

MEETING. 8th November 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday, 8th November 1921.

Present:- Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) James Hall, P. O'Byrne (Camolin) D. Kavanagh, Seumas Doyle, P. Lennon, E. Foley, J. Cummins, Michael Doyle, M. Cloney, R. Corish, Simon Kehoe, C. Culleton, C. McCarthy.

Messrs. T. A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary, and W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Foley, the Chair was taken by Mr. John J. O'Byrne.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Payment of Rates to Bank.

Mr. C. McCarthy moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That as from this date we insist on Ratepayers paying their Rates in all cases to the duly appointed Rate Collectors of the Council".

The following letter from the National Bank, Ltd., was read:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I beg to say I am making every effort in my power to meet the wishes of the Council as to the particulars they require entered in their Pass Books, but I find most of the people lodging rates from time to time very reluctant to give the necessary information".

After discussion during which it was pointed out that under the British Local Government Acts it was open to any Ratepayer who wished to pay his rates direct to the Banking Company acting as Treasurer of the Council, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That this matter be referred to the Local Government Department for instructions. That a special meeting of the Council be convened to consider same as soon as reply has been received from the Local Government Department".

Application Leave of Absence- S. Hayes, Clerk
in Secretary's Office.

The following letter was read from Mr. S. Hayes, Clerk in Secretary's Office:-

"I have to inform you that owing to the undertaking of certain work of national importance I will not be in a position to resume work for an indefinite period, beginning on to-morrow November 8th 1921.

Should the state of the Country however, become normal once more, I should be ~~only~~ too pleased to resume duties.

Hoping this step will not cause you any inconvenience, and thanking you for your kindness and reasonableness at all times".

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Lennon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We agree to leave of absence being granted to Mr. Stephen Hayes until the next meeting of the Council, when his application will again be considered. That the question of the payment of his salary in respect of the interval between this and the next meeting be also considered at said meeting, which will also consider the question of the further payment of his salary should additional leave of absence be granted".

Offices of County Council.

It was pointed out that the present offices of the Council in the Union were unsuitable.

On the motion of the Chairman, the undermentioned committee were appointed to consider the question of office premises, and to suggest alternative accommodation. The Council understand that the rent of suitable offices would be a charge on the British Authorities who had commandeered the County Hall for an R.I.C. Barracks.

Committee

Messrs. R. Corish, C. McCarthy, E.P. Foley, D. Kavanagh, W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, and T.A. Frizelle, Acting Secretary.

Food & Drugs Inspectorships.

A discussion took place as to above appointments.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. S. Doyle the matter was referred to Mr. Lennon M.C.C. who will report to next meeting as to Republican Police taking up the work.

Coronership- South Wexford.

On the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request Dail Eireann to forward an early reply to the Council's enquiry as to the position of Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, who has not resigned his J.P ship, although directed to do so by the County Council. That An Dail be informed that the County Council are in favour of his dismissal".

University Scholarships.

The following reports of the Registrar University College, Dublin, regarding progress of Students holding Scholarships from the County Council were read:-

"I beg to report as under on the following students holding Scholarships from Wexford County Council in Session 1920-21:-

Carty, James. Passed the first University Examination in Arts, Summer 1921.

Doyle, Julia. Passed the B.Sc., Honours degree Examination., Autumn, 1921 with First Class Honours.

Fortune, Johanna, B.Sc. Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination, Summer 1921, with Second Class Honours.

Hayden, James. This student entered for the First University Examination in Engineering, Autumn 1921, but did not present himself for examination.

Kehoe, Ellen T. passed the B.A. Honours Degree Examination, Autumn 1921, with First Class Honours in French and Irish.

Lambert Thomas J. passed the Second University Examination in Engineering, Summer 1921, with Second Class Honours.

McAuliffe William. Passed the First University Examination in Arts, Summer 1921, with Second Class Honours in Irish.

Moore, Myles. Passed with Honours the Second Year College Examination in Commerce, Summer 1921.

