

MEETING. 20th SEPTEMBER 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Boardroom Wexford Union, on 20th September 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding.

Other Members:- Messrs. James Byrne, Patrick Buckley, Michael Cloney, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, Seumas Doyle, E. Foley, W. J. Furlong, James Hall, M. Hughes, D. Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, Philip Lennon, Charles McCarthy, John Murphy, J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) John Pender, James Shannon, Michael Redmond.

The Acting Secretary, the County Surveyor, Miss Lister, Inspector and the Rate Collectors were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Condolence.

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

"That we offer our esteemed Colleague Dr. J. Ryan, T.D. our sincere condolence in the bereavement which has befallen him by the death of his father".

Dispute between Farmers & Labourers.

The Chairman referred to the present unfortunate dispute between the farmers and labourers in the County as regards harvest bonus, and stated that he considered that it was the duty of the County Council, to consider if there was any possibility of getting both parties to agree to a Conference presided over by a neutral Chairman with a view to ending the dispute.

He proposed:- "That the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union and the County Wexford Association of the Irish Farmers' Union be requested to send three delegates each to a Conference to be summoned for Friday 23rd September in the Town Hall, Wexford, the Conference to be presided over by the Minister of Agriculture of An Dail or a Representative from his Department".

Internees and the Truce.

Mr. McCarthy referred to the circumstances of the Irish Political

Prisoners in the interment camps. He stated that, instead of the truce being the means of their position being improved, the hardships inflicted on them had been very much accentuated since the truce began. While those outside were reaping the benefits of the truce the position of the unfortunate internees could not be worse., the British Government were treating them like dogs in a kennel.

He proposed:- "That we express our condemnation of the manner in which the Irish Political Prisoners are treated in the various internment camps".

Mr. Foley seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Use of Town Hall, Wexford, for Meetings.

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

"That Alderman Corish, Mayor of Wexford, be requested to allow the County Council and its Committees to hold their meetings in future in the Town Hall, Wexford".

University Scholarship Scheme.

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

"That the Regulations of the University Scholarship Scheme be varied so as to allow of the consideration of Scholarships being awarded to the four applicants allowed to compete by County Council".

Mr. Culleton seconded.

After discussion, by permission of the Meeting, Mr. Corish withdrew his motion in view of the fact that none of the applicants had obtained honours in two subjects.

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

"That the resolution re County Council Scholarships passed at June meeting disqualifying three applicants from competing for University Scholarships be rescinded".

The motion was not seconded.

By permission of the meeting, Mr. Seumas Doyle withdrew for the present, the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"That examinations for County Council Scholarships be carried out

under the directions of the County Council".

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Foley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Scholarships unfilled during the current year be competed for next year increasing the number of Scholarships to be awarded next year from four to eight".

Rate Collection.

The Acting Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection.

The Rate Collectors came before the meeting and submitted lists of prominent defaulters in their districts for publication in the local Press.

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

"That the names of the defaulters be inserted in the Column reserved for the purpose in the local Press".

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that Collecting Books for current rate for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Collection Districts be issued to the Deputy Collectors for these districts, viz:- Messrs. J. Radford, J. McCormack, and that the collecting books for No. 8 district be issued to the Collector- Joseph Cummins".

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That instructions be given to Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, to have proceedings instituted in the Republican Courts against defaulting ratepayers and against ex-Rate Collectors who hold sums of money belonging to the Council for rates collected and not lodged by them".

Under date 19th September 1921, the following letter was read from the Secretary, National Bank, Ltd:-

"With reference to your letter of 13th inst., which has been submitted to the Board, I am instructed to say the Enniscorthy Manager has been written to regarding lodgment of cheques payable to the Wexford County Council and it is hoped the Council will not have further cause for complaint".

"No Order"

Appointment of Collectors.

Applications were received from the following for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District:-

Patrick Codd, Woodlands, Enniscorthy.

Miss M.K. Nolan, Ryland Street, Buncolody.

Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin.

James Connolly, Castlesow, Crossabeg.

Myles Breen, Tinnashrule, Ferns.

John Doyle, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy.

Michael Deegan, Brideswell, Gorey.

Thomas F. Maher. Enniscorthy.

