

MEETING.- 7th OCTOBER 1920.

A Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th October 1920.

Present²- Messrs Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, John Sinnott, C. Culleton, G. Devereux, David Kavanagh, A. F. Smith, John O'Byrne (Gorey) John Cummins, James Doyle, James Hall, Matthew Hughes, John Murphy, John J. O'Byrne, (New Ross) James Shannon, and John Pender.

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

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Pender, the Chair was taken by Mr Corish.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Michael Cloney M. C.C.,

Mr Michael Cloney, M. C. C., wrote that as it was not possible to attend the meeting of 7th inst., he wished to let the Council know that he had resigned his Commission of the Peace.

Mr J. J. Roche J. P., & Mr R. Malone J.P.,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr Kavanagh:-

"That Messrs John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, and Mr R. Malone V. S., Veterinary Inspector for Wexford Union, be given a month in which to resign the office of J. P., In the event of their refusing or neglecting to comply with this instruction that the Council proceed to dismiss them from their positions."

Notice of Motion.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr Seumas Doyle, seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted--

"That the name of Newtownbarry be changed to the old Gaelic form "Bun Cloidighe".

Superannuation of Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr Corish:-

"That the amount of superannuation granted by the County Council at the meeting of 11th August 1920, viz:- £50 per annum, to Mr Robert Earle, ex Rate Collector, be re-considered."

The motion was seconded by Mr Culleton and adopted.

Mr Earle was in attendance and addressed the meeting.

Under date 14th August 1920, a letter was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of Mr Earle, pointing out that on his average earnings for three years, Mr Earle would be entitled to a superannuation allowance of £104. 13. 0d per annum, and hoping that the Council would on reconsideration give him what he was justly entitled to, Mr Earle was not claiming any sum that was unfair or unjust.

Mr Hall proposed:- "That no change be made in the amount of superannuation voted Mr Robert Earle, ex-Rate Collector, viz:- £50."

Mr Michael Doyle seconded the motion.

Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That a superannuation allowance of £104. 13. 0d per annum, be granted Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector."

The proposition was not seconded.

Mr Shannon proposed:- "That Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector, be granted a superannuation allowance of £75, but this proposition was not seconded."

The resolution proposed by Mr Hall, and seconded by Mr M. Doyle was then put and passed.

New County Council Offices, Etc.,

In connection with the removal of County Council Offices from Courthouse to Spawell Road, Wexford, the Secretary mentioned that pending the decision of the County Council, he and the County Surveyor had arranged with Caretaker-John Roche- who was in receipt of £1 per week, remaining on.

Mr Roche also stated that he received about 7/- or 8/- per week from the Inmates of the Building when used as an Hospital. He looked after the place generally for the Sisters who were in charge, went messages and employed himself as he was directed. He also got cabbage for table free from the Nuns.

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

"That Mr John Roche be appointed Caretaker of New County Hall premises for one month at a wage of £1 per week, and Caretaker's apartments, the Co. Surveyor to define the duties. That at the end of above period a report be

submitted to the Council as to the manner in which the Caretaker has carried on his duties."

Under date 1st October 1920, Mr W. A. Browne, Town Clerk, Wexford, wrote that the Corporation would take over at County Council new premises the use of six rooms opening on main hall together with underground Kitchen to be used as store room and coal cellar. It was left to the County Council to state what rent they would accept, but the Corporation asked to receive a guarantee for use of rooms for a specified period.

In connection with the proposal of the Corporation, Dr Ryan (Vice-Chairman) wrote that he would be opposed to granting the Corporation the rooms asked for unless they were prepared to pay a rent of say £120 per year. As he (Dr Ryan) was going away for a few weeks he wished to state his views clearly on the matter. When selecting offices for the County Council and County Surveyor, the six rooms now asked for by the Corporation had been excluded, as the County Council Committee of the Council, to whom the matter had been referred decided to try and let these for private offices.

It was expected they should fetch from £20 to £26 per annum each. He considered the letting of these rooms to the Corporation would spoil the place for any further letting. The Council could only let to other persons by giving them at least one room off entrance hall as an inducement. He thought the Corporation should be satisfied with at most two rooms off entrance Hall and any room they required backwards.

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of letting portion of premises of New County Hall for Municipal Offices to Wexford Corporation be referred to Hall Committee for recommendation."

Under date 5th October 1920, a letter was read from Rev Mother, St John of God Convent, Wexford, stating that the Community would be grateful if the Council would allow the Community to take the Alter from the Church in County Council new premises. It was no use in the County Council Office, and the Sisters would make use of it in the Convent.

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

"That the Community of St John of God, Wexford, be allowed to remove Alter from Church at New premises and which are to be used in future as offices

of County Council."

Bazaar Carman

Under date 6th October 1920, Messrs Michael Parker, and Francis Carty, Hon Secs to Bazaar Carman, applied for permission to use the County Hall for entertainments in connection with the Bazaar for October 10th, 17th, 24th, and for the holding of Bazaar on 31st October and 1st November.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) :-

"That permission for use of the County Hall for Bazaar Carman as per letter of Hon Secs under date 6th October 1920, be granted by this Meeting entertainments and bazaar to be confined to the ground floor."

Membership of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

The County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote recommending the appointment of the following as members of the Committee:- Messrs W. Ross, Killinick, John Murphy M.C.C., Enniscorthy, and Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, vice Messrs Patrick Kavanagh, Rathmacknee, Killinick, T. D. Sinnott, Enniscorthy, and Rev M. Hickey P. P."

