

Quarterly Meeting November 6th 1900.

The statutable quarterly meeting of the Co. Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House Wexford on November 6th 1900.

Present: In the Chair, Sir Thomas A. Gattan Esmonde B^t and subsequently Mr Edmund Hore, Vice Chairman to the Council presided.

Other Councillors Messrs Daniel Dempsey, James E. Mayler, Michael Broune, James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, Myles Smyth, William Whitty J^r, Daniel Power, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke, Laurence Murphy, John F. Walsh, Patrick Ryan, M. J. Redmond, Michael Mickey, James Codd, Owen Doyle, Capt^l J. Walker Lord Maurice Fitzgerald.

Mr H. J. Frizelle Assistant Secretary, Mr Webster, Co. Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

Mr Bolger new member subscribed the usual declaration of office before the meeting.

Illness of Secretary

A certificate was read from Dr Douce Wexford stating that Capt Pigott Secretary to the Council, was laid up, and would be unable to perform his duties for three or four days.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Petty Cash etc.

With reference to the keeping of a petty cash account by the Secretary, the Local Government Board wrote Letter No 61. 3621. 1900 Wexford County under date 24th October 1900. in reply to a resolution of the Proposals Committee of the Council.

that a petty cash account operated on by the Secretary alone, such as the Council suggest, would be contrary to the requirements of the Local Government (Ireland)

Act, and Orders.

"The inconvenience referred to in the resolution could be minimised by the Council arranging that for the purpose of routine payments, a quorum of three members of the Finance Committee should have authority to operate on the Subsidiary account; their meetings could be held fortnightly on market days, when members would probably be in town on other business."

This letter had been considered by the Finance Committee at the meeting held on the morning of the Council meeting, but the Committee had decided to refer the matter to the Council.

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted without dissent

"That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee to consist of the members of the Finance Committee be appointed to operate on the Subsidiary account, and to pay the salaries of the clerical staff, postage, carriage on parcels, and payments under the Diseases of Animals Acts, in respect of the burial of Carcasses, the said sub-committee to transact no other business and to meet fortnightly or monthly as required."

Subsidiary acc.

Letters No^s 60,872. 1900 Wexford County under date October 22nd 1900.: 62,161. 1900. Wexford County under date 30th October 1900, and 64,315. 1900 Wexford County under date 5th Nov^r 1900. with regard to irrecoverable rates. were read, from the Local Government Board. In the last mentioned letter the Local Government Board pointed out:

"That under the exceptional circumstances of the case, if the Council are satisfied that the Rates claimed by collector Mullett in respect of the land the property of the Asylum are irrecoverable, they would offer no objection to the items being

Asylum Land, and Rates.

"regarded as such, and refunded to
 "the collector provided he has lodged
 "the full amount of his warrant.
 "The asylum authorities should however
 "take the earliest opportunity of appeal-
 "ing to the Commissioner of Valuation
 "as regards the valuation for rating
 "purposes placed on this property."

The Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. Mullett
 had lodged the full amount of his warrant pre-
 vious to the 30th Sept.

It was decided that the amount in
 "question be allowed to Collector
 Mullett"

On the same subject the following letter was read
 from Mr. N. Kehoe Clerk to the Wexford District
 Council.

Irrecoverable Rates

"I am directed by the Wexford Rural
 District Council to inform you that
 "the lists of all the irrecoverable rates
 "as presented by your Collectors, were
 "recommended to be paid as to the
 "several amounts, with the exception
 "of No 424. James Rossiter returned as
 "vacant, the amount is 2/8¹/₂ in the
 "Electoral Division of Donaghadda.
 "The Councillors of this District
 "stated the house was not vacant,
 "and that the rate should have been
 "collected on it. In several of the Dis-
 "tricts notably Mr. Blake's a great many
 "items were returned for houses down
 "The Council passed a resolution call-
 "ing on the collectors to look after
 "such items more carefully and to be
 "accurate in returning such items to
 "you for revision by the Commissioner
 "of Valuation."

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that
 Mr. Kehoe be informed if the Councillors of Donaghadda
 Electoral Division are able to prove to the Secretary
 of the Council that No 424. had been occupied dur-
 ing any period from which the rate was made, the

collector would be obliged to refund the amount allowed him in this case.

Purchase of Land for asylum

Letter No. 57.228:1900. from the Local Government Board under date 24th October 1900. enclosing copy of advertisement which the Board considered should be inserted in the newspapers with reference to the loan applied for the purchase of land for the Lunatic Asylum Ennisecorthy was read.

The advertisement was approved of. The Assistant Secretary said that the Secretary had had the advertisement inserted in two local papers in order that no delay should be occasioned in reference to the loan, and on the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the Secretary's action in the matter be approved.

On the same subject the following resolution was received from the Committee of Management but no order was made thereon.