After examination by an Irish Teacher, all the candidates except Edward McDonald, were allowed by the Council to compete for the position.

A poll was taken with following result:-

For Miss Nolan-- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, and Pender.- 3.

For Connolly:- Messrs. E. Foley and Kavanagh- 2.

For Deegan:- Messrs. Redmond, J. Byrne, Lennon, J.J. O'Byrne,
(Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff).- 5.

For Maher:- Messrs. Kehoe and McCarthy.- 2.

For Breen:- Messrs. Furlong and the Chairman.- 2.

Messrs. Codd and Doyle received no votes.

A poll was taken between Connolly, Breen and Maher, with the following result:-

For Connolly:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, McCarthy, Foley and
Kavanagh.- 5.

For Breen:- Messrs. Redmond, Pender, Furlong, J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff
and the Chairman- 5.

For Maher:- Messrs. J. Byrne, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown), Lennon
and Kehoe.- 4.

Maher then dropped out and a poll was taken as between Miss Nolan, Connolly, Breen and Deegan, with the following result:-

For Miss Nolan:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton and Pender.- 3.

For Connolly:- Messrs. McCarthy, Foley and Kavanagh.- 3.

For Breen:- Messrs. Furlong and the Chairman.- 2.

For Deegan:- Messrs. Redmond, J. Byrne, Lennon, J.J. O'Byrne

(Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) and Kehoe.- 6.

Breen now dropped out and a poll was taken as between Miss Nolan, Connolly and Deegan, with the following result:-

For Miss Nolan:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton and Pender.- 3.

For Connolly:- Messrs. McCarthy, Foley and Kavanagh.- 3.

For Deegan:- Messrs. Redmond, J. Byrne, Lennon, Furlong, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne (Ballyduff) and the Chairman.- 8.

Deegan having received the votes of the majority of those present and voting was declared elected, and suitably returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate--

"As I understand that a vacancy exists in No. 7 Collection District for Rate Collector, I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for such.

I enclose copies of testimonials which I respectfully ask to give your full consideration.

I may mention I have a thorough knowledge of the area and some experience having given all possible assistance to the collecting of Rates in Collector's Kelly's area during the recent troubles, which area I understand can compete favourably with any in the County.

Without wishing to use any Organisation with which I am connected for the betterment of my social position and recognising that any services I may have done in the past should be looked upon as a duty that we should be glad to perform yet I may mention that I was victimised to the extent of permanently losing a remunerative position owing to having served a term of imprisonment some three years ago for the principles which I then and now hold.

Trusting you will favourably view my application and should you elect me to the position I would take it as a personal honour and I in return would endeavour to the best of my abilities to fulfil the duties imposed on me.

If further testimonials are required I would be very pleased to submit them".

For the position of Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, applications were received from the following:-

Luke Smith, Haggardstown, Ballycogley.

John Lee, Castletown, Inch.

Patrick Fitzpatrick, Kiltale, Enniscorthy.

Daniel Byrne, Coolnaleen, Camolin.

Patrick Fitzpatrick withdrew his application, and after an examination in Irish, the other Candidates were allowed to compete for the position.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Smith:- Messrs. Redmond, J. Byrne, J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown)
Lennon, Kehoe, McCarthy, Foley, & Kavanagh.- 8.

For Byrne:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Pender, Furlong, J.J. O'Byrne
(Ballyduff) and the Chairman.- 6.

Lee received no vote.

The Chairman declared Smith elected. Smith returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I offer myself as a Candidate for one of the vacant Rate Collectorships in Collection District No. 13. If elected I shall do my utmost in every way to carry out the wishes of the Co. Council and Dail Eireann.

I offer as my Sureties Miss K.A. Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, and Mr. James Furlong, Ballyharty, Kilmore.

I live in South Wexford at present but if elected I will be only too happy to reside in the Collection District.

I enclose testimonials from Canon Crowe, Ballymore, Rev. H.E. Lambert, Mayglass, Rev. A. Kehoe, Mulrankin, and Rev. John O'Dowd of Wexford".

For the position of temporary Collector for No. 16 District, the only application received was from Mr. Luke Smith, who had been appointed to No. 13 District. The Council considered the former District a more suitable one for Mr. Smith as he was a native of it.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Culleton, it was unanimously decided that Mr. Luke Smith be transferred to No. 16 District as a temporary Collector, provided he agreed to this

arrangement.