Resignations as members of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was also received from Messrs W. Maddeck, Gibberpatrick, Duncormick, and Patrick J. Kavanagh, Temcoyle, Kilanerin.

Mr John J. O'Byrne (New Ross) proposed, that as recommended by the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, Messrs William Ross, Killinick, John Murphy, Main Street, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Crosbie, Bannow, be appointed members of the County Committee, and that the resignations of Messrs W. Maddeck, and Patrick J. Kavanagh as members of this Committee be accepted."

Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded.

"Passed"

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr John Murphy, the following resolution was adopted--

"That Messrs Denis Allen, Parkbawn, Gorey, and Aidan Stafford, Clonjordan, Ballindaggin, be appointed Members of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Messrs Patrick J. Kavanagh, and William Maddeck."

The following recommendation was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"That the County Council be requested to appoint new members of this Committee vice any member disqualified under the following resolution of the Council,- That a Member of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction absent for three consecutive meetings of the Committee or for six meetings in the year - without valid cause- be disqualified."

"The Secretary stated that the Members who were concerned in above resolution were Messrs Thomas Murphy, Garden City, Gorey, and Sean Sinnott, Grogan's Road Wexford."

Mr Sinnott explained that pressure of business prevented his attendance to the present, but he would try and give better attendance in the future.

This explanation was regarded as satisfactory.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Thomas Murphy, Garden City, Gorey, be requested to state if he intends to remain a member of the Co Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and if he will endeavour to attend the meetings of the Committee."

No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

Rev D. A. Kavanagh, C. C., New Ross, and Mr John O'Neill, Wexford Street New Ross, wrote resigning membership of No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John J. O'Byrne (New Ross) seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That Rev D. A. Kavanagh C. C., New Ross, and Mr John O'Neill, Wexford Street, New Ross, be requested to reconsider their resignation as Members of No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee. That this Sub-Committee be requested to change its day of meeting from Saturday to Wednesday, as we consider the latter more convenient for the members."

County Wexford Infirmary.

Miss Charlotte Whelan, George Street, Wexford, wrote resigning membership of County Wexford Infirmary Committee, as she found it impossible to attend the meetings.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Frank Carty, North Main Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of County Wexford Infirmary Committee, vice Miss Charlotte Whelan, resigned."

County Insurance Society.

The Secretary stated it was necessary to elect seven members of the Committee of County Insurance Society.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr James Doyle seconded by Mr John Murphy:-

"That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council be appointed members of the Committee of the County Wexford Insurance Society."

"Mr John O'Byrne was appointed a member of the Committee of the Society on the motion of Mr Pender, seconded by Mr Hughes."

"Mr Michael Doyle was appointed a member of the Committee on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (New Ross)."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hall, Mr Gregory Devereux, was appointed a member of the Committee of the Society."

"On the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by the Chairman, the name of Mr Culleton was added to the Committee of the Society."

"On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, New Ross, seconded by Mr Culleton, the name of Mr Michael Redmond was added to the Committee."

The Council and Non-Recognition of Local Government Board,

-----Custom House, Dublin. Etc.,-----

The Secretary stated that Mr J. A. Reddy, Auditor of the Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, attended on 21st September 1920, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Council, but as directed by the Council he (Secretary) did not give the books to the Auditor.

Under date 1st October 1920, the following Order No. 20653-1920, was issued from Dublin Castle by the Lord Justices and General Governors for Ireland:-

"Whereas it appears to us that the County Council of Wexford has failed to perform its duties, and further it is desirable that provision shall be made for the immediate payment of amounts recovered by decrees made against the said County Council by the County Court Judge or Judge of Assize under the enactments relative to compensation for criminal injuries in Ireland and for the discharge of other liabilities of the said Council.

Now we the Lord Justices and General Governors of Ireland do hereby order and direct that until our Order be revoked or modified no payment shall be made to the said County Council of Wexford out of the sums which otherwise would be payable to the said Council out of the Local Taxation (Ireland)

Account.

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, held on 29th September 1920.

"That the County Council be asked for instructions as to submission of the Accounts of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for audit to the Local Government Auditor. This Committee have no objection to audit provided no further obligation is imposed on the Committee beyond examination of their accounts."

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

"That a Joint Meeting of representatives of the Finance Committee and County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be held as soon as possible with a view to considering the position of the Schemes of the Committee in consequence of the proposed stoppage of the Grants from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction and of deciding upon what Schemes can be carried out owing to the curtailment of the funds of the Committee."

Under date 30th September 1920, the Circular of Dail Eireann to all Public Bodies in Ireland was read:-

In connection with this matter the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Devereux, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That as directed by Dail Eireann all communications with the English Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, cease as from 1st October 1920, and that the attention of the Committees appointed by the County Council be called to this decision of the Council and that they each be requested to pass a similar resolution."

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

"That the question of economies to be effected in the administration of the work of the Council be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation."

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Tuberculosis Management Committee be requested to appoint representatives to a Provisional Conference of Representatives of Boards of Guardians and County Tuberculosis Committees to arrange what Workhouse shall

be used as Home for advanced cases of Tuberculosis."

Proposed Scheme of Combined Purchasing.

The Department of Trade & Commerce, Dail Eireann, wrote forwarding particulars of scheme of combined purchases embracing all their requirements except such things as milk, potatoes, etc., The public bodies concerned should each agree to make all its purchases through a central committee which would sell to the local bodies at cost, plus an agreed on percentage to cover costs.