"That this committee suggest that the loan now being procured by the Co. Council, be payable in forty years
"at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ %."

Rate collection - Extension of time

In connection with the rate collection of the County letter No. 61.345, 1900: Wexford County from the Local Government Board, assenting to an extension of time for the completion of the collection of the rate for the past half year, in the Districts of collectors Smith, Somers, Lacey, and Hanlon Walsh to the 22nd Oct. was read.

The Assistant Secretary said that all these collectors had lodged the full amounts of their warrants by the time specified by the Local Government Board.

In the case of collector M'Grath letter No 57.488: 1900 under date Oct 8th 1900 from the Local Government Board extending the time for the close of his collection to the 20th Oct 1900 was read.

Under date October 24th 1900. the following letter was read from Mr M'Grath.

Collector M'Grath. "You will see by the enclosed certificate that I am unable to attend to any busi-

"ness. I got a severe cold about a fortnight ago, and kept out too long, with the result that I got knocked up altogether. Owing to the bad weather it was impossible for me to close my collection by the 20th inst as many people in my District have not threshed their corn yet. However if I am able to go out I will close this collection before the quarterly meeting. If I had the new collecting Books, I could have the reference numbers put in and get the Demand notes served, so that I could commence the new collection as soon as I close this. The sooner it is commenced the better."

Under date October 24th 1900. Dr. Shee, Duncannon certified that Mr. McGrath was suffering from an attack of acute rheumatism and would be unable to perform his duties as Rate Collector for at least a period of five days from this date.

The Assistant Secretary explained that since the above no further communication had been received from Mr. McGrath who had up to that morning a sum of £484 19s 4d, still outstanding. In consequence of his failure to comply with the order of the Local Government Board, Mr. McGrath's name had to be excluded from the certificate given by the Secretary to the Treasurer that the collectors to whom poundage had been paid had either lodged the full amounts of their warrants within the financial year, or within the period for which an extension had been granted by the Local Government Board. The following recommendation had been made by the Finance Committee on this question.

"That Mr. McGrath be asked to close his collection by the 1st December, and in the event of his failing to do so, the Council be recommended to inform him they will be obliged to call upon him to resign."

The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously confirmed.

Asst Surveyor Kehoe. - Illness

For the information of the Council, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of a letter which they had received from Mr John Kehoe, Moortown, to account for his failure to present himself at the last examination for Assistant County Surveyor held by the Local Government Board. Mr Kehoe in his letter to the Local Government Board had enclosed a certificate from Dr Pigott, Daghmon, that he was suffering from an attack of acute neuralgia and he considered it would be dangerous for him to expose himself to cold. He had consequently recommended Mr Kehoe to remain in bed for a period of three or four days until the inflammation subsided.

The Council considered that the reason assigned by Mr Kehoe for his non-attendance at the examination in question satisfactory.

In connection with Mr Kehoe's appointment Mr Browne proposed the following resolution of which he had given the usual notice.

That Mr John Kehoe, Moortown, be appointed Road Overseer at a salary of £80 per year, and that the consideration of appointing an Assistant Surveyor in place of Mr William Ryan resigned be postponed to a future date.

Mr Cummins seconded the proposition of Mr Browne, which on being put by the Chairman, was adopted by the meeting.

Reports of J. A. Baker Esq, Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford, New Ross and Enniscorthy Unions, and District Councils, and the Enniscorthy Urban Council were read.

Under date Oct 8th 1900, the Local Government Board wrote Letter No 57, 487, 1900 County Wexford that they were of opinion having regard to the provisions of the Colonies Ireland Act 1846. The Wexford County Council could themselves pay the sum claimed by the authorities

of the Royal Irish Constabulary, for expenses incurred in having portion of the body of a deceased person named Murphy brought to Dublin for analysis by order of the coroner.

It was decided that the Council should pay the amount in question.

*Analyst's report on
Fertilisers & Feeding
Stuffs*
A circular was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction requesting that the Council should be good enough to instruct their District Analyst to furnish to the Department quarterly reports upon the analysis of Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs made by him under the Act.

On the motion of Mr Hore seconded by Mr Keacocke it was decided that the Secretary be directed to request Sir Charles Cameron & Son the County Analysts to comply with the instructions of the circular of the Department of Agriculture.

Storage of Weights & Measures

The following letter in answer to a resolution of the Proposals Committee was received from Mr O'Neill F. Kelly District Inspector Royal Irish Constabulary under date Oct 26th 1900.