To fill the consequent vacancy in No. 13 Collection District it was unanimously decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that Mr. Daniel Byrne, Coolnaleen, Camolin, be appointed Collector for No. 13 District.

For the position of Rate Collector for No. 21 Collection District applications were received from:-

Philip Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange.

Bernard Cleary, Kilscanlan, Ballynaboola.

M. Sullivan, Dunmain, Gusserane.

Kennedy withdrew his application, and after an examination in Irish the other two candidates were allowed to compete.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Sullivan:- Mr. J. Byrne.- 1.

For Cleary:- Messrs. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) J.J. O'Byrne, Ballyduff) Corish, Lennon, Culleton, Pender, Kehoe, McCarthy, Foley, Kavanagh, Furlong, and the Chairman-. 12.

Cleary was declared elected and returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful Candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Rate Collector for No. 21 District as advertised in the local papers. Since my release from Kilworth Camp I have not been able to obtain employment, and if I am appointed I will devote my whole time to the duties of the office.

I enclose testimonial from my Parish Priest".

For the position of Deputy Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District, **only** one application was received, viz:-

Miss Polly Kelly, Carrynisk, Edermine.

After an examination in Irish, Miss Kelly was elected to the position on the motion of the Chairman.

Miss Kelly returned thanks for her election. The following is her application:-

"I beg to apply for the position of temporary Rate Collector in No. 6 Division recently held by my brother.

Trusting you will favour me with the appointment".

It was decided to advertise for a Collector for current rate

in No. 15 Collection District, an additional clause to be inserted in advertisement that Candidates will be examined in Elementary English and Elementary Arithmetic".

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

"That Mr. Patrick Sinnott, Mountaingate, Cleariestown, be appointed Deputy Rate Collector for his brother for No. 4 Collection District during his brother's temporary absence from duty".

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

"That Mr. Michael Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, be appointed Deputy Rate Collector for his brother, Mr. John P. Sinnott (at present in prison) for the completion of 1921 Collection".

Ex-Collector J.C. Smith.

The following letter was read from Mr. J.C. Smith, 63 Main Street, Gorey:-

"I find that my physical health and condition, due principally to advancing years, will not permit me to retain my position of Rate Collector for your Council any longer.

I am now in my seventy-third year, and have been Rate Collector since September 1888, and during all that time I have endeavoured to fulfil my duties efficiently and effectively, both for your Council and their predecessors.

I am, under the circumstances, reluctantly compelled to place my resignation in the hands of your Council, and I trust that your Council will take into account my long service and record, and that they will be pleased to allow me such pension as the law empowers them.

I may say that my position as Rate Collector was my sole means of support, and that I am entirely dependent for my subsistence upon the pension I receive.

I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Council for their courtesy to and consideration for me at all times, and may I also include yourself in this expression.

I desire that my resignation be accepted as from 1st April 1921.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the matter be adjourned until the Government of the Country is in a position to function without outside interference".

Rates & Malicious Injury Decrees.

Circular letter re Rates and Malicious & Criminal Injury decrees from the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann, was read for the meeting.

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

"That the Press be requested to have a precis of the Circular inserted in their respective papers".

Scheme of Amalgamation of Unions.

Under date 12th September 1921, the following letter No. E/380 was read from the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann:-

"The Local Government Department have under consideration the Wexford Scheme of Amalgamation of Unions.

The Scheme formed does not appear to justify the heavy establishment charges which would naturally result from keeping on the four Unions. District Hospitals will undoubtedly form the subject of special legislation under normal conditions, and the institutions which have been in use heretofore would not lend themselves to a forward policy in this respect. The Department, therefore, can only consider the question in the light of a centralised Scheme of County Hospital and County Home, leaving over for the present a Scheme for Cottage and District Hospitals".

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

"That the Department of Local Government, Dail Eireann, be recommended to send Inspectors to the meetings of the various Boards in the County, to be summoned to consider the foregoing letter

That a Conference be held as soon as the views of the various Boards of Guardians on the matter have been ascertained".

Road Work.

