

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-5th MAY 1920.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5th May 1920.

Present:- Messrs N. J. Cowman, P. N. O'Gorman, W. H. McGuire, M. Cloney, M. Codd, L. Barry, James Codd, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, J. A. Doyle, N. J. Fowler.

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

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Fowler, the Chair was taken by Mr Stafford.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Mr John Cloney, Old Ross.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Fowler and adopted:-

"That we offer our esteemed Colleague, Mr Michael Cloney, our heartfelt sympathy in the loss he has sustained in the death of his father-Mr John Cloney, Old Ross- who during a long and honoured life held the respect and affection of all who knew him.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr Michael Cloney, M. C. C. Mr Garrett Cloney, Old Ross, and Rev T. Cloney P. P., Templetown."

The late Mr O'Hanlon Walsh, Rate Collector.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Fowler, and adopted:-

"That we desire to place on record our expression of regret on the demise of Mr Nicholas O'Hanlon Walsh, a valued and trusted official of this Council and who carried out (during a long term of office) his duties as Rate Collector to the great satisfaction of the Members and Officials of this Council.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished our worthy colleague-Mr J. J. O'Byrne, nephew of deceased."

Superannuation,-Mr N. Moore, ex-Rate Collector.

In the absence of Mr P. Quigley, the following motion of which he had given previous notice, was by permission of the meeting, proposed by Mr Kehoe:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on 5th May 1920, that the question of

agreeing to superannuation to Mr Nicholas Moore, late Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District, be considered, and, if it meets with the views of the Council, that the amount of said superannuation be fixed in view of section 8 of 9 & 10 Geo., 5 Cap 19 (local Government-Ireland- Act 1919)."

Mr Cloney seconded.

"Passed"

In connection with the above proposal the following letter under date 28th August 1919, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co Council:-

"With reference to your query as to the Application of Section 8 of the 9 & 10 George IV, Cap 19 to the retiring allowance to be granted to above on his resignation as poor Rate Collector.

From reading the Section I think it would apply as there is no reservation in it, as to its application, although on first reading it might be taken as only having reference to Officers of Rural Districts amalgamated under section 7 of the Act. However sub-section 2 of Sec 8 does away with this impression.

This being so I think Mr Moore is entitled to the retiring allowance provided by Section 8 of the Local Government Act (Ireland) 1919."

The following Certificate of Dr M. K. O'Brien, Bannow, under date 1st August 1919, was read:-

"I certify that I have this day medically examined Nicholas Moore, Ballyfrory, I am of opinion that owing to his age and Cardiac degeneration he will not again be fit for duty as Rate Collector."

The Secretary stated that the Council under Section 8 of 9 & 10 Geo., V Cap 19 Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919, could give Mr Moore, two-thirds of his salary and emoluments, which would amount to £100. 16. 1d. If they did not agree to this they could award two-thirds of Mr Moore's salary and emoluments on a three years average allowing one-twelfth for good and faithful service and which would amount to £82. 12. 5d, and they were bound to award Mr Moore superannuation as per his 35 years service on Civil Service Scale, amount £72. 5. 10d.

The Finance & Roads Committee had by a majority recommended that Mr Moore be granted superannuation allowance of £82. 12. 5d per annum.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following resolution was adopted:- "That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, Mr Nicholas Moore, Rate Collector for No. 3 Collection District be granted a superannuation allowance of £82. 12. 5d per annum, to take effect as from the date on which he closes his Collection in respect of the period

ended 31st March 1920."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Mr Stafford moved the following of which he had given previous Notice:-

"That University Scholarship of Miss Anna Whelan, be extended for one year in order to allow her to obtain her teaching diploma."

Mr Kehoe seconded the motion which was passed.

Under date 31st March 1920, a letter was read from Miss Whelan, pointing out that she could not obtain her teaching diploma without a further year at the University, as under the Birrell Scheme no teacher is employed in any Secondary School unless she has teaching diploma.

National Bank and Loans to Council.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr Thorpe:-

"That the agreement entered into with the National Bank as regards advances of loans at 3 per cent be determined, and that the County Council accept the offer of the Bank under date 9th March 1920, to advance future loans (including the present application for loan of £1522 for steamrolling) at 4 per cent."

In the absence of Mr Thorpe, this motion was by permission of the meeting moved by Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Fowler, with the following addendum:-

"That this resolution is not to interfere in any way with the amount of Interest charged for loans which have been already advanced by the National Bank."

"passed"

Application Increase Salary-Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master.

Under date 6th April 1920, the following letter was read from Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, to the County Surveyor:-

"You are already aware that I applied to the Members of the County Council for an increase of salary which they refused. I am writing to you now if you would please bring before the meeting on Wednesday that if they don't allow me £1 a week now, I am going out on strike on 7 days notice, as I cannot possibly live on the wage I am receiving at present, as £1 a week now would not be half pay they are giving some of their labourers now under the Council."

Mr Barry proposed:- "That as from this day's meeting the salary of

Mr W. Kehoe, Harbour Master, be fixed at £1 per week, to cover all work performed by him in connection with the caretaking Kilmore Harbour, burial of carcasses, etc

Mr McGuire seconded the motion which was adopted nam con. AV

Printing Register.-Parliamentary & Local Government Electors.

Under date 9th April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 20017-1920) as to printing of Third Register under the Representation of the People Act 1918.

The following tenders were received:-

Messrs J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford. "The Free Press" South Main St., Wexford. W. Hanrahan, South Main St., Wexford.

