

MEETING.-13th NOVEMBER 1914.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 13th November 1914.

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

Other Members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. A. Doyle, R. Scallan, J. S. Hearn, Mark Codd, J. J. Stafford, T. Asple, M. Cloney, R. A. Rice, Philip Keating, J. J. Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. T. Mayler, N. J. Cowman, James Codd, Lord Stopford.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 5th August, and special Meetings held on 21st August, and 21 September, were read and confirmed.

Employees of Local Authorities Joining H. M. Forces.

The Local Government Board wrote (Circular letter No. 150 H) under date 9th September 1914, that not alone in the case of employees who have previously joined H.M.Forces, but also in the case of those who now wish to do so they would raise no objection to leave of absence being given to such employees, and to the Local Authorities making a reasonable payment in respect of wages or salaries to persons authorised by such employees to receive money, and would further assent to Local Authorities employing and paying temporary substitutes for officers who are summoned or volunteer for Naval or Military service."

This matter had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee which recommended that each case should be dealt with as occasion arose.

"On the motion of Mr M.Doyle, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Sealed Orders of Local Government Board.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of Sealed Orders made by them in the following matters:-

Well and pump at Clenevan, area of charge Killenagh and Wells Dispensary District.

Pump at Killurin, area of charge Taghmon and Glynn Dispensary District.

Well and pump at Drinagh, area of charge Wexford Dispensary District.

Supply of Water at Berrmount, Clenroche dispensary district.

Guarantee for payment of £13, 13, 4d per annum for Oylegate telegraph Office-area of charge Enniswerthy Dispensary District.

Local Government Elections.

Under date 23rd September 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 143 M 1914 Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Order which they had made amending the rules in the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Ireland) Election Order of 1898, regarding the appointment of polling agents by Candidates for Election as Urban District Councillors and as Town Commissioners.

Marked "Read"

Rate Collection.

Under date 2nd November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 5835341914 Wexford County) that they had assented to the payment of poundage to Collector Sullivan on the collection of the poor rate in his district in respect of the half-year ended on the 30th September last.

Marked "Read"

Interest on Government Loans.

Under date 21st September, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 48575-1914, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Notice which has been issued by Treasury in regard to increases in Interest on loans obtained from the Treasury."

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Act 1903.

Under date 27th October 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 174 M., 1914) that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, the Motor Car Act 1903 was continued until 31st December 1915.

Marked "Read"

Audit of Accounts.

The Local Government Board wrote forwarding copies of reports of their Auditor, and Abstracts of Accounts, for half-year ended 31st March 1914, in respect of the following public bodies:-

Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council.

Gorey Union and Rural District Council.

New Ross Union and Rural District Council.

Wexford Union and Rural District Council.

Marked "read"

Leinster Winter Assizes.

Under date 2nd November 1914, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, wrote forwarding usual instructions as to Certificate of Expenses under section 19 of

Winter Assize Order in Council.

Marked "Read"

Sale of Food & Drugs.

Under date 24th October 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (letter No. G 4421-14) that three samples of butter taken by their officer in Gorey under above Acts were found to be pure on analysis .

Marked "Read"

Hay & Straw Revocation Order.

Under date 12th October 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarded Hay & Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Revocation Order of 1914 (No.2).

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

"That we protest against the action of the Department of Agriculture, in revoking the prohibition against the importation of hay and straw into this Country from Great Britain.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr James Cullen, Taghmon, wrote applying for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"On the motion of Mr J. J. Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford, the application was granted."

Motor Car Speed over County Bridges.

Under date 26th August 1914, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor :-

"referring to the resolution of the County Council adopted at their Meeting held on the 5th inst., instructing me to take the necessary steps to have a Bye law made limiting the speed of all motor and steam traffic over all the Bridges in this County to ten miles an hour, I write to say that I communicated with the Local Government Board, who would seem to be the Authority to make the requisite Bye Law or Regulation, on the matter, and I now enclose you a copy of the Board's reply.

As to the last paragraph of the letter I may remind you that we already have bye Laws under the Act and section the Board refers to."

The following was the letter of the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 17th instant, relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to limit the speed of all motor and steam traffic over all the bridges in the County to ten miles an hour.

With reference thereto I am to state that if it is intended to move the Board to make regulations fixing ten mile limits under section 9 (1) of the Motor Car Act 1903, application for that purpose should be made by the County Council, and the information indicated on annexed Memorandum should be furnished.