"In reply to your letter of the 20th inst
"No 540 re allowance for storage of weights
"and Measures. I have to inform you
"that the County Wexford standards
"viz: balances, weights and Measures are
"kept by me carefully stored at my private
"residence. The standards are kept
"and oiled where necessary, and include
"three expensive and delicate balances,
"which require careful looking after,
"to prevent the delicate knife edges
"bearings etc becoming rusty. I consequently
"keep the standards stored and
"looked after owing to the storage
"allowance granted formerly by the
"Grand jury and now by the Council.
"The standards in question are those by
"which the twelve sets of sub standards
"in possession of the ex officio inspectors

of weights and measures are verified etc every year. It is therefore absolutely necessary that said standards which belong to the County Wexford should be carefully handled and stored."

This matter was before the meeting of the Finance Committee but they had made no recommendation to the Council.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Cyclists Touring Club, & hedge clippings

A circular was received from the Secretary of the Cyclists Touring Club with regard to the practice of allowing hedge clippings to remain on the roads.

The communication was referred to the County Surveyor.

Insurance of Court Houses.

In reference to the question of the Insurance of the Court Houses the matter had been considered by the Finance Committee who had made a recommendation that the Secretary write to the Patriotic, Norwich, National Northern, and Royal Assurance Co^s asking for what premium they would give an insurance of £10,000 on the courthouses of the County.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously approved.

Kilmore Pier Committee

A suggestion from the Kilmore Pier Committee as to the establishment of a graduated payment system for repairs of piers was considered by the Finance Committee. Several resolutions were moved thereon but ultimately the whole matter was referred to the Council meeting.

Mr. Browne who had brought the matter forward said that in consequence of the lateness of the hour he would ask that it be postponed until the next quarterly meeting, and it was a subject that was likely to give rise to considerable discussion he would ask that it should come early in the proceedings.

Mr. Browne's suggestion was agreed to.

Main Roads - Enniscorthy Urban Co^l

A resolution from the Enniscorthy Urban District Council as to an agreement for the maintenance of the main roads

in the Uclan District was referred to the Finance Committee
State of Oulart Court House.

With reference to a discussion which took place at the last meeting of the Proposals Committee. Mr Rutledge land agent wrote stating he would be glad to know in what respect the condition of the Oulart Court House was unsatisfactory. The building had been erected for the purpose and had been maintained in good order and condition, and no representation to the contrary had ever been made to him.

On the motion of the chairman it was decided that Mr Webster be asked to examine the court House and report.

Striking the Rate.

The following resolution was moved by the chairman, and adopted without dissent-

Resolved- That we hereby strike the rate for General and Separate charges, as already agreed to by the Council, in respect of the half year ended 31st March 1901. and affix our seal to the Rate Books. That we also sign and seal the warrants for the Rate collectors.

Dates of Quarterly Meetings

The following dates were fixed for the Meetings of the District Councils and the County and Proposals Committee.- New Ross Thursday January 3rd 1901. at 12 O'clock, Wexford Friday January 4th at 10.30 O.C. Enniscorthy, Tuesday January 8th at 11.30 O.C. Gorey Thursday January 10th at 12 O.C.
 Proposals Committee Meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday January 17th

Ferryarrig Bridge Committee.

The following report of the Ferryarrig Bridge Committee, and report of Mr Webster County Surveyor on the Bridge were read.

Ferryarrig Bridge Committee
Report of inspection November 2nd 1900

Present:- Messrs P. Ryan Chairman
 J. F. Walsh, Mr M. Whitty and Capt. Walker Lord Maurice Fitzgerald attended for portion of the inspection
 Mr A. Webster Co. Surveyor, Mr Patrick Leary, and N. J. Trizelle Assistant Secretary to the Council were also

in attendance.

At the outset of our report, and before dealing with the details of our inspection we wish to emphasize the fact that what we saw on the present occasion bore out to the minutest detail, the report presented by us to the Council at the August Quarterly Meeting. And in connection with that report we would especially direct the notice of the Council to the statements it contains as to the condition of the piles, braces & longitudinal beams. We would further request the close attention of the Council, when considering our report, to the statements made by the Co. Surveyor, at the Quarterly Meeting referred to above, that only one tie-piece, one raking-pile and a couple of main beams were in a bad condition and that the amount of money which he had deferred from the old contractor would make the bridge perfectly safe. It will be within the recollection of many members of the Council that the Co. Surveyor positively denied the statement of one of the members of the Committee that there were at least six or seven of the piles of the bridge in a defective condition.

In view of the following detailed report we have considered it advisable to invite the consideration of the Council to these matters. We spent six hours minutely inspecting the bridge which is a wooden structure 357 feet 6 inches long and an average width of 23 feet including the footpath four feet eight inches wide. There is a protecting railing at either side, twice the length of the bridge. The structure is laid out

in 16 bays of unequal width, each comprising five vertical piles with a spur pile at either end and diagonal braces for staying purposes. The flooring of the bridge had been stripped to allow of our inspection, of which the following are the details.