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

"That we recommend the Stationery Office for acceptance the three tenders received at this day's meeting for the printing of the Parliamentary Register. We consider that the printing of the Register should as far as possible be allocated to these tenderers."

Machinery Overseer and travelling Expenses.

Under date 5th April 1920, the following letter addressed to the County Surveyor, was read from Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer:-

"For sometime I have been keeping an account of what it costs me to travel round the country in connection with my work for County Council, and after deducting this from my wages I find that it hardly amounts to as much as they pay to their labourers, who have fixed hours and no responsibility whatever. In view of the above I have decided that unless the County Council allow me reasonable travelling and out-of-pocket expenses when away from home I will have no option but to resign my position.

Mr Kehoe proposed-- "That the salary of Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be fixed as from this day's meeting at £1 per week extra, to enable him to meet cost of travelling expenses."

Mr Fowler seconded.

"Passed"

Steam Drill Workers- Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 24th March 1920, the following application addressed to the County Surveyor from John Walsh was read--

"Will you please bring before next meeting an application from George Costello, and myself who are at present working steamdrill, for an advance in pay. The work is a lot heavier than ordinary quarry work and requires more. Understanding you promised a rise here long ago I don't see why we should be

working at it while others are getting a lot more wages. We ought to be entitled to £2. 5/- a week."

In a second letter John Walsh wrote that he expected to be paid £2. 15/- per week.

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Barry, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs John Walsh, and George Costello, Steam Drill Workers, at Tara Hill Quarry, be as from the date of this meeting paid at the rate of 1/- per hour."

Irish Clerical Workers Union & Arbitration Award No. 101.

Under date 21st April 1920, the following was read from Mr G. Griffin, Acting General Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers Union, 1 College Street, Dublin:-

"I am directed by my Executive Committee to request that your Council will be good enough to put into immediate operation the terms of recent award, and to point out that even if our members were receiving the full amount of same-they would still be very poorly paid."

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

"That the application by the Executive Committee of Irish Clerical Workers' Union, on behalf of the Staff of the Council, be postponed."

Application Increase Wages.- Quarrymen Etc.,

Under date 27th April 1920, the following was read from Mr M. O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, (Enniscorthy Branch):-

"On behalf of the undermentioned I am instructed to make the following demands to be considered at the next meeting of your County Council:-

First:- That the wages of Thomas Breen, Engine Driver, on Steam Stone Breaker be increased to £3. 5/- per week.

Secondly:- That the rates paid to quarrymen at Ferrycarrig be increased to 1/- (one shilling) per hour, that Aidan Mernagh, Foreman, be paid £3 per week, and that the Carters employed at the quarry be paid at the rate of 6/- (six shillings) per cubic yard.

Thirdly:- That the question of the men on the Steam Stone Breaker thrown idle about Christmas week through non-delivery of coal, which question was adjourned at a previous meeting of the Council, be now re-considered and payment sanctioned for them."

Mr Cloney proposed, and Mr Scallan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That as from this day's meeting the wages of Thomas Breen, Engine Driver, be fixed at £2. 15/- per week."

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

"That the wages of quarrymen at Ferrycarrig be fixed at 10d per hour as from this day's meeting."

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

"That the wages of Aidan Mernagh, foreman Ferrycarrig Quarry, be fixed at £2. 10/- per week, as from this day's meeting."

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

"That Carters at Ferrycarrig Quarry be paid 3/- per cubic yard for each mile of average draught."

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

"That the application of men on Steam Stone Breaker for payment for idle time during Christmas week be refused."

Expenses Registration Act.

Under date 21st April 1920, Mr J. N. Scallan, Registration Officer, applied for an advance of £100 to pay current expenses incurred in the preparation of the Third Register under The Representation of the People Act 1918.

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

"That an advance of £100 be made to Mr J. N. Scallan, Registration Officer for current expenses in connection with the preparation of next year's Parliamentary & Local Government Register."

Advance Election Expenses.

An application was read from the Returning Officer for an advance of £300 towards cost of election expenses under article 6 (3) of Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898.

The number of local government electors on the Register is 36,315.

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

"That a sum of £300 be advanced to Mr N. J. Frizelle, Returning Officer, for County Council Elections, under Article 6(3) of Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898."

New Ross R. D. Council & County Council Elections.

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

"That the Wexford County Council be requested to take steps immediately to explain to the voters how to record their votes at the Polls at the forthcoming Elections, which are to be held under the Proportional Representation System of Election."

"The Meeting discussed the resolution as above but made "No Order"

Reported proposed Raid on Rate Books Etc.,

The following report was read from the Secretary to the Council:-

"On 21st April 1920, the County Inspector, R. I. C., called at the Co. Council Office and informed me that information had been obtained by the Police that a raid was about to be made on Rate Books, Valuation Lists, etc., of the Council.

In view of this I arranged that the books and other documents in question should be stored in George Street Police Barracks each night and brought to the County Council Office each morning.

This arrangement remained in force from 21st April until 28th April 1920 (inclusive).

Since the last mentioned date I have been able to store the books etc., in the strong room of the Council, as the copies of the rate books have been sent to the four Union Offices.

The Carriage to and from the Barracks entailed an expenditure of £2. 12/- for which I ask your approval."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr McGuire, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the sum of £2. 12/- be allowed for carrying Rate Books etc., to Constabulary Barracks Wexford, as per report of our Secretary."

Co-ordination of Work of Technical Instruction.