- O'Connor James. This student entered for the Second University Examination in Medicine, Autumn 1921, but was absent from the examination.
- O'Neill Patrick. Failed the Second University Examination in Engineering, Autumn 1921.
- O'Rourke, Mary E.P. Failed at the First University Examination in Arts, Summer 1921.
- Ryan, William M.
B. Comm Did not present for the M. Comm., Degree this year.
- Sinnott, Peter J. Failed in Part 11 of the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Autumn 1921.
- Sullivan, Leo. Passed the First University Examination in Science, Summer 1921, with First Class Honours, in Chemistry and Second Class Honours in Experimental Physics.
- Travers John J. Passed the Third University Examination in Medicine, Autumn 1921.
- Walsh, Laurence J. Passed the First University Examination in Arts, Summer 1921, with First Class Honours, in Latin and Second Class Honours in Irish, English, and French.
- Whelan, Anna, B.A. Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination, Summer 1921, with Second Class Honours.

The following letter was read from Mr. James Hayden:-

"I have received your letter of November 2nd. It is true I was not successful in the examination held in University College. It is not true, however, that I did not present myself for examination. I was present at the first examination, viz:- Chemistry, and signed the roll. As the paper was an extraordinary hard one, and I was off colour and far from well, I failed to answer any question on the paper. When the Physics exam came on in the afternoon I was sick and unable to attend., the same applies to the next exam, practical physics. This left me to have failed in physics. I could have passed in Chemistry or physics if I had enough marks in the practical but, being absent from both theoretical and practical physics left me to fail in it and therefore, in the whole examination. As it was useless to think of passing then I did what half the first year students of

the Faculty did, i.e. I gave up the examination. I came to the city with a certainty of passing, got cold in the train journey, turned up for the first exam when I should have been in bed, and was then laid up for three days as well as failing in the examination. In conclusion I would like to ask what effect this will have in the tenure of my scholarship".

Miss Mary E. P. O'Rourke wrote as follows:-

"In reference to your letter of the 2nd, concerning my Scholarship, I wish to point out that I was only weak in one subject, Latin, which I commenced but six months previously. With regard to my other subjects, I fulfilled the necessary obligations and succeeded in obtaining high marks in them all.

In my interview with the President, Dr. Coffey, he said my capabilities were such that I could take out my degree in the usual time, as I am attending my second year lectures, and will present myself for both first and second year exams. at the end of the session.

In the event of my Scholarship being withdrawn, it would put an end to my University career, as my people are not in a position to support me as a University student.

Hoping this matter will obtain due consideration before the Council".

Mr. Peter Sinnott wrote as follows--

"Owing to the fact that I am doing a course in Science (Agricultural) in University College, Dublin, my Scholarship is tenable. for four years. In June 1922 I shall be able to complete part 2 Agricultural Science and Part 1 of the final exam.

I trust that you will continue my Scholarship as otherwise I will have to terminate my studies".

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Foley it was decided that the application of Peter Sinnott for Scholarship for fourth year be refused.

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

"That Scholarship to James Hayden be not renewed as the Council consider he should have forwarded a medical certificate to University

Authorities at the time he states he was ill and unable to attend for examination".

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

"That scholarships be renewed in the following cases:-
Thomas J. Lambert, Wm. McAuliffe, Myles Moore, Patrick O'Neill,
May E.P. O'Rourke, Leo Sullivan and Laurence J. Walsh".

The following letter was read from Mr. J.J. Travers:-

"In reference to the discussion at the last meeting of your County Council when my application for an extension of my scholarship was brought forward, I wish to make some observations and I would be greatly obliged if you would bring same before your next meeting.

The scheme under which I got my scholarship in 1917 allowed of extensions in such cases as the Council would think fit. After obtaining the scholarship I decided upon doing medicine, my principal reason being that I thought I would be most successful at that profession. On reading the syllabus issued by the College Authorities I was led to believe that same would not be so expensive. The following from a diary of mine in 1917 will show that my computation of my expenses for the 5 years was--
first and second years £70 each, third, fourth and fifth years £80 each. Total £380. The following in rough figures my real expenditure for the first four years:-

First year £90, second £100., third £110., fourth £130., and I estimate that this year will cost me at least £150 making a total of £580. This of course does not include the cost of equipping with the necessary paraphernalia of the medical man after I am qualified. To quote from the "Lancet" (a well known medical Journal) in an issue in 1919:- "No parent should think of sending his son to qualify as a medical man without being prepared to expend the sum of £1,000 on that qualification".