— Upper Structure —

With the exception of the first bay which contains twelve beams, the rest of the bays have ten beams each, and the following is the list of the beams which we consider will require renewal. First bay— five. A few of these are partially decayed, and in Mr Webster's opinion can be reused in a bay of shorter span.

Second bay— Two beams totally gone and one cross-piece.

Third bay— Three beams.

Fourth bay— Two beams.

Fifth bay— Three beams

Sixth bay— Three beams

Seventh bay— Four beams

Eighth bay— Two beams

Ninth bay— Four beams

Tenth bay— Four beams (one of which is only partially decayed)

Eleventh bay— Four beams

Twelfth bay— Two beams have been removed as unsound.

Thirteenth bay— One beam taken up as defective, three others bad.

Fourteenth bay— One removed as defective one partially bad, and two require renewal.

The fifteenth bay comprises the draw arch one cross-piece is gone on top and packing pieces must be inserted underneath the beams at this end.

The main beam of the draw arch, upon which one of the quadrants is supported, and another beam, are bad.

Sixteenth bay- The fittings of the box of the draw arch, are fastened to a rotten beam and one cross beam will require renewal

Total- Forty nine beams and three cross heads (hereafter alluded to in our report of the inspection of the understructure) defective and requiring immediate renewal out of a total of 130 beams and fourteen cross heads.

—Footpath—

Of the thirty two beams underneath footpath, we found many exhibiting signs of partial decay, but we could not take it upon ourselves to condemn them, because they are supposed to bear only traffic for footpassengers.

The following beams however will need renewal at once - one in third bay; one in ninth bay; one in tenth bay, both in twelfth bay, and one in thirteenth bay - total six (6)

The bottom rail of the hand-rail is completely rotten at one side, at least one half of the joists on which the flooring of the footpath rests needs renewal; many of the spokes of the railing are defective and require to be replaced, the tenons being gone. Some of the up-right posts upon which the hand-rail is built are perfectly decayed. In many cases the iron-stap should be properly secured, as at present they have no fastening bolts or nuts.

The entire sheeting of the footpath requires immediate renewal

—Houses.—

Some repairs have been done to the houses since our last report, but a great deal still remains to be carried out to place them in the condition provided for in the specification

—Under Structure—

The following piles and diagonal-braces

require scarving.

- No 1. bay- One spur pile and a diagonal brace.
- " 2. — One vertical pile and one cross head
3. — vertical pile
4. — Diagonal braces, opposite one requires to be entirely replaced.
5. — Spur pile, vertical pile, & cross-head
6. — Two vertical piles, spur pile, and diagonal brace.
7. — vertical pile and diagonal brace
8. — Two vertical piles and spur pile
9. — One spur pile
10. — Two spur-piles, two vertical piles
11. — Three vertical piles, spur pile, cross head and diagonal brace.
12. — Spur pile and diagonal brace
13. — Spur pile, two vertical piles and a diagonal brace.
14. — vertical pile (head bad) diagonal brace.
16. — One vertical pile

making a total of ten spur-piles, seventeen vertical piles, nine braces, three cross-heads

— General Summary —

Longitudinal beams

in bridge.	130 — defective	49
In footpath	32. — "	6
Piles	105. — "	27
Cross-pieces	15. — "	3
Braces	30 — "	9
Total	312	Total defective - 94.

Quadrant cases require renewal.

Very little has been done in the way of general repairing since our last report except stripping the bridge (which no doubt entailed considerable amount of labour) and putting in fillers, which Mr Webster stated was the only matter he ordered his workman to carry out.

The structure generally, has, in our opinion

been shamefully neglected for many years, and the repairs were allowed to be carried out by the Surveyor, in a most superficial manner, and not in accordance with the specification.

For instance - the beam upon which one of the quadrants rests for lifting the draw bridge became decayed and instead of being replaced by a solid piece, was repaired by laying on, what we considered, a piece of a meat box over the top of the rotten beam, and we believe it was in consequence of this, the base of the quadrant was broken.

The same sort of repair was executed in several places at the bottom cill of the railing in order to keep in the tenon.

In some cases where the tenons on the bottoms of the spokes became rotten, new tenons were cut out of the spokes which shortened them so much that they had no holding power either in top or bottom cill.

We failed to observe the "great improvement" promised for our inspection in the condition of the bridge by the County Surveyor, and in view of the serious nature of our report, we feel unable to make a recommendation to the Council as to what is best to be done under the circumstances.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Patrick Ryan. Chairman
November 2nd 1900.

Report. Ferrycarrig Bridge

County Council of Wexford. November Quarterly
Meeting 1900

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen

I beg to submit my

report on Ferrycairig Bridge.

The Contractor has almost completed the putting on of the new caps over the cross-heads. The tool houses have been repaired, and also a portion of the hand rail, where smashed, has been renewed.