The following was read from Mr P. Hickey, Acting Secretary, (Conference for Co-ordination of Work of Technical Instruction Committees in County Wexford) :-

"At a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the question of co-ordination in the matter of Technical Instruction, held at the Technical Institute, Enniscorthy, on Saturday, 13th instant, it was decided that a letter be

addressed to you as Secretary of the County Council, pointing out that any scheme for this purpose will probably require the striking of an extra county rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £,

I am to point out that the idea of co-ordination emanated from the County Committee and that the Urban Councils of Wexford, Enniscorthy, and New Ross, have already responded by striking an extra 1d making a total of 2d in the £ (which is the maximum rate) in each of the Urban Districts.

If the County Council decided to strike the small additional rate mentioned above an extensive scheme of Technical Instruction can be provided for during the next academic year. The Scheme would include Engineering, Building, Domestic Science, and Commercial Subjects.⁸

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman--

"That we recommend to the new County Council for their favourable consideration the new scheme of Technical Instruction in Engineering and allied subjects, and suggest that they should agree to the request of the Technical Instruction Committees concerned, and strike a farthing rate in the £ to meet the expenses of said Scheme."

War Bonus.- Tuberculosis Officer.

Letter No. 27933-1920, from Local Government Board, dated 21st April 1920, sanctioning War Bonus of £140 per annum to Dr W. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer, was read.

"No Order"

Increase Salary.-Court Keeper, New Ross.

Under date 20th April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 12828-1920 Wexford Co.,) that if the additional duties which Mr Fretton, Courtkeeper, New Ross, has to discharge are not covered by the payment made to him as Courtkeeper, they would raise no objection to the payment of the extra remuneration of £6 a year proposed by the Council.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, seconded by Mr Cloney, and adopted:-

"That this Council are of opinion that the duties performed by Mr Fretton, Courtkeeper, New Ross, in connection with the use of New Ross Courthouse for testing of Weights & Measures are not covered by his appointment as Courtkeeper."

Audit of Accounts.- Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded Reports of their Auditor on his audit of accounts of Wexford Union (27326-1920.-1st April 20.,)

Wexford R. D. Council, (26,857-1920.-30th March 1920) Gorey R. D., Council, (29,081-1920.-13th April 1920).

"No Order"

Sanction to Loan of £1522-Steamrolling.

Under date 17th April 1920, the Ministry of Transport (I.R.B. 32/Wexford) wrote that they had notified the Local Government Board that they approved of the Works estimated at £5522 proposed to be carried out on the Wexford-Enniscorthy and Wexford-New Ross Roads in connection with which the Council propose to raise a loan of £1522.

Under date 22nd April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 29718-1920 Wexford County) sanctioning loan of £1522 in pursuance of Article 22 of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, and section 60 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, repayment to be spread over a period of five years.

Rate Collectors Berry & Day.

Under date 12th April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (26770-1920, Wexford County) stating they would defer the consideration of the appointments of Messrs Berry and Day as poor Rate Collectors until the Collection for the past year in the districts to which these Collectors had been appointed had been completed.

Under date 12th April 1920, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 49647-1919, Wexford co.,) that Collectors Moore and Day should be urged to lose no time in closing their Collections.

The Secretary stated that the directions of the Local Government Board had been carried out.

Mr Day appeared before the meeting and asked for a further extension of time to close.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, it was decided that Mr Day be granted to 1st June 1920, to close his collection.

Examination of Assistant Surveyors.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 29th April 1920, (30587-1920) that an examination of Candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, will be held under the direction of the Board at the Office of the Civil Service Commission, 23 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, at 10 O'C., a.m., on Thursday and Friday, 27th and 28th May 1920.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 20th April 1920, the Department of Agriculture &

Technical Instruction wrote (V.B., 1014-20) that, after careful consideration of all the circumstances the Department regretted they could not sanction the proposed increases regarding the remuneration of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council for work under Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

Under date 1st May 1920, the following letter (No. V.B., 1014-20) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your further letter of 21st ultimo, on the above subject, I have to state that it would appear, from the reports received in the Department, that since the revival of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, the number of cases dealt with thereunder in County Wexford amounted only to three, viz:- two in Mr Taylor's division of New Ross Union, and one in Mr J. Malone's district, Gorey Union. Thus three out of the five Veterinary Inspectors for the County appear not to have so far dealt with any duty under the Order.

When the Order was previously in force, the approved intention was that the remuneration for tuberculosis work should be £40 per annum for three of these Inspectors (Messrs J. Malone, R. Malone, and Doyle) and an equivalent amount for the two remaining Inspectors (Mr Dobbyn and Taylor). If in the present circumstances the Local Authority consider that such work is about to develop as would justify an increase of the foregoing rates of payment, the Department would be prepared to sanction the following revision of the arrangements:-

<u>District</u>	<u>Inspector</u>	<u>Appropriate remuneration.</u>
Wexford Union	Mr R. Malone V.S.,	£50 per annum.
Gorey "	Mr J. Malone V.S.,	£50 " "
Enniscorthy "	Mr W.J. Doyle V.S.,	£50 " "
New Ross (part of)	Mr F.W. Taylor, V.S.	{ A proportionate amount for each, on a basis of £50 for the entire district in Co. Wexford.
" "	Mr A. Dobbyn V.S.,	

It is open, however, to the Veterinary Inspectors to accept the alternative of payment by fees on the customary scale adopted for such work.

As regards the fee of £1. 1/- proposed in your letter of 8th ultimo, for microscopic examination of milk for tuberculosis bacilli, I have to add that the Department could not see their way to sanction a rate exceeding 10/6 per specimen. Instruments for such examination have been supplied by the Local Authority free to Mr R. Malone."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That copy of the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 1st May 1920 (V.B., 1014-20) as to remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order be furnished the Veterinary Inspectors of the County to allow them to make any representations they wish at a subsequent meeting of the Council."

