

MEETING.- 12th NOVEMBER 1915.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 12th November 1915.

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

Other Members:- Messrs C H. Peacocke, P.O'Neill, M. Cloney, A. Kinsella, M. Codd, J. J. Stafford, N. J. Cowman, R. Scallan, L. Barry, P. Keating.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Co-option of Member vice Mr R. A. Rice, resigned.

In connection with co-option of Member vice Mr R. A. Rice, resigned, the following was read from a number of Clergy, District Councillors, and prominent ratepayers of Tintern Co. Division:-

"We the undersigned representing the electors of Tintern Co. Council Division, respectfully request you to elect Mr John J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, to represent us on the County Council, the representation of division being declared vacant on account of the much to be regretted resignation of Mr R. A. Rice.

Mr O'Byrne is an elector in the division and enjoys the confidence of all classes of the people, and we are confident that he will faithfully represent their interests as well as being a worthy member of your respected Council.

We feel assured that if a plebiscite were taken Mr O'Byrne would be practically the unanimous choice of the electors of the division."

A Memorial from the principal inhabitants of Tintern County Division in favour of the appointment of Mr J. J. O'Byrne as the representative of the County Division on the County Council was also read.

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

"That Mr John J. O'Byrne, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola, be co-opted a member of this County Council as the representative of Tintern County Division, vice Mr R. A. Rice resigned."

Approval of Mr P. Codd, as Rate Collector.

Under date 26th October 1915, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 56285-1915, approving of the appointment of Mr Patrick Codd, Woodlands, as Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District, vice Mr J. F. Sullivan, resigned.

Marked "Read"

Rate Collection.

Under date 9th November 1915, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter 59542-1915, Wexford County) that they regretted to note that the Collectors generally had made no effort to collect the rates in the early portion of the half-year, and that only two collectors had made any lodgment in respect of second moiety which was payable on the 1st October. The attention of the deputy Checkers should be drawn to Article 97 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, relative to the time within which they should furnish the necessary reports on the Collectors' Accounts.

"The Secretary stated that he had furnished copy of the letter of the Local Government Board to the Rate Collectors, and to the Deputy Checkers."

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to issue advertisement in local papers pointing out that the rates in respect of the current collection are due and payable immediately after 1st October last."

Administration Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 28th October 1915, (letter No. 57252-1915 Wexford Co.,) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding communications received by them from Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, relative to the form of record for Inspectors under the Sale of Food & Drugs Acts, and as to the quantities required of the several classes of food and drug samples for analytical purposes.

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

"That copy letter from the Local Government Board of 28th October, No. 57252 Wexford County, and copies of communications from Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, as to administration of Food & Drugs Acts, be forwarded the County Inspector, R. I. C., for his observations."

Under date 11th October 1915, the Department of Agriculture and

Technical Instruction, wrote, (letter No. G 3966-15) that they would have pleasure in complying with the request of the Finance & Roads Committee in regard to communicating the result of the analysis of samples to the Council in cases of alleged offences under the Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Marked "Read".

Local Government Board-Sealed Orders.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order (under date 29th September 1915-No. 49629-1915) in connection with Section 49 of Post Office Act 1908 in respect of Rural District of New Ross.

Under same date the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order (No. 49629-1915) stating that the Rural District of Enniscorthy was to be the area of charge for undertaking to pay the Postmaster General a sum not exceeding £5. 6. 8d per annum for any loss sustained by Post Office in connection with telegraphic business at Rathnure Post Office.

Under date 18th October 1915, the Local Government Board forwarded (No. 54098-1915) Sealed Order determining that the Rural District of New Ross should be the area of charge for pump at Templeudigan.

Marked "Read".

Audits of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor, and Abstracts of Accounts, of the following County Bodies in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1915::

Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council.

New Ross Union and Rural District Council.

Wexford Union and Rural District Council.

Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum.

Co Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, (also for half year ended September 1915).

Co Wexford Tuberculosis Management Committee, (also for half-year ended 30th September 1915).

Marked "Read".

Government Grant under Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 18th October 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 7384 : 1915 Wexford County) that directions had been given for the payment of £61, 15. 1d from Exchequer Grant, being final payment, due the County Council in respect of year ended 31st March 1915, relative to Tuberculosis Scheme of the Council.

Marked Read.

Hay & Straw-Prohibition of Movement-Order.

Under date 29th October 1915, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, forwarded Hay & Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Order of 1915, (No. 440) prohibiting the landing of hay and straw brought from Great Britain into Ireland unless in particular cases expressly provided for under the Order.

Marked "Read"

Veterinary Dispensary Scheme.