In order to put in the new caps, I have had to close the bridge to vehicular traffic. The flooring of the bridge has been removed, and this facilitated the making of a thorough inspection of the beams and cross heads. &c.

I find that there are 55 defective main beams; 27 defective piles, including 9 spur piles; 4 defective cross heads, and 9 defective diagonal braces.

Portions of the handrails require renewal also about 30 cross sleepers under the footpath, and about 60 ^{square} yards of the footpath flooring are defective.

I would recommend that 20 substantial tee-iron stays be put in to stay the hand-rails to the cross heads and cross sleepers.

A good deal of the work could be spread over a couple of years, but it would be well to do as much of it as possible now while the bridge is closed to traffic and the flooring is up.

Some of the longer beams, where defective only on the ends could be utilised in the shorter bays, or in other portions of the work.

I estimate the total cost of the work, including the work already done by the Contractor at £282 - 5 - 1.

The money in hands up to the 31st December next will be £65. 8. 4.

The sum required to complete the work would therefore be £216 " 16 " 9

I am Gentlemen
Yr. Obedient Servant
Henry Webster
Co. Surveyor

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald proposed. "That we the County Council of the County Wexford, express our strong dissatisfaction with our County Surveyor, for neglect of duty, inasmuch as he has allowed Ferrycarraig Bridge, to get in such a state of absolute disrepair as to constitute a danger to the public and we request the Local Government Board to examine into the matter and to have an expert opinion regarding it"

answering to Surveyor.

Mr Donohoe. moved.

"That the reports and correspondence in connection with the Ferrycarraig Bridge be referred to the Local Government Board, with a request that an Expert Engineer be sent down to report further on the matter, with a view to definite action as regards the bridge and Surveyor, and that the Wexford new bridge be also inspected by the said Expert."

After a long discussion both proposals were amalgamated, and the following was proposed by Lord Maurice Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr Donohoe. -

Resolved: - That we the County Council of County Wexford, express our strong dissatisfaction with our County Surveyor for neglect of duty inasmuch as he has allowed Ferrycarraig Bridge to get into such a state of absolute disrepair as to constitute a danger to the public, that the reports and correspondence in connection with Ferrycarraig bridge be referred to the Local Government Board, with a request that an expert engineer, be sent down to report on the matter, with a view to definite action as regard the bridge, and the Surveyor and that the new bridge also be inspected by the said expert."

The following amendment was proposed by Mr Browne, seconded by Mr Cummins.

*Ferrycarraig Bridge.
Employment of Expert.*

Resolved: - "That being dissatisfied with Mr Webster we employ a qualified engineer to inspect and report on the case of Ferry-carraig bridge"

on a show of hands it was found that 12 supported the amendment, and 9 the resolution.

Subsequently the Ferrycarrig bridge committee met, and presented the following report.

*Report of Ferrycarrig Bridge
Committee*

"Your committee, considering the great inconvenience to the inhabitants generally of the County by leaving the Ferrycarrig bridge in its present state are of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to take some immediate steps to effect such temporary repairs as will enable the bridge to be open for general traffic, pending an expert's opinion as to the future."

The Chairman ruled that the bridge was in charge of the Co. Surveyor and he had full powers to see that it was put in such a temporary state of repair as will enable it to be used by the public.

The chairman also moved that the question of employing an expert engineer of Ferrycarrig bridge be committed to the joint committees of the Wexford and Ferrycarrig Bridge Committees, and that a question of having the said engineer examine the Wexford bridge be also referred to the Committees."

Candidates for No 2. Rate Collection District

The following candidates offered themselves for the position of rate collector for No 2. collection District, vacant by the death of Mr George Larkin.

Francis Martin, Tighmon, Walter Doyle, Whiterock Wexford, Richard P. Devereux, Drinagh, James Kelly, North Main St Wexford, Andrew Lennon, Edenrele, and Bernard Larkin, Tighmon, The following is the result of the first poll

For Lennon. - Messrs Power, Dempsey, Sinnott, Smyth, Owen Doyle, Bolger, and Redmond. 7.

For Doyle Messrs Whitty, Donohoe, Walsh, Ryan, and Lord Maurice Fitzgerald - 5.

For Devereux. Messrs Good, Hore, Walker, Mayler, and Browne. 5.

For Larkin - Messrs Hickey, J. A. Doyle, Murphy, and Cummins. 4.

For Kelly - Mr Peacocke. 1.

Kelly having fallen out a poll was taken between the remaining candidates.

For Lennon Messrs Power, Dempsey, Sinnott Smyth Owen Doyle, Bolger, and Redmond. - 7

For Doyle - Messrs Whitty, Donohoe, Walsh, Ryan, Lord Maurice Fitzgerald & Peacocke - 6

For Devereux Messrs Codd, Hore, Walker, Mayler and Browne. 5.