Food & Drugs Act-Samples.

Under date 1st May 1920, (letter No. G2345/20) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that an officer of the Department obtained in New Ross on 23th March 1920, two samples of butter for analysis.

The samples were found on examination to be pure.

"No Order."

Grants Roads damaged by Timber Traffic.

Under date 26th April 1920, the Joint Roads Committee, Ministry of Transport, Roads Department, 7 Whitehall Gardens, London, S. W. 1. wrote that they had received authority to settle claim of the Wexford County Council in respect of damage to roads injured by timber traffic by the payment of £821. 16. 11d, towards the cost of works estimated at £1146. 5/-.

"No Order"

Road at Seaplane Station, Ferrybank, Wexford.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, forwarded for consideration by the Council letter from Capt Loftus Studdert, General Head Quarters (Ireland) Parkgate, Dublin, under date 16th April 1920, asking if the Council would be prepared to accept a lump sum in lieu of reinstatement of road at Seaplane Station, Ferrybank, and, if so, what amount.

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

"That this Council is prepared to agree to proposal of the War Office to accept a definite sum in lieu of reinstatement of road at late Seaplane Station. That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to next meeting of the Council for their consideration the amount which he considers the Council should accept."

Application for Compensation for damage to Cart.

Under date 12th April 1920, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Mr Philip Browne, Bleachlands, Oylegate, claiming £10 for damage to his Spring Cart on 3rd April by the condition of the road between Oylegate and Wexford. The Cart is was alleged sank in a

slough on the road and both wheels were broken.

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

"That the letter of Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, claiming £10 damage on behalf of Mr Philip Browne, for injury to his cart be referred to our Solicitor.

Application War Bonus.-Road Contractors.

In connection with application from Road Contractors, for War Bonus, particulars of which appear on minutes of last meeting, the following was read from Mr J. J. Fanning, Clerk, Gorey R. D. Council, under date 23rd April 1920:-

"At the adjourned meeting of the District Council held on 22nd inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

That the Road Contractors of Gorey District be granted a 50 per cent Bonus on all contracts including those at present on the agenda sheet for tender and the amount of bonus paid to be proportional to the amount of work done."

Will you please bring this resolution before your County Council at their next meeting."

Mr Brennan, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Road Contractors, and stated that those Contractors who entered into their contracts in 1916, 1917, and 1918, could not possibly have foreseen the upward trend of the cost of labour, etc.,

The County Surveyor stated there were about 250 Contractors involved.

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That in connection with the application of Mr Brennan, Solicitor, on behalf of certain contractors for War Bonus we hereby agree to the following:-

That a graduated Scale of War Bonus be adopted as follows-

Contractors already in receipt of War Bonus, viz:- those whose contracts were entered into prior to 30th June 1915 be granted an additional war bonus of 20 per cent.

Contractors whose contracts began in 1916 to receive a War Bonus of 17½ per cent on their contracts, those whose contracts began in 1917 to receive a war bonus of 15 per cent on their contracts-, those whose contracts started in 1918 to receive a war bonus of 12½ per cent on their contracts; those whose contracts started in 1919 to receive a war bonus of 10 per cent on their

contracts. Bonus in each case to commence as from 1st April 1920, and to apply to all contracts mentioned on list presented by the County Surveyor to this meeting."

Under date 4th May 1920, the Clerk, Enniscorthy Rural District Council, forwarded the following resolution:-

"That we request the County Council to deal with the application of Mr James Brien, for war bonus on material supplied by him in 1918 and 1919, for contracts entered into in 1913 and 1914, as we consider some allowance should be made to him in connection with these contracts".

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

"That Mr James Brien, be granted a War Bonus of £30 as this figure is considered by the County Surveyor fair and reasonable in the circumstances of Mr Brien's contracts."

Dates of Meetings of Councils.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following dates were fixed for meetings of Councils:-

Co. Council & Proposal Committee.- Wednesday, August 4th, 11.a.m.,

Co Council Meeting.- Wednesday, 6th October, 11.a.m.,

Wexford R. D. Council.- Saturday, 30th October, 11.a.m.,

New Ross R. D. Council.- Thursday, 4th November, 11.30 a.m.,

Gorey R. D. Council, Tuesday, 9th November, 11.30 a.m.,

Enniscorthy R. D. Council.- Thursday, 11th November, 11.a.m.,

Co Council Half-Yearly Meeting.- Wednesday, 8th December, 12 noon.

Cinema Licence.

Mr P. Walshe, Ballinaboola, Wexford, wrote applying for Cinema Licence for portable building.

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

"That Cinema Licence be granted to Mr P. Walshe, Ballinaboola, for portable building, provided the County Surveyor considers that the structure meets the requirements of Cinematograph Act."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Patrick Codd, Main Street, Newtownbarry, wrote applying for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Patrick Codd, Main Street, Newtownabry."

Oulart Courthouse.

In connection with the proposal to purchase Oulart Courthouse, Mr P. Cooney, Oulart, owner, wrote under date 1st May 1920, that he did not intend making any proposal at present to sell the building.

Letter from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, under date 9th March 1920, and appearing on Minutes of County Council of 7th April 1920, was read. In this it was pointed out that as there appeared to be no suitable premises in the district for a Courthouse, the purchase of the existing building seemed to be the best way out of the present difficulty as to securing the premises. In the event of owner declining to sell it was open to the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board for a determination under Article 15 (3) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898.