It cannot be said that I have been extravagant, in fact I could nearly challenge any Doctor in Ireland to beat the small amount I have already expended for my first four years. Nor

can anyone say that I have wasted the Council's money., on the contrary few of your scholarship holders have been more successful and none more keen to a sense of justice. The old Council gave extensions for such branches as Commerce which amounted to nothing more than the scholarship holders obtaining positions as accountants, and I think I am not unreasonable when, after my successful four years I apply for an extension in a branch of education which is of undoubted merit to the well being of the nation, especially when I think of the several students who made no avail of the money of the ratepayers allotted to them, some of them while also deriving money from other sources.

What, I wonder, would your Council think of me had I taken up some study other than medicine and have been a failure"?

With reference to the statement that my father has a couple of shops in Gorey and to other statements made, I am sure local Councillors can contradict them. Into further detail on these points I do not wish to go as I presume exhaustive enquiries are being made".

Needless to say, I beg to take this opportunity to thank the Council for their past grateful favours and I trust they will deal justly with my present application".

Mr. John J. Byrne, M.C.C. Raheen, Camolin, wrote as follows--

"re Scholarship extension to Mr. Travers, on enquiry Messrs. Travers are too able to pay. (2) Without enquiry - from a ratepayer's point of view - I am opposed to extension and will support Mr. Doyle's argument".

Mr. P. Byrne proposed that the extension be granted to Mr. Travers.

There was no seconder.

Mr. Michael Doyle proposed and Mr. Simon Kehoe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That application of Mr. J.J. Travers for extension of his Scholarship for fifth year be refused".

County Contributions to Chair of Agriculture
in University College, Dublin.

The following was read from Irish Co. Cols. General council:-

"During the years 1917 and 1918 the General Council of County Councils urged on the Governing Body of the College of the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture. Eventually, the Governing Body agreed to establish the Chair but stated that the funds at their disposal were inadequate for the purpose. The General Council, therefore, guaranteed that the County Councils would contribute one-half the cost, and it was decided to ask each Council to contribute £20 per annum for this purpose. This undertaking was again approved of by the General Council in September last year. The funds contributed by the Councils in 1918 and 1919 have been sufficient to carry out the undertaking up to the end of last year, but the contribution for the current year is still unpaid. I am directed therefore, to ask you to bring this matter before the next meeting of your Council.

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was agreed that the £20 towards the Chair of Scientific Agriculture be paid.

Union Amalgamation.

The following letter from the Local Government Department under date 25th October 1921 No. E/656 was read:-

"I have to inform you that the Amalgamation Scheme drafted at a recent meeting of the County Wexford Amalgamation Committee, provided for a County Hospital at Wexford and a small cottage Hospital at Gorey, is now approved of by the Department. It is to be understood, however, that the Cottage Hospital at Gorey will be strictly confined to a limited number of beds for urgent cases, the number to be fixed by the Public Health Committee in consultation with a Medical Inspector from the Department. I have therefore to inform you that the constitution of the Public Health Committee as agreed to on the 30th August 1921 is hereby approved.

With regard to arrangement with the Houghton Authorities in New Ross, as soon as the Public Health Committee have made definite arrangements with this Body, such arrangements are to be submitted to the Department for Formal Approval".

The following letter from Dr. W. Murphy, Secretary of the

County Medical Association was read--

"At a meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford held yesterday in Enniscorthy, Drs. S.A. Hickey, of New Ross and M.W. Kelly, Killanne, were unanimously appointed to represent the County Wexford Doctors on the Public Health Committee, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:-

"That the meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford, bearing in mind the extreme importance to the public and the profession of the contemplated change in Poor Law administration in County Wexford involving the abolition of the existing Hospitals which we strongly disapprove of - would urge on Dail Eireann and the Board of Guardians the desirability of postponing the medical side of the amalgamation question until a commission representative of all the interests concerned has considered and reported on the whole matter".