For Larkin Messrs Hickey, J. A. Doyle, Murphy, and Cummins. - 4.

A Poll was then taken between Messrs Lennon, Doyle & Devereux with the following result.

For Lennon - Messrs Power, Hickey, J. A. Doyle, Dempsey, Sinnott, ~~Hore~~ Smyth, Owen Doyle, Bolger, Redmond, Walker, Murphy, and ~~Cummins~~ - 11.

For Doyle - Messrs Whitty, Donohoe, Peacocke, Walsh, Ryan, and Fitzgerald - 6.

For Devereux Messrs Codd, Hore, Walker, Mayler, and Browne. - 5.

The final poll was between Messrs Lennon, and Doyle, with the following result.

For Lennon - Messrs Power, Hickey, J. A. Doyle, Dempsey, Sinnott, Hore, Smyth, Owen Doyle, Bolger, Redmond, Walker, Murphy and Cummins - 13.

For Doyle - Messrs Whitty, Donohoe, Codd, Peacocke, Walsh, Ryan, Fitzgerald, Mayler, and Browne. - 9.

The Chairman declared Mr Lennon elected.

The following is a copy of the application made by Mr Lennon in response to your advertisement, I beg to apply for the vacant position of collector of Rate in No 2 District occasioned by the death of the late Mr Larkin. Being resident almost central in said District, I am thoroughly acquainted with its area and with the vast majority

of the Ratepayers therein, and feel fully confident therefore that should you favour me with the appointment I can discharge the duties of the office efficiently and with satisfaction alike both to the Council and the Ratepayers.

I offer my surety either through the "Equitable Fire and Accident Office, 30 College Green Dublin" or the "Patriotic Assurance Company 9 College Green Dublin." but should the Council be disposed to accept private security either for portion or the whole amount required I beg to name Messrs John Cullison, Beg Erin Castlebridge, and Michael Nolan 91 & 93 North Main St Wexford.

Enclosed please find testimonials as to character"

On the proposition of the chairman the following resolutions were adopted.

List of Proposals.

Resolved: That the several proposals sent up by the District Councils of the several Rural Districts of the County as respects payments and new works, and set forth in the Schedules A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialed by the chairman."

Resolved: That the several proposals sent up by the Proposals Committee of the County Council as regards expenditure chargeable to the County-at-Large be approved subject to the modifications, and other orders noted thereon, and initialed by the chairman."

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Mr. Hore the minutes of the Proposals Committee were confirmed.

Hour of Proposal Committee

The following resolution of which he had given previous notice

was moved by Mr Donohoe - "That the Secretary be empowered to summon the
"Proposals Committee at 10.30 a.m. or at 2 p.m.
"according to the nature of the business to be
"transacted.

Mr Hore seconded the resolution which was passed.

The Chairman moved the following resolution of which he had
give previous notice. - "Resolved That we grant a sum of £10. to
be paid the teacher of the student in the
County, who will pass the best examination
in Irish by this time twelve months
the regulations for the said examination
to be published in due course,
and the intending candidate and their
teachers to send in their names to the
Secretary within nine months from this
date, only students and teachers resident
in the County to be eligible for
the competition."

Irish Language.

The resolution was adopted, and on the motion of Mr Peacocke
it was decided that the carrying out of the terms of the
resolution be referred to the County Technical Instruction
Committee.

Supplying lamps.

For the supply of twelve oil lamps for the Court House
Messrs Shaw & Co. Wexford tendered at 1/7 each. Messrs
Brien & Keating at the same figure and Mr Mayne
at 1/8⁵ each.

The firms of Brien & Keating and R. H. Shaw & Co. being owned
by the one proprietor, it was decided to accept the tender
of Shaw & Co.

Tenders - Rural Districts

Tenders for works for which no tenders had been received at the Rural
District Council meetings were then considered.

Gorey District. No. 1. To rebuild a protecting wall at Essex bridge. James Daly
Riverchapel tendered at the amount allowed £32. naming as his sureties
William Redmond of Bomsilla Gorey and James Murphy, Riverchapel
Gorey.

No. 4 - To repair and secure the paving of the ford at Ballylarkin
There was no tender and the work was given in charge of the
County Surveyor.

New Ross - No 3 - To repair the sewers in the village of Duncannon.
There was no tender and the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Enniscorthy. No 1 - To rebuild a sod and stone fence on the side of the road between Ballycarney and Clohamon.
Referred back to Enniscorthy District Council.

Compensation - Mr N Kehoe.

With reference to the claim of Mr N. Kehoe Clerk to the Wexford guardians for £54. for bringing the Local Government (Ireland) Act into operation. Mr Kehoe wrote declining to accept the £21. 10/- offered by the Council in settlement of his claim, but stated he would take £40.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to adopt a resolution adhering to the former decision of the Council.