As regards locomotives which are not Motor Cars or light locomotives within the meaning of Section 20 of the Motor Car Act 1903, I am to call attention to the powers of the County Council under Section 6 of the Public Health (Ireland) Amendment Act 1879."

This matter had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee and they recommended that in view of the cost of local Enquiry the County Council should take no further action in the matter, the County Surveyor to procure from the Automobile Association Signs Marked "Drive Slowly" and which are to be erected on the County Bridges.

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

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

Deeps Bridge.

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

"That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs Kehoe, Cowman, Asple, Cloney, and Stafford, be appointed a Committee to inspect the paling at the Deeps Bridge on 25th November, and report to the meeting of the County Council on 2nd December.

That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, make arrangements to have this Bridge formally opened on 25th November, and that the Secretary communicate with the members of the Council, informing them of the hour and date."

Application to Road Board-Wexford Urban District.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from the Wexford Corporation and Wexford Harbour Board in respect of the rolling of the road from the North Railway Station to the Urban Boundary at Maudlintown, including the filling in of the Creseent Quay.

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

"That we approve of the application of the Wexford Corporation and Wexford Harbour Board, and request the County Surveyor to submit same for the favourable consideration of the Road Board."

Road Limits of Expenditure.

The Secretary stated that the Road limits for Gorey, New Ross and Wexford would expire in March 1915.

The limits were:-

Gorey.....	£3632.	10.	0
New Ross....	8741.	5.	0
Wexford.....	7935.	10.	0

The amount of Road Estimates agreed to by the Rural District Councils for financial year 1914-5 were:-

Gorey £7597. 0. 5d, New Ross £7178. 11. 6d, WExford £7489. 0. 0d,

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Rural District Council of Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford, and point out to them that the consent of the Local Government Board to the present road limits of expenditure expires in March 1915."

Irrecoverable Rates.

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

Collector N. O'H. Walsh:- Aghwilliam 136, Rathaspeck 220, 65, 268, Taghmon 142, 147, Wexford Rural 173.

Collector P. Rossiter:- Lady's Island 100, Rosslare 64, 274a, 296, St Helens 49, 50, 62a, 68.

Collector Gregory Rossiter:- Ardavan 8, Kilpatrick 53.

Collector J. F. Sullivan:- Castledockril 93, Killeoughrim 123, Kilrush 136, Moyacomb 137, Tembrack 22, 197, Newtownbarry 232, 238, .

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

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

Collector L. Lacy:- Ballyvaldon 249, Belaboy 177, Castle Ellis 148, 227.

Collector P. Nolan:- Ballyoughter 25, Ballyelis 22, Ballybeg 39, Kilcomb 215, 231, Monaseed 54, 75.

Collector J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 112, Courtown 166, 327, Gorey Rural 14, 206, Gorey Urban 243, Kilnahun 67.

Collector R. Earle:- Ballygarrett 96, Ford 62, Killenagh 122,

Collector E. Cummins:- Carnagh 38.

Collector J. Banville:- Carrigbyrne 137, Horretown 141, Kilgarvan 91.

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Inch 24, Tintern 21, 207, 253, 351, 378,

Collector J. Cogley:- Ballyhack 53, 62, Fethard 67.

On the motion of Mr Hearn. Seconded by Lord Stopford, the following resolution was adopted:-

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

That we agree to refunds of irrecoverable rates being made to the various Rate Collectors, as set out in the lists submitted by our Secretary."

Mr Cloney, Fethard Lifeboat House.

Mr Cloney, County Councillor, brought before the meeting the following letter from Mr G. L. Tayler, Estate Office, Fethard, Agent to the Marquis of Ely:

"With reference to our recent conversation re the above. The Marquis of Ely and his Trustees, suggested to the National Life Boat Institution that this house might be dedicated by the Institution and his Lordship for the use of the local fishermen who reside in the locality, to be used as a shelter and resting place for them especially in bad weather.

The Institution have replied they are inclined to consider the proposal favourably, and ask how the dedication should be carried out, and whether the gift would be appreciated by the Fishermen.

I shall feel obliged if you will bring the matter before the County Council at their next meeting, and ascertain whether they would be prepared to allow the property to be vested in them for the purpose mentioned, and that they would undertake to keep it in good order."

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

"That the matter be referred to the County Surveyor to report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

Light at Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Under date 29th October 1914, the following letter was read from Mr J. Allingham, Secretary to Waterford Harbour Board:-

"Referring to previous correspondence the Waterford Harbour Commission-

ers direct me to notify that after the end of next month they will discontinue the maintenance and lighting of the lamp at the head of Ballyhack Boat Slip, they not being now in any way responsible for the boat harbour at Ballyhack."