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

"That in connection with proposed scheme of combined purchasing for local bodies our Vice-Chairman be requested to summon a Conference of representatives of all the public bodies in the County on his return to Wexford to consider the Scheme. That Mr E. Blythe, Minister of Trade & Commerce be informed of this decision of the Council, and that our Secretary be instructed to advise the various local bodies not to enter into any long contracts for supplies pending the establishment of the proposed scheme."

Holding of Inquests.

The Minister of Local Government, Dail Eireann, wrote under date 10th September 1920, "that the recent legislation of the English Government dispensing with inquests in certain districts in Ireland is viewed by the Ministry of the Dail as an attempt to strike at a most important safeguard to the lives of Irish Citizens, and your Council is hereby instructed to inform Coroners that inquests are to be held as formerly all such legislation by the enemy government notwithstanding."

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

"That the two Coroners of the County be informed they are to carry out the holding of inquests as formerly notwithstanding and Orders of the English Government to the contrary."

Scholarship Scheme.

The Scholarship Committee submitted the following report:-

"A meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th September 1920,

Present:- Messrs James Doyle, and R Corish.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

Having considered the question of Primary Scholarships the Committee made the following recommendation:-

"That the County Council be recommended to request his Lordship Most Rev Dr Codd, to nominate three Managers of Schools, the National Teachers County Organisation to nominate three teachers, the County Committee Gaelic League to appoint three representatives, and also to request Rev Brother Fitzgerald, Christian Schools, Wexford, Rev Brother McNamara, New Ross, and Rev Brother O'Maheny, Enniscorthy, to meet this Committee with a view to drafting a suitable Scholarship Scheme for pupils of Primary Schools."

"The Committee recommended that James Carty, University Scholar be allowed to reside in private lodgings."

"They further recommended that John J. Travers, University Scholar, be granted an extension of his Scholarship for one year, but they considered this should be treated as an exceptional case, and should not be taken as a precedent."

"They further recommended that this student be allowed to reside in private lodgings."

"The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr Laurence J. Walsh, University Scholar, and ascertain from him if it is his intention to pursue a course of study for the priesthood."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gerey) seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of Scholarship Committee be received and adopted."

University Scholarship.

As regards the query put by Scholarship Committee to Laurence J. Walsh, Town View, Gerey, the latter wrote under date 14th September 1920, that he was entering Clonliffe College with a view to preparing for the religious life.

The Secretary stated that in reply to this letter he had pointed out that the Council had not allowed a University Scholarship to anyone preparing for Religious life, in fact there was a special provision in the Irish University Act, preventing a Scholarship being awarded. If the Council had known of Mr Walsh's intentions earlier their decision in the matter could have been obtained.

In a letter under date 20th September, Mr Walsh wrote that he was going to the University with the intention of getting his B. A., degree. He then

might enter the Teaching Profession, or he might go for the Church, all depended on circumstances.

Under date 18th September 1920, Rev Brother Higgins wrote, that while at Clonliffe College, Laurence J. Walsh would not do work of any character or for any purpose except the getting of his degree. A number of the boys holding the Dublin Corporation and County Scholarships remain in Clonliffe while attending the University for three years. What they did after was a matter apart. Some went into the Church and some took up Secondary Teaching.

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, (New Ross) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board, Dail Eireann, be asked to advise the Council as to whether, in the circumstances mentioned in the correspondence of Mr Laurence J. Walsh, Town View, Gorey, they would advise the Council to award a Scholarship."

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 24th August 1920, the following resolution had been adopted:-

"That as regards continuation of Scholarship to William McAuliffe, our Secretary communicate with Dr Coffey, President of National University, and ask him if he is of opinion the County Council would be justified in continuing the Scholarship to this Student."

In connection with this matter Dr Coffey stated, under date 22nd September 1920, that Mr McAuliffe's failure in English should have been due to deficiency in a limited section of his subject and he (Dr Coffey) was confident this student would make up for it in his subsequent course. He recommended that the County Council should allow Mr McAuliffe to retain his Scholarship for the coming year, and he should be able to get a good B. A., degree without any extension of three years scholarship period.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, (Gorey) seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted--

"That in view of the recommendation of Dr Coffey, President National University, a continuing University Scholarship be awarded to William McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonagal."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleten:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow Patrick O'Neill, John Street, Gorey, holder of University Scholarship, to reside outside Hostel

while attending lectures for 1920-21 session of the National University."

Under date 30th September 1920, Mr P. J. Sinnott, Newtown Clonavan, Gorey, University Scholar of County Council, wrote asking to be allowed to reside in private lodgings and suggesting that the instalments of Scholarships should at the beginning of each terms be paid to the Secretary National University so as to enable Scholarship Holders to defray cost of lodgings, etc.,

Mr James Doyle proposed, and Mr J. J. O'Byrne (New Ross) seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr P. J. Sinnott, University Scholar, be allowed to reside in private lodgings provided same be approved by the Dean of Residence. That no change be made in manner of paying Scholarship fees, etc.,"

Proposed by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr James Doyle and adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee Mr Patrick O'Neill, John Street, Gorey, continuing University Scholarship Holder be allowed to reside in private lodgings for the coming school year provided same receive the approval of the Dean of Residence.

That Male University Students in consequence of increased Hostel fees be allowed to reside in private lodgings provided same secure the approval of Dean of Residence."

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, (New Ross) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the details of University Scholarship Scheme for 1920-21, be referred to the Scholarship Committee."

Proposed Half-Holiday for Co. Council Staff.

Mr G. Griffin, Secretary, Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union, applied for a Saturday half-holiday for the members of the Staff of the Council who were members of his Union.