Under date 1st September 1921, the following letter was read

from Mr. M. Doran, Secretary Co. Wexford Association Irish Farmers' Union:-

"I have been asked by the Standing Committee of my Association to forward you the following resolution received from Rathangan and Clearestown Branch, for the consideration of your Council:-
Wexford

"That we ask the Executive of the County/Farmers' Association to bring under the notice of the County Council (the authority responsible for the maintenance of the public roads) the desirability of at once putting same in a proper state of repair in order to facilitate the transit of corn, and other agricultural produce to markets".

Under date 14th September 1921, the following resolution from County Delegate Conference, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, was read:-

"That we in Conference assembled representing all grades and classes of workers in the County call on the County Council to seriously consider at the earliest opportunity the question of unemployment in the County and with a view to relieving it that the County Council decide to re-start all necessary Road and other work, and that while desiring and deciding on above we fully realise and take into consideration the financial difficulties which confronted the Council in the past".

The following resolution from the South Wexford District Committee, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, was read:-

"That we the delegates of the above Committee assembled in conference on the 11th day of September representing the Agricultural Workers of South Wexford, view with alarm the large number of unemployed amongst our Members, especially now at the approach of Winter, when farm work is curtailed to a very large extent, still adding greater numbers to the army of unemployed. We cannot close our eyes to the deplorable situation with which we are now confronted and we hereby unanimously endorse the resolution sent forward from the County Conference calling upon the County Council to re-start all necessary work at the earliest opportunity.

Yet at the same time while pledging support to this resolution we are not unmindful of the difficulties that confront the County Council and we earnestly hope that when those difficulties pass away

and the Council are in a better condition financially that they will at once restart a system of Direct Labour so as to give/sufficient work to the unemployed in our midst".

Under date 9th September 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"Mr. Lawler, R.D.C. Coolree, called here to-day and asked me to write to you about the dangerous condition of the Road at Coolycarney Cross, i.e. the crossroads formed by the junction of the Enniscorthy-Kiltealy Road and the Coolree-Ballindaggin Road.

Mr. Lawler states that the damage has been caused by lack of attention to drainage and that as a result Motor and Lorry traffic is being directed to other Roads which are becoming badly cut up.

Mr. Lawler has already drawn Co. Surveyor's attention to the matter, and as he has not done anything yet, he wished to have the matter brought under the notice of Co. Council".

On the motion of the Chairman, the foregoing communications were referred to the Roads Committee".

Boundary Fence- Ballymurry Quarry.

Under date 8th September 1921, the following letter was read from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We are instructed by Captain Maher of Ballinkeele, to write to you with reference to the Quarry on Capt. Maher's land used by your Council for the purpose of taking stones therefrom by the permission of Capt. Maher. The quarry is situate at Ballymurry near the Ballagh. In the undermining of this quarry by the Council's employees the boundary fence between Capt. Maher's land at Ballymurry and the lands of Slievenagora occupied by Mr. John Sinnott of the Ballagh, has been injured, and there are, at present, two large gaps in the boundary fence, and furthermore there is great danger that a good deal more of the fence will be injured if the quarrying is continued in the way it has been done hitherto.

Will you kindly let us know at once if your Council intend to make good the damage already done to the boundary fence seeing that the damage has been caused by the Council's employees and if you will take steps to see that no further damage will occur to the

fence if the quarrying is continued".

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to have an inspection of the Boundary fence referred to, and to arrange for the attendance of the local Councillors (Messrs. Kehoe and Kavanagh) and the two Contractors, at his inspection of the fence. That a report of the matter be submitted to next meeting of the County Council".

Complaint of Road Contractor.

Under date 31st August 1921, a letter was read from Mr. John O'Toole, Gurrawn, Blackwater, asking an explanation as to why he was not paid a sum of £153. 12. 6d which he stated was due to him from the County Council.

Mr. O'Toole forwarded a message to the meeting and asked that the consideration of his letter be adjourned to next meeting as the Solicitor he had instructed to appear on his behalf did not find it possible to attend present meeting.

"This was agreed to".

County Hall.