The following letter was read from Clerk of New Ross Board of Guardians:-

"I am to inform you that at the meeting of the Board of Guardians held to-day, Mr. P. Lynch (Chairman) Priory Street, New Ross was appointed to attend next meeting of New Public Health Committee in connection with Amalgamation Scheme.

Mr. M. Byrne, (Chairman of the New Ross Rural District Council) Ballinaborna, Ballywilliam, New Ross is also by right of office a Member of the Committee.

If you think letters would not reach Messrs. Lynch & Byrne in time, I would suggest that you wire each of them of place and hour of meeting."

The following was read from the Town Clerk of New Ross:-

"Your letter of the 20th instant asking to have a representative from New Ross appointed in connection with the Scheme of Union Amalgamation was considered by my Council at their meeting held last evening, but they declined to appoint one".

The following was read from Gorey Board of Guardians:-

"I submitted yur letter re formation of Co. Health Committee and the appointment of representative from Guardians and Council to the meeting on Saturday.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Lacey it was unanimously decided "that no representative from either this Board or Council be appointed to act on the Co. Health Committee until organised labour gets representation thereon".

The Clerk of the Wexford Union forwarded the following resolution of his Board--

"I am directed by the Board of Guardians to forward you, to be laid before the Co, Council, the following copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by them at their meeting on last Saturday--

"that we, the members of the Wexford Board of Guardians, demand that Labour be represented officially on the Public Health Committee formed in connection with the Amalgamation Scheme. That we suggest that four official representatives be appointed, two to be nominated by the Wexford Trades Council, and two representatives of rural labour, one from North Wexford and one from South Wexford, to be nominated by the Transport and General Workers' Union".

The Mayor stated that the Wexford Corporation were not satisfied with a representation of any two in the Public Health Committee. After discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr. Foley seconded by Mr. Culleton that the following be the Co. Council representatives on the Public Health Committee. As Mr. Foley appointed at last meeting did not wish to act on the Committee and Mr. Culleton represented the Wexford Rural District Council Messrs. Cloney M.C.C. J.J. O'Byrne M.C.C. (Cushinstown) James Shannon, M.C.C. D. Kavanagh M.C.C. J. Pender M.C.C. J.J. O'Byrne M.C.C. (Ballyduff) Michael Doyle M.C.C. and J. Walsh M.C.C.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton the following were appointed as the four persons nominated by the County Council on the Committee:-

Dr. Ryan, Messrs. J. M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross, Thomas Neville, Duncormick and James Connors, Gorey.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to point out to the Gorey and Wexford Board of Guardians that Labour is well represented on the Public Health Committee as already constituted. Mr. Corish gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting that the number of Representatives from the Town of Wexford be

increased from two to four. Mr. Culleton gave notice that he would move at next meeting that labour be represented officially on the Public Health Committee.

Appointment of Co. Infirmary Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by the Chairman, the Rev. Canon Rennison was appointed a member of County Infirmary Committee vice Archdeacon Latham resigned.

Rate Collection.

The Acting Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

The members expressed satisfaction that the amount outstanding in respect of period ended 31st March 1921 (£2521) was smaller than they anticipated it would have been.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman the following were appointed as Committee to meet the collectors and instruct them to expedite their Collection in respect of period ended 30th September 1921 (Messrs. E.P. Foley, R. Corish and C. Culleton)

The Acting Secretary reported that few of the Collectors had completed their Bonds. On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that Collectors be directed to complete their Bonds forthwith.

In connection with accounts of Mr. Sullivan, Collector of the old Rate for No. 21 District, regarding whom a report as to an apparent deficiency of £158. 19. 8 had been considered at last meeting of the County Council from Mr. M.J. Finn, Deputy Checker, New Ross. Mr. Finn now reported that Mr. M. Sullivan called upon him and stated that a good number of receipts were lost off the books.

