

Special meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1903.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1903. to consider the following notice of motion issued to members on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 1903, and given by the Chairman of the Council - (Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart)

"That this Council adopt the half yearly system of statutable meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, section 12 (1). That we request the Local Government Board to make an Order providing for the transaction at half yearly meetings of any business, which, but for such order, would have been transacted at Quarterly Meetings. And to make such further Orders and take such further steps as may be necessary to give full effect to the terms of this resolution."

"And we further request the Local Government Board to determine the future salaries of the County and Assistant Surveyors as affected by this resolution"

There were present - The Chairman (Sir Tho. H. G. Esmonde Bart M.P.) presiding - Other Councillors Messrs E. How, D. Dempsey, J. E. Mayler, Michael Broune, James Donohoe, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, A. Kinsella, M. J. Furlong, Robert King, J. B. Hearn, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, G. H. Peacocke, James Shearne, J. F. Walsh, James Codd, M. Hickey, J. D. Doyle, M. A. Ennis, & Lord Stopford.

The Chairman moved his motion in the terms given above, and as a recommendation of the Finance Committee which had considered, and adopted it at a meeting held earlier in the day.

"Mr How seconded"

In connection with the resolution letter no

14940/1903, Wexford County, from the Local Government Board, under date 14<sup>th</sup> March 1903. was read. This communication stated that a copy of a letter received from Mr John Cummins and the reply of the Local Government Board thereto, were being forwarded forward for the information of the Co. Council. The following is Mr Cummins' letter.

Ballyhack

Arthurstown, via Waterford

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Sir

I received the enclosed notice. I am strongly against the change believing as I do that it is against the interest of the contractors, as nearly all of them are poor small farmers and the quarterly payments are a great benefit to them. Since we went into office under the L. G. Bill several contracts have been taken and they won't expire until 1906. In view of that fact I would like to have your opinion on the matter and let me know whether a change or not can be made. I would be glad to know also if the change was made would the salaries be altered.

Your Obedient Servant  
John Cummins

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L. G. B.

Dublin.

The following is the reply of the Local Government Board.

No. 14940 - 1903.

Wexford County

Local Government Board

Dublin, 14<sup>th</sup> March 1903.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the notice of motion to be considered by the Wexford County Council

on the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant, proposing to adopt the system of half yearly meetings for the transaction of the business dealt with at quarterly meetings. I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in their opinion the County Council should arrange, giving the continuance of existing contracts providing the quarterly payments, to observe the conditions as to the period of payment.

I am to add that the Local Government Board are unable at this stage to express an opinion on the question as to whether the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors would be entitled to an increased or diminished remuneration in the event of the County Council deciding to meet half yearly.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

A. K. Barlas

Assistant Secretary

Mr. John Cummins

Ballyhack

Co. Wexford

After a long discussion a vote was taken with the following result.

For the resolution:- Messrs Codd, Mayler, Furlong, Walsh, J. Bolger, Broune, Stopford, Gore, Keacocke, Ennis, Hearn, Donohoe, Dempsey, Kinsella, J. D. Doyle, Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, King, Shearn, and the Chairman  
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Against - Messrs Cummins, and Hickey - 2.  
The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

On the motion of the chairman it was decided that the following circular be sent to contractors whose contracts had been taken on the basis of quarterly payments, the circular to be distributed through means of the chairman and members of

the District Councils.

Dear Sir

You will no doubt, have read the account of the proceedings of the Wexford County Council, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Will you consent to half yearly instead of quarterly payments in respect of your contract, and so assist the County Council in the action they are taking.

If you consent, kindly sign the enclosed postcard and return it to me.

Yours truly

W. H. Pigott

County Secretary

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