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

"That the application of the Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union for a half-holiday for its members on the Staff of the Council be mentioned on agenda paper of next Council meeting."

Irish Education.

A circular letter was read from Mr T. J. O'Connell, General Secretary,

National Teachers Organization, as to the framing of an educational programme suitable to Irish needs and in accordance with Irish aspirations. The National Teachers' Congress in April last, adopted a resolution instructing their Executive Committee to take steps to convene a Conference or Committee "in order to frame a programme or series of programmes in accordance with Irish ideals and conditions due regard being had to local needs and views" The Executive Committee considered that a Conference made up as follows would be found to be fairly if not fully representative:-

The Professors of Education in the five University Colleges, together with four representatives from each of the following:- General Council of County Councils, National Labour Executive, Gaelic League, School Managers, Irish National Teachers' Organization.

"It was decided on the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (New Ross) to refer this matter to the Scholarship Committee."

Quarry Foremen.

In connection with proposed increase of 5/- per week to quarry foremen Owen Doyle, Glasslacken, Newtownbarry, wrote under date 7th September 1920, that the foremen would not accept the increase and there would be a fresh demand made on behalf of these employees.

Under date 16th September 1920, Mr O'Donoghue, Organiser, Irish transport & General Workers' Union, wrote that the quarry foremen would not accept the 5/- per week offered by the Council. In the first place it was unfair to some of the quarry foremen (even with the 5/- weekly increase) should receive less wages than the men whose work they had to superintend, and whose time they had to record and be responsible for, secondly- the quarry foremen contended that the proposed increase of 5/- was not in any sense a fair proportionate increase when compared with the increases various other workers had received. While readmen and quarrymen are on the same rate it seemed an anomaly that quarry foremen should receive a much lower rate than read foremen.

"The Chairman gave notice of motion to move at next meeting of the Council that the resolution to increase the wages of quarry foremen by 5/- per week, be rescinded, and that the wages of these employees be fixed at a minimum of £3, amount to be definitely decided by the number of quarries etc., which each foreman is obliged to look after."

Application-Increase Salary Road Overseer.

Under date 27th August, Mr Patrick J. Fowler, Camolin, wrote applying for increase of wages from £2. 10/- to £3. 10/- as Overseer, Steamrolling Gorey-Arklow Road.

The application was supported by the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, Enniscorthy Branch.

Mr M. Doyle proposed:- "That application for increase of salary by Mr P. J. Fowler, Overseer, Gorey-Arklow Road, be not entertained as work is now closed down and Mr Fowler is no longer in the service of the Council."

Mr James Hall seconded.

"Passed"

Courtown Harbour Master.

At the meeting of the County Council on 24th August 1920, the following recommendation was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"That we request the County Council to increase the present inadequate wage of the Harbour Master of Courtown."

The meeting of the 24th August 1920, adopted the following resolution:-

"That the question of the remuneration to be paid to the Harbour Master Courtown, be placed on agenda paper for next meeting."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That the consideration of the resolution of Courtown Harbour Committee calling attention to the salary of Harbour Master at Courtown be adjourned for six months."

Application of Advance, Wexford Corporation.

An application was received from Wexford Corporation for an advance of £500 to be included for payment in next demand to be made on them by the Council and which amount was necessary to carry out street maintenance.

The following resolution proposed by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleton, was carried on a show of hands by 13 to 2.

"That provided the funds of County Council permit and subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department of the Irish Republic a sum of £500 to be included in their next demand, be advanced to Wexford Urban District Council."

Finances-Wexford Union.

An application was received from Wexford Guardians that the fourth

instalment of Demand on the County Council should be paid as follows:-

£1000 on 9th October, £1000 on 9th November, £1000 on 9th December, and the balance £719 on 9th January 1921.

"On the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Cummins, it was decided that £1000 be transferred at this day's meeting on foot of demand of Wexford Union, and that the question of other advances be considered at next meeting."

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"Since your last meeting the Council Offices have been removed from Court House and are now situated in the County Hall. All furniture, fittings, and papers, have been removed from the Court House, and necessary alteration in the new building are being carried out. you will require to make provision for payment in connection with this and also to decide what furniture will be purchased for the Council Chamber etc.,

At last meeting of the Council I was directed to communicate with various persons hauling timber over the County roads and to obtain particulars of the amount hauled by each. I communicated with the different firms and submit their replies. Owing to very heavy timber traffic on the line between Ballybrennan and Wexford the road was made dangerous to ordinary traffic and accordingly I have served notice on the Hauliers pending your meeting on the 7th (October). In the meantime I have had some repairs carried out but the haulage is still proceeding. It will be necessary to decide what restrictions shall be placed on timber haulage during the Winter as otherwise I am satisfied a number of roads will be rendered dangerous for ordinary traffic.

In accordance with your directions I have obtained particulars from the various quarries and have communicated with the Assistant Surveyors with regard to the reduction of expenditure on road work. I suggest that ^{on} a number of roads the material to be put out during the coming winter should be reduced, and with regard to unimportant by-roads that little or no work should be undertaken. As this will be a contentious matter I would suggest that a small Committee including the Chairman of each Rural District should be appointed to go into the matter and arrange as to what roads should be struck out for the present.

I have arranged for work in a number of districts by "Direct Labour" with regard to drainage. The local labourers have refused to undertake the work as originally set out, for a lump sum and I have had to arrange payment by time. I have prepared notice with regard to drainage which I intend to have served on all Contractors in the County and I ask the Council to give me authority that

on any road where this notice has been neglected to have the work carried out by direct labour, at the expense of the Contractor.