Under date 3rd September 1921, a letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, forwarding the following copy of a letter which he had received from Capt. G. Brennan, Brigade Lands Officer, in reference to County Hall:-

Reference this Claim. As the buildings are held by the Wexford County Council, it will be necessary to get them to agree to a rent etc. No higher rent than that which the Council is at present paying can be recommended. Therefore, if the Council agree to accept a rent at the rate of £207. 11. 6d per annum, inclusive of rates and taxes to count from the 4th July 1921 till such time as buildings are surrendered to the Council, I am prepared to forward and recommend that this is paid.

There is a point that I wish to bring to your notice, viz:- That the occupation of buildings by Crown Forces does not in any way break existing tenancy, and the Council are still responsible for the payment of rent to the Landlord.

As you are acting for both Landlord and Council, there ought to be no difficulty in arranging the matter, provided that the Council are willing to accept the same rent as they are in the habit of paying".

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Solicitor to the Council inform the R.I.C. Authorities that it is not rent the Council are claiming, but compensation for disturbance and dispossession.

That the County Solicitor claim the amounts stated in resolution passed at last meeting as compensation under these heads".

Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Under date 29th August 1921, the following letter was read from the Irish County Councils' General Council:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence relative to remuneration to be paid to Inspectors under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, I regret to say that I have not been able to obtain any definite decision on this point. Unofficially, however, I may state it is probable that a scheme for the co-ordination of veterinary services in each County will be recommended for adoption in the near future, and consequently, I think that a system of payment by fees would be a better course to adopt in the meantime".

Marked "Noted"

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr. L. Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, applied for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was agreed that licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr. L. Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, on condition that he sells only Irish made Sheep Dip.

Courtown Harbour Committee.

Under date 9th September 1921, Mr. P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, wrote stating that his Committee recommended the appointment on the Committee of Messrs. Denis Murphy, Seamount, and Michael Wafer, vice Major and Mrs. Richards

who had ceased to reside in the locality.

On the motion of the Chairman, Messrs. Denis Murphy and Michael Wafer were appointed members of the Courtown Harbour Committee, vice Major and Mrs. Richards.

New Ross Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Lennon, it was decided that the dangerous opening in New Ross Bridge be suitably fenced but that the other repairs be adjourned for the present.

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor reported that with Mr. Burden, Co. Surveyor, Kilkenny, he had inspected Mountgarrett Bridge, and agreed with his estimate that the work of erecting a timber structure to carry light traffic could be carried out at a cost to County Wexford not exceeding £300. Mr. Burden was, in the meantime, bringing the matter before the Kilkenny County Council.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr. P.J. Roche Woodville, New Ross, for permission to erect a temporary chute for loading corn at Mountgarrett Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. J.J. O'Byrne, (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Lennon, the application was agreed to.

Machinery.

The County Surveyor reported that the R.I.C. Authorities had ordered him to remove the two breakers from the Yard at the County Hall, which had been commandeered.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that no action be taken in the matter.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from the Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy, for the hire of the Council's Machinery.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed to hire the Machinery to Enniscorthy Urban Council, on the same terms as obtain with the Wexford Corporation".

Material at Ferrybank.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the Wexford Harbour Board, applied for 200 cubic yards of material at Ferrybank.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the application was agreed to, the price to be 16/- per cubic yard at Ferrybank"

"On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the County Surveyor was authorised to dispose of all surplus material at Ferrybank on similar terms".

Kerlogue Quarry.

Under date 17th September 1921, the following letter was read from Mr. Moses Power, Kerlogue:-

"As I am now out of employment and receiving no unemployment benefit I would feel grateful to the Council if they would see their way to settle the accounts of Kerlogue Quarry with me".

"The County Surveyor stated that the amount due to Mr. Power was £71. 12. 6d, and on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton it was agreed that Mr. Power be paid this amount".

Ballyregan Quarry.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr. John Burke for £10.10/- for work done at Ballyregan Quarry.

"On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton, it was agreed that the amount be paid".

Wexford Courthouse.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under 19th September 1921, from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"You are aware that in the burning of the Wexford Courthouse one side of the Courthouse was burned, and the offices which were formerly occupied by the County Council were damaged. We are acting for the Sheriff, and we are directed to ask for your concurrence under Section 11 Sub-section 2 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 in the repair of "sudden damage" thereby caused, and we should be glad to have your answer by return of post if possible, as the matter is urgent".

