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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING - 14th MARCH 1938

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th March, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (presiding), also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

THE LATE MOST REV. DR. CODD, BISHOP OF FERNS

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that in view of the death of Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, the Council - as a mark of respect to his memory - adjourn after transaction of statutory business which did not admit of postponement.

Miss O'Ryan said it was with great sorrow that she referred to the loss they had sustained by the death of Most Rev. Dr. Codd. His career was marked by great prudence and wisdom, and, consequently, the diocese had reached a standard never attained before. They had lost a guide and counsellor. She proposed that they extend to the clergy of the diocese their most sincere sympathy on the great loss they had sustained, that the resolution be forwarded to the Vicar Capitular and that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect.

Mr. McCarthy, in seconding, said they were all grieved at the death of the Bishop. For the past twenty years, he ruled over the diocese with prudence and wisdom. He gave

unstinted devotion to the duties of his high office. While he did not take any public part in the public affairs of the County, he (Mr. McCarthy) knew that he took a great interest in the work of all the public bodies within his diocese, and he was fully conversant with what they did. The diocese had lost by his death, and the County Council, as the premier body in the County, should express their sympathy with the priests of the diocese, and it was right that they should adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the Labour Party, supported the motion and endorsed what had been said. The diocese had lost a great bishop, a great theologian, a great scholar and a great Irishman. As Mr. McCarthy had said, he never identified himself with the outside affairs of the world, but all the same, took a deep interest in the doings of all public bodies and made anxious inquiries as to what the bodies were doing. The diocese was the poorer for his passing. He (Mr. Corish) was expressing the opinion of the working class in the area, to whom Most Rev. Dr. Codd was a beloved bishop. He was a native of Wexford town and Wexford town was very proud of him.

Col. Quin said he was not a member of Most Rev. Dr. Codd's Church, but he always looked on the Lord Bishop with the very greatest admiration and respect. He never had the pleasure of meeting Most Rev. Dr. Codd, but heard much about him, and he could say that he was a very great loss to Ireland and the County.

The Secretary said the late Most Rev. Dr. Codd was a great bishop and a ripe scholar. He ruled over his diocese wisely and well, and was held in respect and esteem by the entire community, Catholic and Protestant. He was loved by his priests. The staff of the County Council deeply regretted his death, and realised that he had gone to rest

in the sleep of peace.

The Chairman said that the ancient See of Ferns had suffered an irreparable loss by the death of Most Rev. Dr. Codd, and the sympathy of the whole County would go out to the priests in their bereavement.

The resolution was adopted in the usual manner, and it was decided that the County Councillors should attend the funeral of the late Bishop in a body on 15th March 1938.

ESTIMATES OF RATES 1938-39

The Secretary stated that the following explanatory Memo. in connection with Estimates of Rates for 1938-39 had been furnished County Councillors with agenda paper:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

9th March, 1938.

ESTIMATES OF RATES 1938/39

I enclose Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table in respect of rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1938/39.

The rates recommended by the Finance Committee are as follows:-

	s.	d.
General Rate	10	3 ³ / ₄
Separate Charges (Average)		<u>3</u>
Total	10	6 ³ / ₄

The Agricultural Grant, £77417, represents an average rate of 5s. 2¹/₂d on Land Valuations, making the average rate on Land 5s. 4¹/₄d in the £.

The general rate recommended for 1938/39 represents an increase of 1³/₄d in the £ on the financial year 1937/38.

The Estimates of Public Bodies show the following increases:-

	<u>1938/39</u>	<u>1937/38</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	£.	£.	£.
County Board of Health Demands	95849	95124	725
Mental Hospital Committee	26130	22870	3260
Vocational Education Committee	4727	3920	807
Co. Committee of Agriculture	3232	2977	255

The Road Estimate, already agreed to at £61756 gives an increase of £4626 on last year's allocation of £57,130.

Table showing the Increase or Decrease for each item of expenditure in County Services Account is enclosed.

In connection with Public Health Charges Account it will be noted that the rate of One Penny in the £ raised in the past two years under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act 1931 has been recredited for the year 1938/39.

The Finance Committee have not recommended the inclusion of any amount on the Estimate to provide for (1) Deductions from Government Grants to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. (2) Local Elections in 1938.

Taking into account the increased estimated expenditure, the rate recommended for 1938/39 means a very slight increase on 1937/38. It is, therefore, essential that all outstanding rates be promptly paid in order that the County Services be fully maintained.

N. J. FRIZELLE.
Secretary Wexford County Council.

To Each Member of the
Wexford County Council.

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The following, under date 3rd March, 1938, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.7846/38 Loch Garman):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd ultimo and to state that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order 1925 he sanctions such departure from the terms of Articles 78 and 79 of that Order as will enable the Wexford County Council to consider and adopt the Estimates for the year 1938-39 by a date not later than 14th March 1938."

Mr. O'Byrne, in proposing the following resolution, said that everything possible had been done to keep the General Rate within a reasonable figure:-

"That Rate for financial year 1938-39 for General and Separate Charges in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42 be and is hereby agreed to at 10s. 3³/₄d in the £. That rebate on Agricultural Land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be allowed in accordance with allocation of said Grant.

That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1938-39 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43) and as presented to this meeting be and the same are hereby agreed to.

That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban District Councils of the County:-

Enniscorthy	£3802.	16.	6d
New Ross	£3415.	4.	11d Ordinary
	£225.	0.	0d Non-Main Roads
Wexford	£7785.	13.	1d."

Mr. McCarthy, in seconding the resolution, said that taking into consideration the increases in the demands of some of the Subsidiary Bodies the General Rate now submitted

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was as satisfactory as it was possible to adopt.

The Chairman, who expressed himself in favour of the adoption of the Rate, put the resolution and declared it carried nem. con.

INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the Finance Committee on 18th March, 1938, be and are hereby empowered, to deal with the consideration and acceptance of quotations for insurances of County Council for year ~~26th~~ March 1938 to ~~25th~~ March 1939."

Consideration of the remainder of the business was, on the motion of Mr. Bowe, seconded by the Chairman, adjourned to next monthly meeting to be held on 11th April 1938.

J. Allen 11th April 38