The work at Kilmore Harbour, clearing out the sand is practically completed as far as funds permitted.

In accordance with the directions of the Council I submit suggestions for the improvement of the entrance to Courtown Harbour, with particulars as to approximate cost.

I consider if this scheme be adopted it will certainly improve the entrance and it will be servicable even in the event of more extensive improvements being undertaken.

Sometime ago I put advertisements in the local papers inviting offers from local persons around the coast for the supply and haulage of seagravel to the roads in my direct charge and I have received a number of offers. These offers appears to have been put in by agreement amongst the persons tendering as they are mostly at the same rate with apparently no compitition. The price asked for gravel I consider very high, though in some cases possibly it may be difficult to obtain material, still its enormously beyond the value formerly placed on it. I ask for your directions with regard to dealing with this matter.

The Ministry of Transport has sanctioned a grant amounting to £3,505, towards the purchase of machinery estimated at £25,517. Sometime ago when you snactioned the purchase of machinery I entered into agreements with various firms and recently some of them notified me that machinery would only be sent by payment being made previously. Owing to the upset of the Council's finances I have been in doubt as to how to deal with this matter, some of the machinery has been already forwarded and I would like direction as to what future action I am to take. I have already forwarded to the Ministry of Transport requisition for the sum of £4,787 out of the £3,000 odd, this figure is based on the cost of machinery already received or invoiced and on the cost of machinery promised during the month of October. If this sum be received it will cover immediate liabilities but provision of course must be made if the machinery is to come on. I have been in treaty with Mr Edward Kavanagh, St John's Enniscorthy, for the purchase of a Roller, Scarafier and fittings and shall discuss this matter also in connection with the purchase of other machinery. If the preparation of material is to be continued in the County it will be absolutely essential that we have an engine of our own as the hired engines are now wanted for threshing work. In Gorey district I have been able to hire an engine to do breaking and hauling work in that locality, but for the

rest of the County we can only have one breaker at work without this second.

Last week I met General Doran at Ely House, and made arrangements with him to purchase all concrete work and road material in connection with same as well as road material laid down on the roadway by the U S. Naval Authorities. The purchase price of this is £150, and to get out the stuff economically and quickly we will also require the use of the second engine.

I have to report that the Machinery Overseer and his Assistant, who was recently appointed have both resigned and some arrangements must be made for the future carrying out of the work.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reports to me that the Solicitor representing Mr Donnelly, Waterford, who injured the footpath on Road 85W, between Wexford New Bridge and Ely House has repudiated his liability. Mr Donnelly before he opened up pathway to remove piping gave me distinct personal understanding to restore pathway, and I consider that proceedings should be taken against him to cover the cost of the work which I have had to get done after duly notifying him.

I submit recommendations for payment and the Assistant Surveyors' reports with synopsis of same."

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County Council Offices:- Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Murphy and adopted:- "That expenses incurred through the removal of County Council Office and County Surveyor's Office to New Premises, and for fitting up of the premises be paid by the Council."

With reference to the removal from Courthouse the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

"That Mrs McNally, Caretaker, Wexford County Courthouse, be paid usual amount of salary etc., to 30th September 1920, but that no further payment be paid to her as caretaker of the Courthouse.

That no payments for rents of Courthouses or expenses of same (except in the case of Caretaker of Wexford Co. Courthouse) or for Petty Sessions Office or any payment of similar character and dealt with in Circular letter of Local Government Department Dail Eireann under date 30th September 1920, be made."

Timber Haulage on Roads:- In connection with the report of damage on roads by timber haulage, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr J. Murphy, and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to again approach the hauliers

of timber injuring roads with a view to obtaining from them compensation for amount of injury done by each haulier. Should interviews be unsatisfactory we call on the Volunteers to stop the timber haulage of those concerned, In the meantime roads are to be made passable."

Road Work Expenditure:-

As regards proposed reduction of expenditure referred to in report of County Surveyor, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr J. J. O'Byrne (New Ross):-

"That representatives of this Council and two representatives of each Rural District Council of the County (one if possible to be the Chairman) be requested to attend meeting to be held in Enniscorthy Urban Council Offices on 14th October 1920, at 10.30 a.m., for the purpose of considering lists of roads to be submitted by the County Surveyor and in regard of which it is proposed to cut down expenditure. That this Joint Committee be invested with full powers. That at the said meeting the County Council be represented by Mr Hall, Mr Devereux, Mr J. J. O'Byrne, (New Ross) and Mr Corish."

Supply Etc., of Gravel:-

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

"That the proposed purchase of seagravel for roads be referred to the Joint Committee appointed to consider the question of road expenditure."

Machinery:- In connection with machinery and Plant the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the County Surveyor take delivery of steam wagon and trailer in connection with Grant No. 9P from Ministry of Transport."

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne, (Gorey) seconded by Mr Culleton, and adopted--

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take over machinery in connection with Grant No. P 48 or if he considers it more advisable that he arrange for the purchase of engine out of same Grant."

Ferrybank Concrete, Etc:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in purchasing Road Material etc., from General Doran, Ferrybank, at £150."

Machinery Overseer:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Sinnott:-

"That the Council proceed to the appointment of a machinery overseer at a wage of £5 per week, and that the County Surveyor be directed to draft advertisement for the position."

Injury to Footpath, Road 85W:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Murphy:- That our Secretary arrange to send a/c., for injury to footpath of Road 85W by Mr Donnelly, to the Waterford Volunteers for collection."