On the motion of Mr. Foley seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Finn, deputy Checker arrange to have a examination of the accounts with those engaged on the work in No. 21 District. That he obtain particulars of all cases in which it is stated receipts have been lost off the books. That the exact amount of the deficiency (if any) found to exist after the check be

reported by the Deputy Checker to the County Council and the Inspector of the Local Government Department. That the Deputy Checker arrange to have the examination of the books carried out at once in order that his report may be considered at a Special Meeting of the County Council to be held in a week to consider Rate Collection

Rate Collectorship- No. 15 District.

The following letter was read from the Local Government department under date 28th October No. 14689/21 Wexford County:-

"I enclose, to be laid before the Wexford County Council a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Kathleen McGrath in regard to the appointment of a Rate Collector for the Gorey District, and I will be glad to be furnished with the Council's observations in the matter.

"On the 4th January this year, I was appointed Rate Collector by the Wexford County Council, for the following Electoral Divisions, Courtown, Ballycanew, Gorey Urban and Rural Ardamine and Kilnahue Districts. Subsequently, my house was three times invaded by forces of British Military and Police in quest of my appointment forms and Rate Books. In a letter, dated September 9th from the Council Offices, I was informed that the Council had decided not to have the rates collected until the Books would be forwarded to me, and asking whether myself or my husband (who was then undergoing a sentence of 12 months H.L. in Wormwood Scrubs, London) wished to hold the position. I informed them I wished to hold it myself until my husband returned. Great was my surprise when I saw my position advertised in the local papers of September 24th.

My husband, who had then returned, having finished his sentence, applied for the position. He is a wearer of the An Fainne for years and in the examination which was conducted by two Dail Eireann Inspectors, he secured first place, Nevertheless another Candidate has been appointed.

I appeal to you for justice in respect of this position".

On the motion of Mr. Foley seconded by Mr. McCarthy the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Inspector of the Local Government Department be given full particulars regarding the case for transmission to the Local

Government Department. That it be pointed out that Mrs. McGrath never made any attempt to collect the March 1921 Rate".

The following letter from Mr. Michael McGrath was read:-

"I herewith make objection to the appointment as Rate Collector of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, which appointment was made on October 12th on the grounds that the successful candidate canvassed".

The letter not having been received in time for Agenda consideration of same was adjourned to next meeting.

Mr. Luke Smith.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned the case of Mr. Luke Smith to whom he considers a grave injustice has been done regarding his appointment to Rate Collectorship by the Council and which he subsequently relinquished at the request of the Council. He thought Mr. Smith should be promised the next vacancy which offered of Rate Collector.

payment to Car Owners.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Foley the County Surveyor was authorised to certify payment up to £180 to Car Owners in respect of cartage work carried out at Ferrybank.

Messrs. Thompsons' Account.

The County Surveyor was authorised to certify payment to Messrs. Thompson, Dublin for two trailers which have been delivered.

Seal to Agreement.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman to affix the seal of the Council to the agreement with Dublin & S. E. Railway Co. as to repairs to overline bridges.

Application for Payment of Income Tax.

The Comptroller of Income Tax wrote demanding £4.0. 6 and threatening proceedings which may involve heavy costs. It was unanimously decided to refuse payment.

Ex-Collector J. C. Smith.

The following letter which was considered at last meeting was mentioned by some members:-

"The Gorey District Council has passed the following resolution in reference to Mr. J.C. Smith ex-rate Collector with a request

that you bring it before the next finance meeting of the County Council

"that we, the members of the Gorey District Council regard the action of the County Council in refusing to grant any superannuation to Mr. J.C. Smith, Rate Collector as rather drastic, and we would ask them to reconsider their decision. Mr. Smith has always been a most energetic Rate Collector and he is now solely dependent on whatever the County Council may grant them. That we instruct our representative on the County Council to move that Mr. Smith be now granted a superannuation".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That the Gorey Board of Guardians be informed that the application of Mr. Smith for superannuation has not been definitely refused but same has been adjourned until the Government of the Country is allowed to function without outside interference".

Appointment of Daniel Byrne.

