended 31st March 1915.

Marked "Read"

Enniscorthy Urban Electric Lighting Scheme.

The Secretary mentioned that he had received from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, copy of Provisional Order granted by the Board of Trade in favour of Enniscorthy Urban Electric Lighting Scheme.

"No Order"

Town Tenants League.

The Secretary, Town Tenants' League, wrote asking the Council to appoint delegates to the Annual Convention of the above League, to be held on 12th May at 2.30 p.m., in the City Hall, Dublin.

"No Order".

Organisation of Labour.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board under date 16th April 1915, No. 55M (Local Authorities) Organisation of Labour, was read for the Meeting.

"No Order"

Quarry Agreements.

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to agreements for lease of quarry at Ballyregan, Camelin, the property of Mr John Brennan, Ballyregan, also quarry the property of Mr Thomas Murphy at Peulmarle, Taghmen."

Exemption from Rates.

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

Collector N. O'H. Walsh:- Aughwilliam 93, Rathaspeck 220, Taghmen 73,142,147, Wexford Rural 171, 292.

Collector G. Rossiter:- Ardavan 8, Artrament 71, Killurin 70, Kilpatrick 53.

Collector N. Moore:- Harpurstown 137, Killag 232.

Collector F. Blake:- Bridgetown 167, Kilmere 105, 294, 118, 512, Mayglass 32,

Newcastle 37&8, Tombaggard 154, Tacumshane 107, 136.

Collector P. Resciter:- Kilscoeran 132.

Collector J. Cummins:- Kilbera 77, 78, Tinnacross 166, The Harrow 2, 88.

Collector J. Sinnott:- Ballyhegue 205, Bree 6, 43, 57, 231, The Leap 153.

Collector L. Lacy:- Ballyvalden 249, Belabey 177, Castle Ellis 148, 227.

Collector J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 112, Ballycanew 58, Courtown 166, 327, Gorey Rural 14, 206, Gorey Urban 48, Kilnahun 68.

Collector E. J. Murphy:- New Ross Rural 190.

Collector E. Cummins:- Oldcourt 86.

Collector John Banville:- Adamstown 40, Heretown 129, 141,

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Inch 24, Tintern 21, 207, 253, 378.

Collector J. Cogley:- Ballyhack 52, 53, 299, Fethard 67, Rathree 39.

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

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

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Applications for Renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were received from:-

John Roche, Camelin.

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

Messrs Denehee, Ltd., Enniscorthy.

Kate Colfer, Ballymitty.

J. J. Stafford, South Main Street, Wexford.

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Messrs Denehee, Ltd., W. B. Jackson, John Roche, Kate Colfer, and J. J. Stafford."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 19th day of May 1915.

ADJOURNED HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-19th MAY 1915.

The Adjourned Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 19th May 1915.

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

Also:- Messrs Lynch, Cowman, J. J. Kehoe, Barry, M. Doyle, O'Neill, James Codd, Whelan, Mark Codd, R. Scallan, J. S. Hearn, Cloney.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Sheep Dipping Order 1915.

Under date 13th May 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, pointing out that as many as 29 separate outbreaks of Sheep Scab were confirmed last year in County Wexford, and that the number of sheep found affected with the disease was 271.

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

"The County Council regret to learn from the Department that 29 outbreaks of sheep scab occurred in this County last year, and which involved 271 sheep. We call upon all sheep owners in this County to strictly conform to the Sheep Dipping Order, otherwise in view of the large number of outbreaks referred to by the Department, the Council must institute prosecutions against those who fail to carry out the provisions of the Order."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Henry Hill, Merchant, Ballycanew, applied for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

The Police offered no objection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr James Codd, Seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Mr Henry Hill, Ballycanew."

Mr W. H. Maguire, Commercial Quay, Wexford, applied for renewal of

licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That licence granted Mr W. H. Maguire, Commercial Quay, Wexford, under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, be renewed for a period of twelve months."

Appointment of Official Checkers-Rate Collectors' Accounts.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, 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 1916, at a remuneration of 5/- per 100 ratings.

"That Mr Jasper Whitty, be appointed deputy checker for the accounts of the Collectors in Enniscorthy District, at a salary of £30 per annum, in respect of financial year ending 31st March 1916."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for maintenance contracts and for Special Works accepted at this Meeting, and for which no tenders were received at Rural District Council Meetings, be and are hereby approved."

Road No. 196E.

The County Surveyor applied to have cancelled the contract for Road No. 196E (565 perches from Oulart to the sea between main road at two points and sea at Flaherty's Gap) for which Nicholas Sheill, Ballinaclash, Blackwater, was accepted as Contractor at the meeting of the Council on 2nd December 1914. This contract was taken provisionally and on condition that the sea gap described therein was in a certain place. It had since been found that this was not the case, and hence the County Surveyor applied to have the contract cancelled.

"On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Lynch, the application of the County Surveyor was agreed to."

Borrowing by Local Authorities.

Under date 4th May 1915, Circular letter No. 57M., 1915, from the Local Government Board as to borrowing by Local Authorities was read for the

Meeting.

"Referred to County Secretary, and County Surveyor."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch, lists of Irrecoverable Rates submitted by Collectors Sheehan, and Nolan, were agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

As regards the list of Mr Sullivan, it was decided that this Collector be summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the County Council to explain various items in his list.

Central Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Under date 14th May 1915, the Local Government Board, wrote letter No. 25, 131 : 1915, Wexford County, that as regards the proposal to invite tenders for erection of Central Tuberculosis Dispensary, the County Council should submit to the Local Government Board for their approval, plans, specification, and estimate of cost of the proposed Institution.

"Referred to Tuberculosis Committee."

(Signed)

John Bolger

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 16 day of

June 1915.