Under this the County Council had power with the consent of the Local Government Board to alienate any land or buildings transferred by virtue of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

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

"That as Mr P. Cooney, owner of Oulart Courthouse, has served notice to quit on the County Council in order to determine the tenancy of Oulart Courthouse, and as no other suitable premises can be procured in the district for the purpose of holding petty sessions etc., we inform Mr Cooney we can call upon the Local Government Board in the exercise of the power conferred on us by Article 15 (3) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, to take such steps as are necessary to enable the Co. Council to purchase Oulart Courthouse at a reasonable figure."

Ministry of Transport & Minutes of Co Council Meetings.

Under date 21st April 1920, the Ministry of Transport (Roads Dept) wrote asking to be supplied to their office as from 1st January 1920, with a copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council at each meeting as soon as possible after such meeting.

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

"That the question of supplying copies of the Minutes of Council to

Ministry of Transport be referred to the new County Council."

New Ross School Attendance Officers.

Under date 15th April 1920, Mr J. J. Rochford, Clerk Rural District Council, New Ross, wrote that his Council at their meeting on 10th April, unanimously adopted a resolution approving of the increases of £10 per annum, granted by New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee to each of the School Attendance Officers.

Appointment Ex-officio Inspector-Food & Drugs Act.

Mr J. R. Sharpe, County Inspector, R. I. C., wrote applying for appointment of Sergeant Thomas Abbott, Taghmon, as ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act, vice Sergeant M. J. Carney.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Barry:-

"That Sergeant Thomas Abbott, R. I. C., be appointed ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act for Taghmon Petty Sessions District, vice Sergeant M.J. Carney."

Hibernian Insurance Company.

Under date 18th March 1920, the General Manager, Hibernian Insurance Co., wrote that they were willing to grant a reduction of Ten per cent on yearly premiums paid by the Council subject to the latter agreeing to leave Insurance with them for a period of five years, the premiums as heretofore to be paid annually in advance.

Under date 22nd March 1920, the General Manager, Hibernian Insurance Co., wrote that they were now undertaking insurances under Workmen's Compensation Act, and have inaugurated a new Accident Department under expert Irish Management. They asked for a transfer of the Council's Insurances and would be pleased to accept the business on the same terms as the holding Company.

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

"That a share of the Co Council Insurances be placed with the Hibernian Insurance Co., the business to be arranged through Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, Dublin. We consider one-third of our business should be placed with the Hibernian Insurance Co.,"

Piercestown Farmers' Association & Wexford Harbour.

The following resolution was submitted from Piercestown Farmers' Association:-

"That we the Members of the Piercestown Branch of the County Wexford Farmers' Union, solemnly protest against the Wexford County Council taking any action that would in anyway involve the liability of the Ratepayers for the upkeep of Wexford Harbour."

"No Order"

Conveyance of Prisoners-Charge for Motor Cars.

The Secretary called attention to items in account of Gorey Constabulary District for hire of motor cars for conveyance of prisoners, viz:- 2/6 per mile and in addition 8/6 per hour.

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

"That we protest against the charges made by the Gorey Motor Car owners for conveyance of Prisoners, Witnesses, etc., viz:- 2/6 per mile, and 8/6 per hour. That District Inspector Wilson R.I.C., Gorey, be informed that the Council considers these charges exorbitant, in fact absurd, and the Co Council are not prepared to pay same."

Newtownbarry Streets.

Under date 4th May 1920, the following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to have the streets of Newtownbarry regularly inspected."

"Adjourned to next Meeting".

Retaining Walls Deeps Bridge & Courtown Harbour.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor reported that he had been unable to obtain satisfactory tenders for the works of retaining wall at Courtown Harbour and the tying of the retaining wall at Deeps Bridge. He had received an offer for the work at Deeps Bridge but at an enhanced price. He suggested that he should re-advertise.

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

"That work in connection with retaining walls at Courtown Harbour and Deeps Bridge be re-advertised by the County Surveyor. That tenders be submitted by him to the next meeting of the Council."

Roads damaged by Timber Traffic.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor stated he had been notified by the Joint Roads Committee that compensation on account of damage to roads by timber traffic had been agreed to, the

Government paying £821. 16. 11d and hauliers £244. 8. 1d. He had notified the hauliers concerned (and who had agreed to payment) but in only two cases had he received payment.

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

"That the Secretary make application for payment to the Hauliers referred to in the report of the County Surveyor, and notify them that if payment to the Council (as agreed to) be too long delayed the Council will be obliged to place the matter in the hands of their Solicitor."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor reported to the Finance & Roads Committee that in conjunction with Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, he had made a thorough examination of Mountgarrett Bridge and this would require extensive repairs unless the rebuilding of the structure in reinforced concrete is put in hands. He (County Surveyor) suggested that they might possibly build a temporary bridge which in any event would be necessary during reconstruction and this would serve for the present. He however, understood that Mr Delap, Consulting Engineer, was against this proposal, and in favour of putting in hands the reconstruction of the old bridge. The cost would now be about £8,000 about three times the figure that was adopted by the Council for the work pre-war.

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

"That the question of erecting a temporary bridge at Mountgarrett be referred to the new Council. We consider we would not be in a position to deal with the matter until the County Surveyor has obtained further information from Mr Delap as to his opposition to the erection of a temporary bridge, and also from Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, as to his correspondence with Mr Delap. Delay in the matter will not add to the cost as it is probable a grant from the Ministry of Transport will be available next year and which does not seem forthcoming at present."