The following letter was read from the Local Government Department under date 20th October No. 13311/21 Wexford County:-

"I am in receipt of replies to queries respecting the proposed appointment of Mr. Daniel Byrne of Coolnaleen, Camolin, as rate Collector in Wexford County, and I desire to inform you that the Ministry for Local Government have approved of the employment of Mr. Byrne and the payment of Poundage at the rate of 7d in the £ on amounts collected and lodged by him to the credit of the Council".

Applications by Road Contractors.

The following Road Contractors appeared before the Meeting complaining they had been insufficiently paid in respect of ordinary Road Contracts and Sub Contracts.

Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge and

Nicholas Murphy, McMurroughs, New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Corish it was decided to refer the claims to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Philip Lennon, James Hall, E.P. Foley, C. McCarthy, Simon Kehoe and P. O'Byrne. The report of the Committee to be submitted to next meeting of the Council.

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SPECIAL MEETING. 22nd November 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford, on Tuesday 22nd November 1921 to consider the following notice of motion by Councillor Foley:-

"That we call upon An Dail to act on the resolution passed by this County Council and other Public Bodies, demanding the withdrawal of the Plenipotentiaries until the Prisoners are released".

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) presided, and the other Members present were:-

Alderman Corish, T.D. Messrs. E. Foley, C. McCarthy, M. Redmond, M. Cloney, M. Doyle, and C. Culleton.

A telegram was read from Mr. Seumas Doyle, T.D. strongly supporting the motion.

Mr. Foley, in moving his motion, stated that the resolution passed by the County Council sometime ago had not resulted in the prisoners being released. He considered that Public Bodies should insist upon the withdrawal of the Plenipotentiaries until the prisoners are released.

Mr. McCarthy in seconding referred to the barbarous treatment meted out to the prisoners. Since the truce the prisoners had been treated like dogs. They should not forget the thousands of their fellow countrymen in the jails and internment camps and the sufferings they had endured for several months past. Copies of the resolution should be sent to An Dail and the plenipotentiaries in London.

Mr. Redmond strongly supported the resolution, which was approved by the other members present, and carried unanimously.

Coronership - South Wexford.

Under date 16th November 1921 the following letter No. K/153 was read from the Local Government Department:-

"With reference to Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner, I have to request you to again ask Mr. Roche to resign his position as J.P.

I desire to point out that in case of refusal serious action will be taken".

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. J.J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, be notified that unless he resigns his J.P. ship by the 1st December 1921, his position as Coroner for South Wexford, shall be determined".

Rates on Land & Buildings.

Reference was made to the statement of Mr. Belton at the recent meeting of the County Wexford Farmers' Association, criticising the action of the County Council in striking a flat rate for land and buildings in respect of the year ending 31st March 1922.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Acting Secretary was directed to send a newspaper cutting of Mr. Belton's statement to the Local Government Department, and ascertain from that Department particulars as to Mr. Belton's bona fides.

Office Accommodation.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Mr. Cloney, it was decided that no change be made in the present office accommodation of the Council at the Wexford Union but that the requisite oil lamps and oil stoves be obtained for the lighting and heating of that portion of the premises, utilised as the offices of the Council.

Voters' Lists.

The following letter under date 17th November 1921 was read from Mr. Philip Lennon, New Ross--

"There is no objection to the Lists being prepared in the usual way, as a matter of fact we desire to have those lists prepared, as we may require them for our own use, with regard to Jurors' Lists however no help should be given in the preparation of these Lists. We should oppose their preparation as much as possible".

The Acting Secretary stated that he had received instructions from the Local Government Department that the Voters' Lists were not to be prepared.

It was decided that Mr. Lennon's letter be referred to the Local Government Department.

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 17th November 1921 the following letter was read from Mr. Philip Lennon, New Ross:-

"A circular has been issued etc., by the Minister for Local Government to all County Councils in this matter.

The County Council should appoint an Inspector of their own to carry out provisions of the Act. The Republican Police will give the Inspector every possible assistance".

It was decided that no action be taken as regards appointment of Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts, pending the receipt of the circular referred to in Mr. Lennon's communication.

Rate Collection.