Road Drainage.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to notify Road Contractors that if they fail to execute a reasonable amount of drainage work on the roads in their charge, drainage will be carried out by direct labour at their expense."

Complaint Men working at Harvest taken from Road Work.

The following letter under date 30th September 1920, was read from Mr R. H. Peare, Kilmallock House, Enniscorthy:-

"I wish to inform you that under the new scheme of direct labour on Roads, those in authority in this neighbourhood have approached some of my permanent workmen and induced them to leave my employment which they are doing on Saturday next to take up work on the roads on Monday next at I understand 50/- a week. I am only half through my harvest, and if these men are taken now, my harvest will be lost. - As you are aware it is illegal to act in this way, and I will hold your Council responsible for any loss I may be at if this action is persisted in. Your immediate attention is requested."

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

"That the letter of Mr Peare be referred to Messrs A. F. Smith and B. Kavanagh, County Councillors, for investigation and report to next meeting of the Council."

The Qualification of Councillors.

Proposed by Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted:-

"That Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, be requested to advise as to the position of men who have been elected County and Rural District Councillors, and who desire to work on roads or in quarries or who are already engaged in such work."

Road Limits of Expenditure.

Orders for extending the financial limits of expenditure were received from Ministry of Transport (Ireland) Oriel House, Dublin, as follows:-

Enniscorthy District to 31st March 1921, £21,131. 7. 0

New Ross District to 31st March 1921, £9921. 18. 4d

Wexford Rural District to 31st March 1921, £10,500.

Road Board Grants.

Under date 17th September 1920, the Assistant Director, Ministry of Transport, wrote I.R. G., 32 Wexford, that the Ministry were prepared to make a grant of £8505 towards the cost of plant required by Wexford County Council for works of road crust improvement estimated at £25,517.

Gullet at Tagoat.

Under date 5th October 1920, the following letter was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"During a discussion on the salaries question at a recent meeting of the County Council the newspapers reports Mr Michael Doyle, Cottage, to have made a statement tantamount to an accusation of neglect of duty on my part. His charge was that a break in a road leading by his house to Tagoat was left without attention for a considerable period,

Now, what happened,- I inspected this contract on the 14th July and found nothing wrong beyond "pot holes" in the surface due to heavy motor traffic.

Again the 14th August, I inspected that portion of it from Killinick to Ashfield, most exposed to motor traffic and, finding the "Pot holes" more pronounced, got a man from Killinick to fill the ruts with fine gravel.

Sometime afterwards the County Surveyor wrote informing me that a gullet was broken on the road near Tagoat.

In accordance with my invariable practice when notified I proceeded at once to the place and finding a flag broken on a gullet I proceeded forthwith to Killinick and employed the man previously mentioned to do the necessary repairs. And may I point out that at present we are placed in a most anomalous position as regards the roads.

In this district nearly 300 miles of roads are thrown on the County Surveyor's hands with absolutely no one to supervise the work except the County Surveyor and myself.

To-day I may find a particular road in proper repair, to-morrow or sooner an engine may break down a gullet or Bridge thereon. At present there is no responsibility on anyone to report such an occurrence, and considering I have nearly 400 miles of roads to inspect it might be a full month before I could see that same road again.

In view of the facts and circumstances detailed I think the Council will agree that the strictures reported to have been made were unjustified and

unfair, and that a sense of honour should suggest to Mr Michael Doyle the adoption of a certain course of action in this matter.

Apologising for troubling you with this letter which I feel constrained to write in vindication of myself."

"No Order"

Proposed Surrender of Road Contracts.

The following Contractors wrote offering to surrender their Contracts:-
J. Rossiter, Toberlamina, Blackwater, Road 186E., J. O'Toole, Gurrawn, Blackwater, Roads 53E, 54E, 55E, 182E, 337E, and Special Work 54E, Thomas Sheehan Ballyminane, Gorey Road 123G, Thomas Breen, Coblishall, Gorey, 122G.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr M. Doyle, seconded by Mr Kavanagh:-

"That no further surrenders of road contracts be accepted, but that the County Surveyor be directed to arrange with Contractors (applying to surrender roads) for care of same."

Road Contractor's Grievance.

The following was read from Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, under date 1st September 1920:-

"Having made application to Secretary and County Surveyor for payment of money due to me there is evidently some obstacle to my being paid. I trust your Board will give matter their attention, and if there is any question in dispute about same, I am perfectly satisfied to submit to Arbitration, the money being earned and near 12 months due. payment will oblige."

The County Surveyor explained that the late County Council had decided to award a War Bonus of £30 to Mr Brien owing to enhanced price of Road material, but the Ministry of Transport refused to sanction a War Bonus.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J. O'Byrne, (Gorey) seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That no further action be taken as regards payment of War Bonus on Road to Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine."

Ferns Courthouse.

Under date 17th September 1920, Messrs E. O'Connor & Co., Ferns, landlords of Ferns Courthouse, wrote that they had turned the Courthouse into a Store, as they were congested for space, and could not be removing their Goods.

"No Order"

New Ross Courthouse.

In connection with proposed surrender of New Ross Courthouse, Mr Hugh R. Hamilton, Estate Office, New Ross, wrote that on behalf of the Trustees of the Tottenham Estate he was willing to waive the usual six months notice and take surrender of the premises on 29th inst., on the rent being paid up to that date.

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

"That no order be made by the County Council in connection with the application of Mr Hugh R. Hamilton, to take over New Ross Courthouse."

Revision of Jurors Lists.

The Secretary asked for instructions as to attendance of himself and Rate Collectors at the forthcoming sessions for Revision of Jurors.