In connection with the request of the County Council that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction should promote legislation to allow of Veterinary Dispensary Scheme being included in County Schemes, the Department wrote under date 20th October 1915, (No. A.18044-15) forwarding copy of the following letter which they had addressed to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on the subject:-

"Adverting to the Minutes of proceedings of the Wexford County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, at their meeting on the 25th August last, relative to the question of promoting legislation with a view to having the Scheme of Veterinary Dispensaries legally included in County Schemes, I have to state that the Department regret that they cannot see their way to entertain the proposal of the Committee as they consider action in the matter as inopportune at the present juncture, both in regard to the difficulty of legislation and the increased taxation involved."

"No Order."

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1915.

Under date 18th October 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (No. 3674-1915) as follows:-

"Having regard to the suspension of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1915 as from 1st ultimo, I have to advert to previous correspondence relative to the remuneration of officers of your Local Authority for duties under the Order during the current year.

The sanction of the Department has been given to the proposal that the five Veterinary Inspectors should each be paid a sum of £40 and the Clerk of the Local Authority a sum of £15 in respect of the period from 1st January to 31st December 1915, but, as the duties under the Order have now ceased for the time being, it appears desirable to direct your Local Authority's attention to the question whether payment at these rates should not cease also as from the date on which the Order was suspended or such later date as the

Officer concerned had duty to perform with a previously reported case of bovine tuberculosis. The question of the cessation of such special allowances was referred to in the concluding paragraph of the Department's circular letter of 24th August last,, but, so far as the Department are aware, no action in the matter has yet been taken by the Local Authority for County Wexford."

"The Secretary stated that he had informed the Veterinary Inspectors that in accordance with the instructions of the Department remuneration could be paid under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1915 only up to 1st September last, the date of its suspension."

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

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be informed that on receipt of their Circular letter of 24th August last dealing with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1915, notice was served on the officers mentioned in their letter of 18th October last (3674-1915) that the County Council would be responsible for remuneration to these officers under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order only up to 1st September or such later date as any of these officers had duties to perform under the Order said duties arising out of work performed before 1st September last."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 31st October, Mr Arthur J Quirke, Co Council University Scholarship Holder, wrote asking that the amount of Scholarships should be paid to the students at the beginning of each session, or else hand it over to the Bursar, University College, Dublin, to be paid in four quarterly instalments.

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

"That Mr Quirke be informed that the County Council cannot see their way to make any departure from the method of payment provided by their University Scholarship Scheme."

Under date 20th October 1915, Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote stating that Mr Nicholas P. Corish, was anxious to appear before the County Council, and put his views before them, in connection with the refusal of the Council toward a University Scholarship to his son.

With reference to the resolution of the County Council refusing to award a University Scholarship to Mr N. P. Corish, Talbot Street, Wexford, on the ground that his father was in a position to provide a University Course for him, a letter was read from Mr N. Corish (father of Mr N. P. Corish) pointing out that although he had expectations of receiving a legacy from United States of America, up to the present and so far as he could see this legacy owing to American legal methods might not be paid for some years. In view of this and especially in view of the undertaking which he had given to the County Council through his Solicitors (Messrs Huggard & Brennan) that should the expected legacy come to hand he was prepared to immediately relieve the Co Council of all financial responsibility in connection with the Scholarship, he thought it was manifestly unfair that his son who had won his Scholarship fairly and squarely should be passed over. His present financial position was considerably less than the parents of the other children to whom Scholarships had been awarded.

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

"That the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed:- That in view of the statements made by Mr N. Corish, in his letter of 10th November, and of the fact that a vacancy exists under University Scholarship Scheme, owing to Mr T. J. O'Rourke having obtained a Commission in His Majesty's Forces, ^{We award} a University Scholarship to Mr N. P. Corish, subject to the undertaking given in letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, that should Mr Corish receive expected legacy from the United States of America this Council is to be relieved of all financial responsibility in respect of said Scholarship."

An application was received from Mrs O'Rourke, St Peter's Square, Wexford, for payment of balance of £8. 10/- on foot of University Scholarship awarded her son-Mr T. J. O'Rourke.

"The Secretary stated that Mr O'Rourke had enlisted on 25th April, and their Council at their Meeting in May passed the following resolution:-

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

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

"That as Mr T. J. O'Rourke, had almost completed his University Course before obtaining a Commission in His Majesty's Forces, as recommended by

Finance & Roads Committee we agree to payment of £8. 10:0 to him, and which sum has been set aside in University Scholarship Scheme for payment of entrance fees and travelling expenses."

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

"That continuing University Scholarships be granted the following:-

John Connolly, Trinity Street, Wexford.

Maurice Kinsella, Old Pound, "

Elizabeth Bookey, Newtownbarry.

John L. Bookey, Ferns.

Anne M. Murphy, Gorey.

Marguerite Sears, Enniscorthy.

Irish County Councils General Council.

Under date 25th September 1915, the Secretary Irish County Councils General Council wrote that the Annual Meeting would be held on 10th December, and that notices of any questions that the Council desire to have discussed at the meeting should reach him before 25th November.