Consideration of the state of the Rate Collection and the interviewing of the 21 Rate Collectors was referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Foley, McCarthy, M. Redmond and the Acting Secretary, who were authorised to decide in those cases in which poundage fees should be paid to Collectors for work already done and the payment of fees to the Deputy Checkers of the Rate Collectors Accounts.

Hire of Machinery.

Alderman Corish, (Mayor) asked the Council if they would agree to the continued hireage to the Wexford Corporation of the County Engine, Breaker and Rockdrill, and to allow payment for same to be deferred until next May or June, as the Corporation had not raised money for this item in current year's estimate. Alderman Corish stated that the payment for hireage up to date will be settled on the account being presented to the Corporation and checked over. He further stated in regard to hire of lorry and waggons, payment will be made on completion of work.

The application was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

Road Contractors' Claims.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"Report of County Council appointed on the 8th November 1921 to deal with Road Contractors claims.

Present:- Messrs. Foley, McCarthy, Kehoe, Cummins and Lennon.

Mr. Foley occupied the chair and the County Surveyor was also present.

The first case dealt with was that of Mr. Nicholas Murphy MoMurragh, New Ross. There was a sum of £181. 10. 0. deferred on three roads belonging to the Contractor 1R, 3R, and 4R, being mainly on account of shortage of material. There was some difference in regard to arrears of material on the previous contracts on these roads and the Contractor claimed he had drawn material from Ballynaboola which was measured in the quarry by the quarry overseer, but not checked on the road by Mr. Jones, the Assistant Surveyor, being spread directly. The Committee recommended that he should be allowed this difference, being 32 c. yards. The Contractor also claimed that he suffered loss from the County Council not having material in the quarry to supply his requirements on the road, and that he and his sons and horses were kept idle for a lengthened period. The Committee fully discussed the matter and eventually allowed a claim for £30 for this loss, making a total of £54. The Committee and Contractor agreed to this. The Committee recommended that it should be clearly understood that acceptance of Paying Order for the above amount by the Contractor closes the account, on any further claim, and the Contractor should be notified to this effect.

In regard to claim of Mr. Denis Murphy for No. 3W and several other roads which Murphy was working on under agreement with the County Surveyor, it appeared that there was a claim on all the roads amounting to £17. Portion of this was for incomplete work for the quarter ending June last and the remainder for shortage of material, which however the Contractor claimed he had made good by spreading all rough material in holes for levelling up, and other special work. The County Surveyor stated that this man had been working for him for several years and had carried out good work and had very much improved the road from Fahy's Croos to Curracloe. Having gone into the circumstances of the case the Committee recommended that a payment of £12 be made to the Contractor to close the account, and that the Contractor's claim of 23 c. yards surplus of material on 3W be withdrawn and the material now on the road be the property of the Council. In this case also the Committee recommended that acceptance of Pay

notified to this effect".

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Alderman Corish the report was adopted.

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of . 19

MEETING. 22nd November, 1921.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on Tuesday 22nd November 1921 to consider the following notice of motion by Councillor Foley:-

"That we call upon An Dail to act on the resolution passed by this County Council and other Public Bodies, demanding the withdrawal of the Plenipotentiaries until the Prisoners are released".

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) presided, and the other Members present were--

Alderman R. Corish, T.D. Messrs. E. Foley, A. McCarthy, M. Redmond M. Cloney, M. Doyle and C. Culleton.

A telegram was read from Mr. Seumas Doyle, T. D. strongly supporting the motion.

Mr. Foley, in moving his motion, stated that the resolution passed by the County Council some time ago had not resulted in the prisoners being released. He considered that Public Bodies should insist upon the withdrawal of the Plenipotentiaries until the prisoners are released.

Mr. McCarthy in seconding, referred to the barbarous treatment meted out to the prisoners. Since the truce the prisoners had been treated like dogs. They should not forget the thousands of their fellow countrymen in the jails and internment camps and the sufferings they had endured for several months past. Copies of the resolution should be sent to An Dail and the plenipotentiaries in London.

Mr. Redmond strongly supported the resolution, which was approved by the other members present, and carried unanimously.

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19