Storage of Gelignite.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee reported that he had had several interviews with the County Inspector, R.I.C., as to future blasting operations in quarries, and it was very difficult to arrange as to storage of explosives. He had communicated on three different occasions with the Competent Military Authority as to using Arklow Military Barracks for a Store and unless this could be done there would be a large

deficit in the amount of road material available for contractors. The boring work was now held up and a number of quarries would have to be closed down if no place for the storage of explosives could be obtained.

"The County Surveyor stated that since he had written his report he had received a communication from the Competent Military Authority authorising him to use Arklow Military Barracks as a Store for Gelignite."

Cleaning Office of County Surveyor

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee, reported that as Mrs McNally, Courthouse, Keeper, Wexford, had refused to accept the sum of £5 for cleaning out his office, the amount had been put in his hands, but he found it impossible to arrange with any one to carry out the work. He asked the Council to make such arrangements as will enable the office to be cleaned out regularly.

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

"That Mrs McNally be granted a sum of £10 per annum for the cleaning of the office of the County Surveyor."

Checking Rate Collectors Accounts.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to appoint deputies for checking the accounts of the Rate Collectors at the following remuneration, viz:- Enniscorthy District £30 per annum, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford districts at 5/- per 100 Ratings."

Re Payment of Rates.

The Secretary reported that a representative of Mr Devereux, Harveystown, reported that the latter had paid rates amounting to about £24 for first moiety to the late Mr Francis Blake, Rate Collector, on 5th June 1919, and for which he had not obtained receipts at the time. On the 4th November 1919, Mr Blake he alleged called on Mr Devereux and was paid the second moiety after altering them in writing so as to make them apply to the second moiety.

Mr Day, Collector vice Mr Blake, appeared before the Finance & Roads Committee, and stated that receipts now produced from Mr Devereux's representative had been altered from the time he saw them at Mr Devereux's the words "First" having been struck out as applied to moiety and date also changed. These changes in writing he stated were not on the receipts

when he saw them at Mr Devereux's.

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

"That having investigated the question relating to payment of rates of Mr Devereux, Harveystown, the only course open is for Collector Day, to proceed for the recovery of the second moiety of the rates and receipts for which are at present in his collecting Books."

Resignation of Mr R. Earle, Rate Collector.

Mr R. Earle, Rate Collector No. 16 Collection District, appeared before the meeting and handed in his resignation as from the beginning of the financial year, as Rate Collector, and in which he pointed out that he had been in office for 46 years and was unable to continue owing to failing health. He thanked the Council for their kindness and in this he wished to include the courteous Secretary to the Council-Mr Frizelle.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the resignation of Mr Robert Earle, as Rate Collector, for No. 16 Collection District, be accepted as from 31st March 1920.

That a successor to Mr Earle be appointed at a special meeting to be held on 26th May 1920, at 2.15 p.m., remuneration to be as follows:- 7d poundage fees and statutory fees under Voters and Juries Acts, the latter not to be effective until the year 1921, as Mr Earle is at present engaged in carrying out this work for 1920."

Votes of Thanks to Chairmen.

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

"That the best thanks of this Council be given to Mr John Bolger, Chairman of this Council for so many years, for the courteous and able manner in which he carried out the duties of the Office."

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

"That our best thanks be conveyed to Mr Michael Doyle, Vice-Chairman of this Council, who at all times performed his duties with tact, ability, and consideration, during his period of office."

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr McGuire, the lists of Rate

Collectors Irrecoverable Rates were agreed to and it was decided they should be signed by the Chairman and reported to the Local Government Board for payment."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for road contracts and new works, etc., as appearing on Form 20 from Proposal Committee and Rural District Councils of the County, be and are hereby agreed to."

Proposals for Payment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the several proposals for payment as appearing on Form 22 from Proposal Committee and from Rural District Councils of the County, as regards Roads and Works, and from Proposal Committee as regards other items and also transfers to Public Bodies financed by the County Council be and are hereby agreed to."

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(Presiding Chairman)

Dated this day of 1920

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL. - SPECIAL MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 26th May 1920.

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

Also:- Messrs Michael Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) M. Maddock, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, R. Scallan, J. Redmond, Mark Codd, T. Asple, W. Thorpe, N. J. Fowler, W. H. McGuire, N. J. Cowman, J. A. Doyle, M. Cloney, and L. Barry.

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

The late Mr Edmond Hore.

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

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Hore, Coldblow, Broadway, on the death of her husband, the late Mr Edmond Hore, who for many years was Vice-Chairman of this Council, and who, by his uprightness of character, ability, and courtesy, and patriotism, endeared himself to his colleagues, and secured a very high place in the estimation of his fellow countrymen. In his demise Wexford mourns one of her best and most lovable of her sons.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs Hore."

The late Mr John Cloney, Old Ross.

On the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr James Codd, it was decided that the following letter of acknowledgment from Rev T. Cloney P. P., Templetown, with reference to vote of condolence adopted to him by the Council on the death of his father, the late Mr John Cloney, Old Ross, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

Templetown, Fethard.

10th May 1920.

Dear Mr Frizelle,

I am in receipt of the resolution of sympathy adopted by your Co Council at their meeting last Wednesday, and so kindly transmitted by you.

Be good enough to convey to the Members of the Council, an expression of my grateful acknowledgment of their kindly action in this matter and of my appreciation of their touching reference to the deceased.

I am exceedingly grateful also for your own personal expression of condolence. I value very highly your reference to the old days, and I may assure you that your

sentiment of esteem was fully reciprocated by the deceased."

Appointment Rate Collector No. 16 Collection District.