"No Order, as the Council had given up possession of the building".

Buncloidighe Electric Light.

Under date 16th September 1921, the following letter was read

from Mr. M. Hughes, Buncloidy:-

"The Buncloidy Electric Light Committee want permission to continue to erect poles from Ryland Street to Rectory on Enniscorthy road about one quarter mile".

"On the motion of the Chairman, the application was agreed to, subject to the County Surveyor being satisfied with the position of the poles".

Next Meeting.

It was decided that the next Meeting of the County Council will be on Wednesday 12th October at 10.30 a.m.

Electors & Jurors' Lists.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Foley, it was decided that the question of payment to the Secretary at present interned in Spike Island in respect of fees for Electors' & Jurors' Lists be brought at next meeting for favourable consideration.

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Appointment of Accountant.

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

"That Mr. J.H. Cadogan, Clerk in the C. Secretary's Office be appointed Accountant to the County Council until further order."

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this

day of

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE/

A Meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held on 20th September 1921.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding
other members:- Messrs. R. Corish, C. Culleton, E. Foley, W.J. Furlong, J.J. O'Byrne, Wm. Boggan, D. Whelan and J.S. McDonald.

The Acting Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

Resumption of Road Work.

The following resolutions referred to the Roads Committee from the County Council were considered:-

From Rathangan & Cleariestown Branch,
Wexford Association Irish Farmers' Union:-

"That we ask the Executive of the County Wexford Farmers' Association to bring under the notice of the County Council (the authority responsible for the maintenance of the public roads) the desirability of at once putting same in a proper state of repair in order to facilitate the transit of corn, and other agricultural produce to markets".

From County Delegate Conference, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"That we in conference assembled, representing all grades and classes of workers in the County, call on the County Council to seriously consider at the earliest opportunity the question of unemployment in the County, and, with a view to relieving it, that the County Council decide to restart all necessary Road and other work, and that, while desiring and deciding on above, we fully realise and take into consideration the financial difficulties which confronted the Council in the past".

From the South Wexford District Committee, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

"That we, the delegates of the above Committee, assembled in conference on the 11th day of September, representing the Agricultural Workers of South Wexford, view with alarm the large number of unemployed amongst our members, especially now at the approach of Winter, when farm work is curtailed to a very large extent, still adding greater numbers to the army of unemployed. We cannot close our eyes to the deplorable situation with

which we are now confronted, and we hereby unanimously endorse the resolution sent forward from the County Conference, calling upon the County Council to restart all necessary work at the earliest opportunity".

"Yet at the same time, while pledging support to this resolution, we are not unmindful of the difficulties that confront the County Council, and we earnestly hope that when these difficulties pass away, and the Council are in a better position financially, that they will at once restart a system of Direct Labour so as to give sufficient work to the unemployed in our midst".

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor submit a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee as to the roads in the County which most urgently require drainage. The County Council, owing to the state of their finances and those of the subsidiary Bodies, are not in a position to resume Road Work at present, but that this matter be considered with a statement of the County Finances, at the meeting on the 12th October".

Road at Cooleycarney Cross:

The following letter under date 9th September 1921, which was referred from the County Council Meeting to the Roads Committee, was read from Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy R.D. Council:-

"Mr. Lawler states that the damage has been caused by lack of attention to drainage, and that, as a result, motor and lorry traffic is being directed to other roads which are becoming badly cut up".

"Mr. Lawler has already drawn the County Surveyor's attention to the matter, and as he has not done anything yet, he wished to have the matter brought under the notice of the County Council."

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the letter from Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy R.D. Council, re road at Cooleycarney Cross, be referred to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting".

Road Maintenance.

Under date 13th September 1921, the following letter was read

from Mr. W.F.Hearn, L.L.D. New Ross:-

"No doubt in the near future, your Council will be considering a Scheme dealing with Roads and their proper maintenance. When the question comes up for consideration, I would suggest that your Council appoint a Committee to report thereon and that such Committee would give an opportunity to users of the Roads to come before them and probably could supply information bearing on the subject that would be helpful. The County could be divided into areas for the purpose of such enquiry and so concentrated on each Section".

The meeting considered that the Parish Committees met the point referred to by Dr. Hearn.

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19