"Referred to County Surveyor for report."

Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations of the Meetings of Finance & Roads Committee held on 7th September, 2nd October, and 28th October:-

"That in future the County Surveyor furnish a copy of his monthly report to the Members of Finance & Roads Committee previous to Meeting."

"Amended claim of Mr Colhoun, Contractor for Ferrycarrig Bridge, to be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor."

"Recommending that owing to the manner in which a second dipping for Autumn period had been sprung upon sheep owners by the Department, no prosecutions be taken against owners of sheep who have dipped once during the period."

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to communicate with Messrs O'Flaherty as to preparing lease for Enniscorthy Courthouse premises from Lord Portsmouth to the Wexford Co Council on the terms of the resolution adopted by the Co Council at special Meeting on 13th October 1913."

"The suggestion of County Surveyor as to dumping material at Poulduff pier was approved."

"The County Surveyor was instructed to arrange the work of raising road at Farnogue so that one side of it would remain open for traffic."

"Approving of arrangement by County Surveyor with County Treasurer as to payments for wages for quarrymen, etc.,"

"Approving of provision of huts for quarrymen."

"Authorising Secretary to purchase duplicating machine cost not to exceed 25/-".

"Agreeing to extra clerical assistance in Co Surveyor's Office."

"Directing the County Surveyor to prepare a monthly synopsis of the work of the Assistant Surveyors."

"Directing County Surveyor and Senior Assistant Surveyor to keep diaries showing a record of their work, and submit same to the monthly meetings of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"Instructing the County Surveyor to lay before the December meeting of Finance & Roads Committee a statement showing the cost in the £ of upkeep

of roads in each district of the County, and the amount of rate in the £ of County Cess in the Standard year."

"Directing the County Surveyor to prepare a return of receipts and expenditure for all quarries worked by the County Council."

"Approving of application for Grant to the Road Board towards the reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge."

"Referring Report of Senior Assistant Surveyor re Road No. 205R (New Ross District) to the County Surveyor."

"Requesting the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send a representative to the November meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee with reference to the remuneration to be paid to the Veterinary Inspectors under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

"Instructing the Secretary to arrange for attendance of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, at the hearing of applications at petty sessions for the admission of children to Industrial Schools in cases which he considers should be investigated."

"That the County Surveyor and County Secretary be instructed to attend the meetings of the Rural District Councils at which the Report of Special Road Committee is to be considered."

"Requesting the Local Government Board to agree to payment of poundage to Collector Sullivan, who did not close his collection until 14th October."

"Approving of report from Kilmere Pier Committee that the recent work there had been carried out satisfactorily."

"Appointment of Mr M. J. O'Conner, Solicitor, to represent the County Council at the taxation of costs of Mr R. W. Elgee."

"On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Peacecke, the recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed."

Courtown Harbour.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended:-

"That the following suggestion of Courtown Harbour Committee be approved-

That commencing from January 1st 1915, the owners of large boats be called upon to pay monthly, and small boats quarterly, and that the Harbour Master be provided with proper demand notes that he can serve on owners of boats."

The following recommendation from Courtown Harbour Committee was also confirmed:-

"We recommend that Mr K. McNeill be elected a member of the Harbour Committee, in the place of Mr W. Gahan, resigned."

"The Committee also reported that Michael Wafer came before them, and explained that he had already paid 7/6 this year for dues, which is all that is due for the present year, and of the arrears 16/- was due on the boat when he got it from his late Uncle on his death 14 years ago."

Patrick Kenny explained to the Committee that his arrears 15/- was owing when the Co Council took over the control of the Harbour, and that last Winter he was unable to earn anything owing to the failure of the herring fishing, if the original debt of 15/- was remitted he would do his best to pay the balance in time."

"On the motion of Lord Stepford, seconded by the Chairman, Mr McNeill was appointed a member of Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Mr Gahan resigned."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with the owners of boats who are in arrears and endeavour to induce them to pay off their indebtedness."

"That the question of writing off a certain proportion of the arrears due by these boatowners be considered at the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"That the suggestion of the Courtown Harbour Committee as to preparation and service of demand notes on boatowners be agreed to."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That as recommended by the Proposal Committee, the payment of fixed items, viz:- Salaries, Collectors Poundage, Fees, etc., as submitted by the Secretary be made at this Meeting."

Enniscorthy Bridewell.