"No Order".

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

An application for a licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, was read from Mr J. N. Greane, 10 George Street, Enniscorthy.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Cloney, it was decided that the application be granted."

Screenings at Quarries.

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to inform the County Council if they can sell to the general public any surplus screenings, over and above what will be required in the opinion of the County Surveyor for the metalling of the roads. These screenings have so accumulated at some of the quarries that unless the Co Council can sell them they will have to employ persons to draw them from the quarries in which they will soon form an obstruction."

Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Under date 25th October 1915, the following letter from Mr R. Colhoun, Londonderry, contractor for erection of Ferrycarrig Bridge, to Mr

Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, was read--

"Referring to your letter of 18th June 1915, and previous correspondence, although I consider the Council have treated me very badly in this matter, in order to have the matter settled without further delay I will accept the £1364. 1. 8d in full settlement of my claim for balance due me.

Messrs J. & J. Cooke, Strand Road, Londonderry, and Messrs Mouchel & Partners, Ltd., have been paid their claims and they have written the Council to cancel their "Charge" on the monies due to me.

With regard to the Patent Shaft & Axle Tree Co's Account £194. 14. 9d, I presume the Council have paid this amount to them, so that this amount will be deducted from the balance due me-£1364. 1. 8d- which leaves the nett ~~an~~ amount now due me £1169. 6. 11d, and I shall be glad to have cheque for this amount as early as possible.

Your kind attention will much oblige."

At their Meeting of the 12th November, the Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Council at their Meeting of 21st August 1914, offered Mr Colhoun a sum of £1364. 1. 8d in full settlement of his claim on foot of contract for erection of Ferrycarrig Bridge, and that as the County Surveyor on behalf of Mr Colhoun, has paid £191, 8. 9d to the Patent Shaft and Axle Tree Co., we hereby agree to offer to Mr Colhoun a sum of £1172. 12. 11d in full settlement of his claim, and that the County Surveyor submit a statement to the Local Government Board explaining the delay which has occurred in dealing finally with this matter.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to bring in a Proposal for £105. 6. 0 to cover extras, etc., in connection with contract for erection of Ferrycarrig Bridge."

Rates Exemption.

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

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

Collector N. O'H. Walsh:- Aghwilliam 111, Rathaspeck 87, 217, Forth 135, 152, Wexford Rural 171, Taghmon 73, 150.

Collector G. Rossiter:- Artramont 17, 153.

Collector N. Moore:- Harpurstown 138, Kilcowan 34, Killag 233.

Collector F. Blake:- Kilmore 46, 523, 566, Newcastle 37, Tomhaggard 52.

Collector P. Rossiter:- Drinagh, 44, 52a, Lady's Island 99, 207, Rosslare 55, 66, 256, 277a, 298.

Collector J. Cummins:- Ferns 172.

Collector J. Sinnott:- Ballyhogue 327, Bree 6, 44, 233, The Leap 92, 153.

Collector P. Redmond:- Kilmallock 159.

Collector L. Lacey:- Castle Ellis 147.

Collector P. J. Nolan:- Ballyoughter 30, Ballybeg 62, Kilcomb 61, 180, 220, 231, Monaseed 138.

Collector J. C. Smith:- Ardamine 113, Ballycanew 59, Courtown 166, 328, Gorey Rural 14, 215, Gorey Urban 453, Kilnahue 57.

Collector J. L. Doyle:- Tintern 21, 175, 207, 253, 380.

Collector J. Cogley:- Ballyhack 87, Fethard 177, 366, 378, Templetown 138, 147, 363.

"That the Chairman be empowered to sign claims for refund of Irrecoverable Rates to all Collectors as submitted to this meeting by our Secretary."

Application for Increase of Salary.

An application from Mr T. Frizelle, Accountant of the County Council for an increase in his salary of £80 was read.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That we recommend the County Council to increase the salary of Mr T. Frizelle, Accountant of the Council, from £80 to £100 per annum, increase to date from 13th November 1915."

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

Equipment Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1915.

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

"That in consequence of the suspension of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1915, we hereby instruct our Secretary to request Mr R. Malone V.S., to place in the custody of the Secretary, Microscope and apparatus obtained for use in connection with said Order."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That Proposals for Works Nos 1 Arthurstown Pier-£50, No. 2 Wexford Bridge -£50, (3) Kilmore Pier -£50, (4) Final payment Ferryarrig Bridge-£105. 6: 0, (5) Fencing and opening Co Council Quarries-£50, be given in charge of County Surveyor."

Recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee Meeting, of 20th October, was laid before the Meeting:-

Printing Contract-Franchise:- "We recommend the County Council to pay Messrs English & Co., Printers for Parliamentary Register, a sum of £75 on foot of work performed by them up to 1st August 1915, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cloney."

(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

dated this *22* day of *Dec*

1915.