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

"That the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, be requested to advise as to the attendance of Secretary and Rate Collectors at forthcoming sessions for Revision of Jurors."

Income Tax Returns.

The Secretary asked for instructions in connection with the following letter received from Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Custom House, Dublin:-

"A report has been received from Mr Lynch, Inspector of Taxes, at Waterford District, from which it appears that notwithstanding several applications you have hitherto omitted to make a Return on Form No. Q.92, as required by Income Tax Acts for the quarter ended 5th July 1920.

By this omission you have rendered yourself liable to the penalties set forth in the 107th Section of the Income Tax Act 1918, but as it is desired to avoid the necessity of taking proceedings against you for recovery thereof, I beg to send you the enclosed form, and thus to afford you another opportunity of making the Return required by Law.

I have to request that such Return may be sent to Mr Lynch within seven days from this date."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sinnott, seconded by Mr Devereux:-

"That we adhere to our resolution refusing to furnish returns to Income Tax Inspectors, and that we direct our Secretary to inform the Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Dublin, of this instruction to him."

Rate Collection.

The Secretary stated the following amounts of Rate were outstanding:-

Collector J. A. Ryan, £7. 11. 6d, P. Redmond £55. 12. 3d, P. J. Nolan, £1. 0. 2d, J. C. Smith £35. 7. 1d E. J. Murphy £48. 16, 4d, James L. Doyle £295. 5. 7d, J. J. Fowler £2573. 4. 0d, and Patrick Byrne £2231. 9. 1d.

The two last mentioned had only received their books recently. Satisfactory explanations had been given by each Collector of the amount outstanding, except in the case of Mr J. L. Doyle.

Proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr James Doyle and adopted:-

"That Mr James L. Doyle be dismissed from the office of Rate Collector, unless he furnishes a satisfactory explanation as to £295. 5. 7d outstanding rates, and as to his failure to communicate with our Secretary re same."

"That we inform Mr W. J. Dollar, Bettyville, Wexford, he is liable for amount of rates as he made no objection when rates were struck and made no application for revision of valuation."

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

"That the names and addresses of persons who have refused or neglected to pay Rates be furnished to the Volunteers of each District concerned."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That we recommend the County Council to adhere to the rule which has prevailed to the present of obliging Collectors to lodge the full amounts of their warrants. We fail to see where any special difficulty exists to prevent any Rate Collector from closing his collection now as it the past. The Finance Committee having considered the question in all its bearings, cannot see their way to recommend an extension of time for the close of Rate Collection."

The following recommendation of Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That in view of the fact that the rates on small houses the property of Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr Patrick Craughwell, Gorey, have been, since the passing of the Local Government Act 1898, paid by the Landlords, we consider the same procedure should be adhered to in regard to the present collection. That a copy of this recommendation be furnished to the landlords in question, and that their reply to same be submitted to meeting of the County Council on the 7th October 1920."

The following was read from Mr Craughwell, Town view, Gorey, under date 5th October 1920:-

"In reply to your query re Rates I beg to inform you that I am so hard set for aliving I am not able to pay Rates for the people who held the houses at 1/2 weekly. I paid as long as I was able. The tenants in most of these houses are earning from £2 to £3 weekly and it is impossible at times to get rent out of them."

Payment Poundage Fees.

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

"That poundage fees be paid to all our Rate Collectors on the amounts lodged to the date of the present meeting except to Collector J. L. Doyle."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That Collector J. J. Fowler, be granted an extension of time to 1st November 1920, to close his present collection in consequence of the fact that he did not receive his books until August 1920."

Allowance Bank Interest.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the National Bank be requested to allow usual rate of Interest on all accounts in connection with new system of County Council."

Double Dipping of Sheep.

Letter from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Veterinary Branch) under date 15th September 1920, relative to danger of using poisonous dips in the case of double dipping of sheep.

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

"That the representatives of local papers be requested to call attention of Circular letter of Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 15th September 1920, and No. V. B., 1991-20, (as to double dipping of sheep)."

Prohibition feeding Stuffs from Belgium.

Under date 21st September 1920, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction issued Order (No. 489) prohibiting the landing in Ireland of feeding stuffs and Animal products from Belgium.

"No Order".

Resolution as to Grazing System, Etc.,

The following resolution was submitted from the Wexford Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"That we are of the opinion that the time has come when a move should be made to remove some of the grievances under which the Country in general and workers in particular suffer namely, the grazing system, the failure to till, and the milk scarcity. That we ask the County Council as premier body of this County to exert itself in this direction in providing land for the landless food for the people, and milk for the children, etc."

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

"That the resolution from South Wexford Branch Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, as to securing land for the landless, food for the people, and milk for the Children, be referred to Minister for Agriculture, Dail Eireann."

Film Censors.

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

"That we approve of the following resolution received from Cork Corporation:- That we, the Corporation of Cork, hereby request the Government of the Irish Republic, to establish in Dublin, an Irish Board of Film Censors. In the event of such a Board being established, we pledge ourselves, to allow no films, to be exhibited in this City, which are not accompanied by the Board's Certificate of approval. Such a step, we believe, will not only give a much needed moral safeguard, but will help to increase, still further, the authority of the Republican Government."

Cork Harbour & Shipping.

On the motion of Mr John Murphy, seconded by Mr M. Doyle, the following resolution from Cork Industrial Development Committee was adopted:-

"This Association representative of the commercial and industrial interests of Cork, expresses its pleasure at the advent of the ships of the United States Mail Steamship Company to the Port of Cork, which we feel confident, will lead to a big improvement of trade and intercourse between Ireland and America."