For the Rate Collectorship for No. 16 District, vacant by the resignation of Mr Robert Earle, applications were received from the following:-

Peter Bolger, Raheenaskaa, Oulart.

Patrick Brady, Court, Monamolin.

George Earle, Brownswood, Enniscorthy.

James J. Fowler, Camolin.

Charles Nolan, Coolroe, Kilmuckridge.

John J. Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan.

Andrew Smith, Clonevan.

Henry E. Wall, 4 Charlotte Row, Gorey.

The Chairman decided that a poll should be taken without the formality of of proposing and seconding the Candidates.

The following was the result:-

For Fowler:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, McGuire, Thorpe, Maddock, Fowler, Kehoe, James Codd, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Cloney, and the Chairman.-12.

For Bolger:- Messrs R. Scallan, and J. Redmond.-2.

For Brady:- Mr M. Codd.- 1.

For Sinnott:- Mr Michael Doyle.-1.

Fowler having obtained a clear majority of those present and voting was declared elected.

The successful candidate returned thanks.

He submitted testimonial of character from Rev N. Mernagh p.P., Balloughter.

Appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That Messrs James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors, at £26 each per annum, to cover both Summer and Autumn dipping periods. Mr Murphy to supervise dipping in New-Ross Enniscorthy and Gorey Rural Districts, and Mr Hayden to supervise dipping in New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts."

Proposed War Bonus to Road Contractors.

Under date 14th May 1920, the following letter was read from Ministry of Transport (Ireland) (Roads Department) :-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., and to inform you that the Ministry fully appreciate the difficult position in which the County Council find themselves with regard to road contracts, but on the other hand they feel sure that the County Council also recognise that this Department have no power to authorise the payment of a war bonus on the basis of the resolution passed at the meeting on the 5th inst. Such authority could only be given under a statutory provision and in the absence of such provision, much as the Department desire to help you in the matter, they find themselves unable to do so in the direction indicated by you.

The difficulty experienced by you are more or less common to all County Councils in Ireland, but on the information so far before them the Ministry are not convinced that any power to pay a war bonus to contractors would enable these difficulties to be overcome, or that it would meet the case. In forming this view the Ministry having regard to the fact that conditions of labour and other matters, such as the provision of material cannot be regarded as settled, and that many Councils experience great difficulties in securing contractors even at increased prices. The question therefore would appear to arise whether the principle of executing road repairs by direct labour should not be extended and contracts entered into for shorter periods than has been the practice hitherto, in those cases where the Council consider that contracts should be entered into.

Under a direct labour scheme power could be obtained to vary the rates of pay as might be necessary, having regard to existing conditions, whilst contractors who would run less risk with contracts extending over say one year than they would if the contracts covered a longer period, would probably be more eager to submit tenders than they are at present."

In connection with this matter the following resolution adopted at a meeting of Gorey Road Contractors was read:-

"That in the event of material running short at Tara Hill Quarry owing to steamrolling in the vicinity that contractors be paid their full half-year's pay at November Meeting. And we further request that if we are put into Winter haulage thro' same cause that we be allowed 25% off the specified tonnage."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the letter of Ministry of Transport (Ireland) Roads Department.- I/R.6 (14 May 1920) relative to the proposal of the Council to pay War Bonus to certain of their Road Contractors be postponed."

Application Co Council Officials for War Bonus (Awards 84 & 101)

Under date 21st April 1920, a letter was read from Mr G. Griffin, Acting General Secretary, Irish Clerical workers' Union, asking the County Council to put into immediate operation the terms of Award 101 (Conciliation & Arbitration Board) as regards the Members of the County Council Staff. Even with this, Mr Griffin wrote, the County Council Staff who were members of the Irish Clerical Workers' Union, would be still poorly paid.

This letter was before meeting of the Council on the 5th May last, and adjourned

Under date 18th May 1920, the General Secretary, Irish Clerical Workers' Union, wrote asking that Awards should be at once put in force.

An application was received from Mr Barry, County Surveyor, asking for application of Award 101 to his War Bonus.

The Meeting after discussion adopted the following resolution on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the application of the Irish Clerical Workers' Union, and Mr Barry, County Surveyor, as regards War Bonus Awards 84 & 101 in respect of the Members of Co. Council Staff and the County Surveyor, be adjourned to next meeting."

Motor Charges for Conveyance of Prisoners.

Under date 14th May 1920, the following letter was read from Mr J.R. Sharpe, County Inspector, R. I. C.:-

"Referring to your letter of 5th inst., addressed to District Inspector at Gorey, relative to above subject, I have been directed by the Inspector General to inform you that every effort was made to induce the motor car owners to reduce their charges in the cases referred to but without avail and that the police had no option but to pay the claims."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That the County Inspector, R. I. C., Wexford, be informed that the Council are prepared to pay the usual tariff of 1/6 per mile for hire of motor vehicles in Gorey District for Conveyance of Prisoners."

Wexford Seaplane Station.

In accordance with the instructions from last meeting of the Co. Council, the following report under date 15th May 1920, was presented to the meeting by the Co. Surveyor, as regards the proposal of the War Office to pay a lump sum in lieu of replacing public road which they had had covered with concrete in connection with

the recent seaplane station at Ferrybank, Wexford:-

"I inspected this on the 13th inst., and have estimated the cost of removing the concrete and restoring surface of roadway at not less than £180. If the War Office are prepared to pay us this sum I would be satisfied to accept the sum but if they make any difficulties about it I will ask them to take the work up themselves."

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

"That the War Office be informed the Wexford County Council are prepared to accept a sum of £180 for removing concrete and restoring surface of road 85W, as this is the amount which the County Surveyor has estimated for the necessary work."