Mr H. Jameson Davis, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 9th November, asking for the use of the old bridewell at Enniscorthy Courthouse, as an armoury for the Enniscorthy Battalion of Volunteers of which he is in Command.

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

"That Mr H. Jameson Davis, be given permission to utilise the old Bridewell at Enniscorthy, as an armoury for the battalion of Volunteers which he commands, subject to the approval of Mr J. E. Barry, High Sheriff."

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, DUBLIN.

6th November 1914.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30th September 1914.

49 articles were received from the Feed Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	17
Whiskey	10
Buttermilk	9
Milk	7
Margarine	2
Rum	2
Cheese	1
Port Wine	1
Total	<u>49</u>

They were all pure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs and a specimen of tea were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

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

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, fifteen drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Total analyses..... 88.

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

Read Board & Mountgarrett Bridge.

Under date 2nd November 1914, the following letter was read from Mr H. P. Maybury, Manager of the Read Board:-

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultime, and to inform you that the Read Board regret they are unable to encourage your Council to apply for a Grant towards the cost of constructing the above-named

bridge.

The view of the Board is that any money which may be available for grants should not be applied to the cost of works for which the money can be borrowed from outside sources, and the repayments spread over a considerable number of years."

Marked "Read".

Irish County Councils' General Council.

The Secretary to the above wrote that the Annual Meeting would be held on 11th December, and stated that any questions which the Wexford County Council desire to raise thereat should be furnished before 26th November."

Marked "Read".

University Scholarships.

In connection with award of University Scholarship the following recommendations were presented by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to award provisional University Scholarships to Miss Anna M. Murphy, Bridge House, Gorey, Miss Marguerite M. Sears, Enniscorthy, John L. Beekey, Ferns, subject to their passing necessary matriculation examination.

That as Thomas J. O'Reurke failed to secure Honour Marks in Irish by only nine marks, we agree to a Scholarship being awarded to him provided he passes in Irish paper at Matriculation examination of National University, and which he intends to sit for on 15th inst., scholarship to be provisional on Mr Thomas J. O'Reurke passing matriculation examination.

"That we recommend the Co. Council to allow Miss Clare Kavanagh, Wexford, to compete for Scholarship for 1914-15, as she has secured first place in Ireland in the Senior Grade of the recent Intermediate Examinations, provided that she qualifies in Irish at the Matriculation Examination of 1915, of a University which has made Irish an essential subject for Matriculation and up to the time when specialization begins.

That of the four Scholarships to be awarded in 1915, so far as possible three be tenable by boys and one by girls.

That the balance of Scholarship after academic session be paid at the December Meeting of the Council.

That a clause be inserted in the Scheme specially excluding Arts Scholarship for any extension of usual three years period.

That in order to meet exceptional cases the provisions of the Scheme (except those dealing with the subjects for examination and award of marks)

may be varied by the Council, but such variation can be dealt with only on Notice of Motion to be considered at a County Council Meeting.

That no change be made as regards the present subjects for examination or award of marks."

"The Secretary reported that Miss Murphy, Mr O'Reurke, and Mr Beekey, had passed the matriculation examination of the National University, and had entered on the rolls of the College. He understood that Miss Sears had not sat for matriculation examination."

"A letter was read from the Hon Sec to the Railway Clerks' Association asking the Co Council to withdraw the time limit of five years for residence of parents or guardians of applicants for University Scholarships, as this clause practically debarred the children of Station Masters and Clerks located at Railway Stations from competing for Scholarships."

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

"That continuing Scholarships be awarded to Margaret Furlong, Mary J. Byrne, Geo. F. Duggan, John Connolly, Maurice Kinsella, Elizabeth Beekey, and continuing Bursaries to Phyllis Ryan and Thomas C. Hassett."

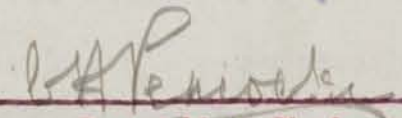
On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we agree to the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee dealing with the allocation of new Scholarships to Miss Anna M. Murphy, John L. Beekey, Thomas J. O'Reurke, and Miss M. Sears, provided the last named sits for matriculation in June 1915."

The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee with regard to Miss Clare Kavanagh, was agreed to on the motion of Mr Stafford seconded by Mr James Codd.

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

"That we agree to the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee as to the various changes in University Scholarship Scheme for next year, with the exception of the recommendation dealing with the allocation of three Scholarships to boys and one to girls, from which we dissent."

(Signed) 

Dated this 2nd day of December

Presiding Chairman.
1914.