"We condemn the action of the British Government authorities in their prohibition against American passenger vessels entering Cork Harbour on the east-bound voyage. We regard such prohibition not as an isolated incident

but as part of the traditional English policy of maintaining control of the seas and preventing the shipping expansion of other nations. We also regard it as part of England's traditional repressive economic policy against the development of Ireland's trade and commerce, which policy ruthlessly pursued has reduced the population of our Country from eight millions to four millions within the past seventy years.

We look to the United States Administration, and in particular to its Shipping Board Department, to insist upon freedom of its vessels to enter Irish ports, and we are sure the whole Irish people will co-operate with any action taken by them in this respect, as it is to the interests of our country that its ports be free to all vessels, and it is our desire to maintain direct intercourse with all nations."

Irish in the Schools.

The Coiste Grotha wrote asking the County Council to appoint two delegates of the Council to attend Conference to be held in the Gaelic Hall, Wexford, on the 16th October at 3 O'Clock, p.m., to consider how best to have Irish taught as an ordinary subject in the School Time table.

On the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Kavanagh, the following delegates were appointed:- Messrs Michael Redmond, and John Sinnott."

Irish County Councils' General Council.

The following under date 6th October 1920, was read from the Secretary, Irish Co. Councils' General Council:-

"I have been directed by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council to forward you for the information of your Council their recommendations on the following matters:-

Milk Production.

The Committee recommend County Councils to take immediate steps to give effect to, as far as may be practicable at the present time, the recommendation contained in the Interim Report on Milk Production of the Commission of Inquiry into the Resources of Ireland, a copy of which is enclosed, herewith.

Appointment of Coroners.

Where vacancies exist or in future arise in the office of Coroner the Executive Committee recommend that appointments should be made, and that the gentleman appointed should be required to give an undertaking to hold inquests in all cases requiring such investigation. In the event of the failure of a Coroner to hold an inquest same should be conducted by two District Justices.

Conciliation Boards.

The Committee recommend County Councils to take steps to form Conciliation Boards in conjunction with their employees as outlined in the memorandum on this subject issued by the Ministry of Labour of Dail Eireann.

Tolls at Markets & Fairs.

The Committee recommend County Councils to approach the Patentees of Markets and Fairs with a view to acquiring same by agreement or arbitration and utilizing the tolls derivable therefrom in relief of the rates. It is suggested that where the Capital sum is not immediately available, the difficulty might be met for the time being by paying to the Patentee interest on the agreed purchase price.

Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin

The Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin, was founded as a result of representations made to the Governing Body thereof by the General Council of County Councils¹ in the year 1917-18. As it was found that the funds at the disposal of the College would be insufficient to maintain the Chair, the General Council undertook that its constituent Councils would by way of Grant (under Sec 10 (2) of the National Universities Act 1908) contribute one-half of the cost of maintenance. The Executive Committee recommend this Grant (£20 per annum) should be made by each Council."

"Recommendations as set out were approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several items of expenditure for fixed amounts, viz:- salaries, etc., as submitted to the Council by our Secretary be and are hereby approved."

Road Machinery.

The Secretary asked instructions as to payment of £102 instalment of loans due Road Board (now Ministry of Transport) for purchase of stonebreaker.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) the following resolution was adopted:- "That amount of fourth instalment of loan (£102) due Ministry of Transport for purchase of Stonebreaker be paid."

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(Signed)

Seamus O'Kearney
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this day of

1920.

SPECIAL MEETING.- 28th OCTOBER 1920.

A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 28th October 1920, for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the funeral of Mr Terence McSwiney, late Lord Mayor of Cork.

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs R. Corish, John Murphy, David Kavanagh, Gregory Devereux, Christopher Culleton, and A. F. Smith.

A letter was read from Mr Michael Doyle, apologising for absence from meeting owing to illness.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

The late Lord Mayor.

The following resolution was adopted in silence on the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr Smith:-

"That we the members of the Wexford County Council tender our sympathy to Widow of Turlough McSwiney, to his relatives, and the people of Cork, in their irreparable loss, while we congratulate them on having such a noble Martyr whose memory will never die and who will be for all time, an example to peoples struggling to be free.

We further express our deepest sympathy with the Misses McSwiney, Sisters of deceased, with his orphan child, and with the Citizens of Cork, in their trial for Ireland's sake.

That the only way to answer the murders of the innocent is to be true to the ideals for which the late Lord Mayor of Cork gave his life. Joy, not tears, that Ireland has such children is the epitaph which is engraven on the Nation's heart."

On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Murphy, the following were appointed to represent the County Council at the funeral of the Lord Mayor:- Dr Ryan, Messrs A. F. Smith, G. Devereux, D. Kavanagh, C. Culleton, and the Secretary.

Votes of Condolence.

On the motion of Mr Kavanagh, seconded by Mr Culleton, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we offer our heartfelt condolence to the Mother and family of the late Mr Matthew Furlong, Summerhill Cross, Wexford, who died for Ireland."

Proposed by Mr Culleton, seconded by Dr Ryan, and adopted:-

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives and friends of the men who were killed in the late disaster at Saltmills."

County Council Office.

Proposed by Mr A. F. Smith, seconded by Mr David Kavanagh, and adopted:-

"That Mr Stephen Hayes, Assistant in County Council Office, be granted (owing to urgent private business) leave of absence for one month as from this date, and that our Secretary be empowered to employ the necessary clerical assistance during the period."

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(Signed)

Seamus O'Keefe

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this

day of

1920.