Compensation - Mr Pope.

The claim of Mr Pope clerk to the New Ross guardians for £36 for bringing the Local Government Act into operation and for loss of fees, was again referred to the Finance Committee.

Subsidary ac/c

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that a sum of £200 be voted to the subsidiary account.

Complaints

Mr Nicholas Heating Rockardstown Kilmore wrote complaining of the state of the waterway adjacent to his house.
Referred to the County Surveyor.

Letter No 63. 344. 1900 from the Local Government Board under date 5th November, 1900 (Kilkenny & New Ross Urban District) with respect to a payment to a Contractor named Doolan was read and referred to the County Surveyor.

Mr Webster said he was making a payment to Doolan at the present quarter. He could not do so before owing to the manner in which he was carrying out his contract."

Compensation - Edward Somers.

A letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors for Edward Somers asking what had been finally done by the Council in connection with the claim of their client for loss of fees caused through the operation of the Local Government (Ireland) Act.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Flooding of lane, Co. Court House.

A letter from the town clerk of the Wexford District with reference to the flooding of the lane adjacent to the county Court House being caused by the down pipes affixed to the court House overflowing on^{to} the lane was referred to the County Surveyor.

Edmund Hone.

28th November 1900

Meeting held 28th November 1900.

A meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber Court House Wexford on Wednesday, November 28th 1900.

Present- In the Chair- Mr Edmond Hore Vice-Chairman
Other Councillors. Messrs W. Whitty D. Dempsey, J. B. Hearn James E. Mayler, M. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, J. Donohoe, James Codd, J. F. Walsh, Owen Doyle, John Cummins, P. Ryan.

Capt^m Pigott, Secretary to the Council. Mr R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council, and Mr Webster Co-Surveyor were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

With reference to the forthcoming election of coroner, the Finance Committee had made the following recommendation which was unanimously confirmed.

"That the Council be asked to make no change in the coroners' districts, and that an advertisement be inserted in the local newspapers for the appointment of a qualified person to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr Gardiff. That the Council be recommended to have the election on the 13th December 1900"

coroner's election

On the question of the salary to be paid the new coroner, the Finance Committee recommend that the Council fix the amount at £120 a year.

Salary of coroner

Mr Ryan proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be confirmed.

Mr Walsh seconded

On a poll the following voted in support of the motion Messrs Walsh, Ryan, Owen Doyle, and the Chairman- 4.

Against- Messrs Browne, Peacocke, Dempsey, Codd.

Whitty, Mayler, Hearn, and Cummins, - 8.

The Chairman declared the proposition lost.

Mr Peacocke proposed & Mr Browne seconded

"That the salary of the incoming coroner be fixed at £100 a year"

As an amendment Mr Hearn, moved and Mr Cummins seconded-

"That the salary to be paid the new

coroner be fixed at the same figure as was paid the late D^r Cardiff £156-12-8.

For the amendment there voted Messrs Cummins & Hearn - 2.
Against - Messrs Walsh, Ryan, Dempsey, Browne, Owen Doyle, Peacocke, Codd, Whitty, Mayler, and the chairman - 10.
The following amendment was then proposed by M^r Ryan, and seconded by M^r Owen Doyle

"That the salary of the Coroner to be elected on the 13th December 1900 be fixed at £125 per year."

In favour of the motion there voted.

Messrs Walsh, Ryan, Owen Doyle, Cummins, Hearn, and the chairman - 6.

Against - Messrs Browne, Peacocke, Dempsey, Codd, Whitty, and Mayler - 6.

The chairman then gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was put as a substantive motion and declared carried.

Mr Donohoe took no part in the discussion or in the voting on this question, during any stage of the proceedings.

adjustment Order - New Ross bridge

With reference to the draft adjustment order of the Local Government Board in connection with the repair and maintenance of the New Ross Bridge.

The Finance Committee had recommended that the Local Government Board be asked to include in their Order the maintenance and repair of the roadway of the bridge.

On the motion of M^r Hearn, seconded by M^r Dempsey the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed and the Secretary and County Surveyor were directed to forward for the consideration of the Local Government Board the history of the bridge including an account of the ^{manner} ~~amount~~ in which the roadway had been maintained in the past, drawing the particular attention of the Local Government Board to the act of Parliament under which it was provided that the maintenance of the entire structure should be kept up by the Counties of Kilkenny and Wexford, and that the exclusion of the repair and maintenance of the roadway of the bridge in the Order of the Local Government Board

would be a departure from the provisions of the Act in question.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor said that at the sitting of the appeal Commission in New Ross the Solicitor to the Kilkenny Co. Council, and two members of the Council had given an undertaking in open Court that their County would make the same payments, to the up-keep of the bridge in the future as in the past, that was to pay half the expenses of the maintenance. If they were refusing to do that now it was a clear breach of faith.