Courtown Harbour.-Hauling Off Rope.

The Courtown Harbour Committee's Minutes of meeting held on 3rd May 1920, contained a recommendation that a hauling-off rope should be procured for the fishermen at a cost not to exceed £12.

The Harbour Master (Mr Stapleton) in forwarding Minutes stated that the fishermen never used the last rope they got, as the Bar was so good, with the result that it disappeared. Should the Council give the fishermen another rope he recommended it should be placed in charge of the watchman, as he and his brothers, were the principal fishermen and should take an interest in the matter.

The Secretary stated he had asked the Harbour Master to furnish information as to the circumstances under which the rope had disappeared etc.,

In reply, under date 10th May, the Harbour Master wrote that after the last rope had been brought ashore it was taken away by some person or persons, and as it was similar to several ropes at the Harbour, he could not identify it even if he saw it. He would be able to procure a useful secondhand rope for £4.

Mr Cowman proposed and Mr McGuire seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Harbour Master at Courtown be empowered to purchase second hand hauling off rope cost not to exceed £4, and that he be directed to take charge of and be responsible for same."

Mr Michael Doyle proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following amendment:-

"That this Council declines to purchase hauling off rope for Courtown Harbour"

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Amendment:- Messrs M. Doyle, Kehoe, Redmond, Asple, J. A. Doyle, and Cloney.-6

Against:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, McGuire, Fowler, Thorpe, Maddock, James Codd, and Scallan.- 7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr Cowman was then put and passed nem con.

Telegraph Line.-Rathaspeck School to Hayestown House.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the Wexford County Council consent to the execution of works, particulars of which are as follows:- The placing of an overground telegraphic line along the public road from Rathaspeck School to a point near Hayestown House Wexford, on the understanding that the Postmaster General is to make good any damage which may be done in placing or maintaining of the line."

Claim for damage to Motor Car.

Under date 25th May 1920, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, wrote that they had been instructed by Mr R.H. Peare, Kilmallock Enniscorthy, to apply to the Council for £17 being the price of a spring of Mr Peare's motor car which was broken owing to the neglected state of the roads which the County Council are bound to keep in order. Unless amount was paid, Mr Peare would proceed for damages.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That copy of letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, claiming £17 damages on behalf of Mr R. H. Peare, Kilmallock, Enniscorthy, for injury to his motor car be furnished Messrs Coyle & Co., Insurance Brokers, 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, and that the latter be instructed to defend on behalf of the Council any proceedings which may be taken by Mr Peare."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitty."

Loan from National Bank.

Under date 22nd May 1920, Mr C. J. Feely, Manager, Wexford Branch National Bank, wrote that his Board had sanctioned loan of £1522 to the Wexford County Council,

repayable at 4 percent per annum interest in respect of steamrolling work for Wexford Rural District.

Road Contractor's Complaint.

Mr Daniel Connors, Ballinacay, Killurin, Road Contractor, came before the meeting and complained as to the deferring of certain amounts on contracts which he had for special works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle:-

"That the County Surveyor re-examine the circumstances under which certain amounts were deferred in the cases of Special Works which are being carried out by Daniel Connors, Ballinacay, Killurin."

Defaulting Contractors.

The County Surveyor reported Edward Freeman, Ballinavarry, Bree, (306E. & 315E) and Daniel Connors, Ballinacay, Killurin, (91W) as defaulting contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to take such steps as he may consider necessary to have roads 306E and 315E (Edward Freeman) and 91W (Daniel Connors) Contractors) put into proper repair."

The late Mr Blake's Rate Collection.

The Secretary reported that he had been informed by Collector Day, that on applying to Mary Day (No. 31 Tomhaggard E. D.,) for £4. 11. 9d second moiety of poor rate in respect of half-year ended March last, and the second moiety for which was in his Collecting Book, she informed him that she had paid this amount for second moiety to the former collector, the late Mr F. Blake. Mr Day also stated that Mrs Day (who was not related to him in anyway) produced a receipt signed by Blake for £4. 11. 9d for her second moiety rates, but the number of the receipt (187) did not correspond with that in his collecting book.

The Secretary stated he had furnished the particulars of this case to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with a request that the latter should communicate with Mr Blake's sureties, the National Benefit & Property Assurance Co., Ltd., Dame Street, Dublin, and apply to them for the amount.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That the action of our Secretary as regards second moiety rates of Mary Day

(31 Tomhaggard E. D.,) be approved."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

"That in consequence of complaints which have reached this Council ratepayers are advised not to pay rates before receipt of official demand notes and receipts."

Claims for Compensation for Burning of Vacated Constabulary Barracks,

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, stated he had received about 27 claims for the burning of vacated Constabulary Barracks, and he would like to get instructions to have the places valued.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That the question of having a valuation of vacated police barracks in Wexford Rural District in respect of which claims for compensation for destruction have been received be dealt with by the Wexford Rural District Council as they have already taken steps to secure such valuation."

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

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to make a valuation of premises lately used as Constabulary Barracks in the Rural Districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey, and New Ross, and in respect of which claims for compensation for the destruction of which have been received, and that he be allowed £2 per building for carrying out this work, and which sum is to cover attendance in Court and giving evidence."

Printing Parliamentary etc., Register.

Under date 15th May 1920, the Superintendent H. M. Stationery Office, wrote that the tenders of Messrs W. Hanrahan, "The Free Press" and J. English & Co., Wexford, had been accepted for the printing of Parliamentary etc., Register.

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Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of 1920.