Mr Hearn said that the County Council of Kilkenny had been advised they should not make any payments until the order of the Local Government Board had been issued.

Kilmore Pier
With reference to letter N° 15830-00 from the Board of Works under date 17th November 1900. dealing with certain repairs which the Board pointed out were necessary to be carried out at Kilmore Pier and Harbour, the following recommendation had been made by the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke. Seconded by the Mr Donohoe
"That we refer the Board of Works to Mr Webster's letter of reply, and ask for their views thereon"

On the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the Chairman, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed with the following addition - "And that we express our regret that the Board of Works did not give sufficient notice of the inspection of the Harbour to allow of the County Surveyor, being present with their Engineer"

In connection with the rate collection of Mr M'Grath the Finance Committee had made the following recommendation

*Collector Mr M'Grath
rate collection*

"That the Secretary having reported that since last meeting Mr M'Grath had made no lodgment, and had not attended before the official checker with his books, or answered letters, that his sureties be informed of the state of his collection"

The Secretary explained that after the meeting of the Finance Committee he had received a telegram from Mr M'Grath stating that he would close his collection the following day.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Dempsey, the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the rider - that the Secretary was not to act upon it until the 1st Decr 1900

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were confirmed without discussion

Proposed by Mr Browne, Seconded by Mr Codd

*Compensation - collector
Somers*

"That we adhere to our former decision in refusing Mr Somers' claim for compensation for loss of fees"

Insurance by Court Houses
"With regard to the question of the insurance of the County Courthouses it was decided to recommend that £200. be placed on the books, bonds, and documents etc of the Council, £300. on the Statutes, and £500. to cover all furniture, a circular to that effect to be sent to the Insurance agents who have tendered."

Remuneration - Mr Taylor V.S.

Mr Taylor V.S. New Ross wrote asking for remuneration under the Swine Lairs Inspection Order, and for the inspection of fairs, the former from the 1st April 1899. and the latter from November of the same year. The application was referred to the Diseases of Animals Act Committee.

Letter No. 65.752 1900 from the Local Government Board under date 23rd November 1900. with reference to the appointment of Mr John Kehoe, as road overseer was read.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee on this matter was confirmed:

*Mr John Kehoe as
Road Overseer*

"Mr Kehoe having stated that he is studying so as to enable him to qualify at the next examination for Assistant County Surveyors we request the Local Government Board to sanction his temporary employment, and under any circumstances we would be sorry to be deprived of Mr Kehoe's services, as on the testimony of the Co. Surveyor he has proved himself a most competent official."

Letters No. 10386-00 (Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum) from

Loan
the Board of Works and 68.394:1900 from the Local Government Board under dates respectively 26th and 27th November 1900. were read on the motion of Mr Dempsey seconded by Mr Donohoe, it was decided to ask the Local Government Board to waive compliance with the provisions of the Procedure of Councils Order referred to in their letter as it would cause considerable delay, and no objection had been made by any person to the granting of the proposed loan to which the Lord Justices had expressed their sanction. That the Secretary furnish the Local Government Board and the Board of Works, with copies of the resolution of the Managing Committee of the Aeylum, requesting the Council to procure the loan, and the approval of the Lord Justices thereto.

Scale of Expenses - Urban Districts

On the motion of Mr Ryan seconded by Mr Walsh it was decided that the seal of the Council be affixed to the proof of the scale of expenses adopted by the Council in reference to elections in Urban Districts.

A circular was read from the Secretaries of the Irish National Convention appointed by the United Irish League asking the Council to send six representatives to the forthcoming convention.

On the motion of Mr Browne, seconded by Mr Whitty it was decided that the communication be marked "Read"

Claiming Compensation for loss of a horse.

Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, Wexford wrote on behalf of Mr Lett. Hotel. Ferm. claiming compensation for the loss of a horse which was injured through the subsidence of portion of the Ballingale road between Clonegall and Ferm.

Mr Webster said the subsidence had occurred through the fact of a large ^{rabbit} burrow running right across under the road in question.

On the motion of Mr Dempsey seconded by Mr Peacocke it was decided that the letter be referred to the Enniscorthy District Council.

Defaulting Road Contractors

With reference to defaulting Road contractors at the request of Mr Webster Co. Surveyor, it was decided that he be

empowered to use his discretion to prosecute any road contractors who were neglecting their contracts at petty sessions

The Bank Books showed a balance to the credit of the Council of £2423. 19 " 2.

The Financial Statement Books of Receipts & Expenditure, and the Financial Minutes written up to date, were produced by the Secretary.

The following books also written up were produced by the Secretary
Register of Separate Charges, Register of Applications and Proposals, and Abstract of Poor Rate Collectors' Lodgments

J. W. Hamilton Esq.

13 Dec. 1900.