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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING, MONDAY, 8th APRIL 1946 AT 2 p.m.

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

GEORGE CANNON,
County Secretary.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING, MONDAY, 8th APRIL 1946 at 2 p.m. (Official Time).

The monthly meeting of above Council will be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 8th April 1946 at 2 p.m. (Official Time) for transaction of the following business:-

1. Confirmation of Minutes of meetings held on 11th and 18th March 1946.
2. Appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District (list of candidates herewith).
3. Motion by Councillor James Sinnott, Mayor of Wexford:-
"That we call on the Agricultural Wages Board, through the Government, to fix the minimum wages for agricultural labourers at £3 per week, and that we ask the Government to give the farmers a guaranteed price for their produce to enable them to pay such wages."
4. Motion by Councillor T. Byrne:- "That the wages of all road workers be increased by 4/- per week."
5. Matters for agenda of meeting of County Councils General Council.
6. Sealing of Demands on Urban District Councils.
7. report re Rate Collection and Overdraft.
8. Correspondence and Sundry Reports.

G. CANNON.

County Secretary.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

3rd April 1946.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
8th APRIL, 1946, at 2 o'clock p.m.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 8th April, 1946, at 2 p.m. (Official Time).

Presided from Minute 48 to 49: Councillor E. O'Ryan.

Presided from Minute 49 to 55: Councillor D. Allen.

Attendance:-

Councillor D. Allen	From Minute 49 to 55
" E. Brennan	" " 48 to 55
" P. Byrne	" " 48 to 55
" T. Byrne	" " 48 to 55
" P. Colfer	" " 48 to 55
" M.J. Fortune	" " 48 to 55
" J. Gaul	" " 48 to 55
" M. Kehoe	" " 48 to 55
" J. Leary	" " 48 to 55
" R. Moran	" " 48 to 55
" S. O'Byrne	" " 48 to 55
" Miss O'Ryan	" " 48 to 55
" M.J. Power	" " 48 to 55
" M. Redmond	" " 48 to 55
" T. Redmond (Enniscorthy)	48 to 55
" T. Redmond (New Ross)	48 to 55
" J. Sinnott	" " 48 to 55

The County Manager, County Solicitor, Acting County Engineer and County Secretary were also in attendance.

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(48) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of proceedings at meetings held on Monday, 11th March 1946, and Tuesday, 19th March, 1946, were confirmed and signed by the presiding Chairman, having been circulated to all members.

(49) APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 15 DISTRICT:-

The Secretary reported that applications were received from the following:-

1. Michael McInerney, 68 Charleton Hill, New Ross.
2. Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis, Robert St., New Ross. (Not qualified)
3. R.J. Brennan, Camolin.
4. Laurence Fitzpatrick, Coolnahorna, Enniscorthy.
5. William K. Maguire, 14 Lower Church St., Enniscorthy. (Withdrawn)
6. Patrick Enright, 43 Wafer St., Enniscorthy.
7. Joseph Whelan, Adamstown.
8. Thomas Hayes, Lower John St., Wexford.
9. James J. Scully, Ballyrue, New Ross (Withdrawn)

Not qualified - (Did not attend for interview):-

Denis A. Hennessy, Donanore, Palace, New Ross.

James Kehoe, Goffsbridge, Foulksmills.

Enock Kinsella, Tingar, Clonevan, Gorey.

Michael Murphy, 36 Weafer St., Enniscorthy.

Michael Rossiter, Ballymurray, The Ballagh.

Stephen Somers, Ballydaw, Enniscorthy.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Redmond, New Ross, and seconded by Mr. S. O'Byrne, Gorey, that Mrs. E. Curtis, Robert Street, New Ross, be appointed as Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District, subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; and that to enable such appointment to be made the Minister be requested to sanction the extension of the upper age limit to 50 years.

The resolution was passed unanimously, Councillor J. O'Leary, T.D., not voting.

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(50) RESOLUTION RE WAGES OF AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS:

It was proposed by Councillor James Sinnott in accordance with notice of intention, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne, "That we call on the Agricultural Wages Board, through the Government, to fix the minimum wages for agricultural labourers at £3 per week, and that we ask the Government to give the farmers a guaranteed price for their produce to enable them to pay such wages."

It was proposed by Miss E. O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. M. Power, that the Government be requested to take all possible steps to bring about a reduction in the cost of living, particularly in respect of food and clothing. On a division, there voted for Miss O'Ryan's amendment:-

Denis Allen, Edward Brennan, Michael J. Fortune, Robert Moran, Sean O'Byrne, Miss E. O'Ryan, Michael J. Power, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Enniscorthy, Thomas Redmond, New Ross. (10)

and against same:-

P. Byrne, T. Byrne, P. Colfer, J. Gaul, M. Kehoe, J. O'Leary, J. Sinnott. (7)

The amendment accordingly became the substantive motion and was declared carried by similar voting.

(51) ROAD WORKERS' WAGES:

It was proposed by Councillor T. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. O'Leary, T.D., that the wages of all road workers be increased by 4/- per week.

It was proposed by Miss. E. O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond, Enniscorthy "That the Council recommend the Manager to increase the wages of road workers by 3/- per week contingent on the amount already provided by County Council for roads be not exceeded".

On a decision there voted for Miss O'Ryan's amendment:-

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D. Allen, E. Brennan, M.J. Fortune, R. Moran, Miss E. O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, New Ross. (7)

and against:-

P. Byrne, T. Byrne, P. Colfer, J. Gaul, J. O'Leary, S. O'Byrne, J. Sinnott. (7)

The Chairman having given his casting vote in favour of Miss O'Ryan's amendment, this amendment accordingly became the substantive motion and was carried by similar voting.

(52) COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council dated 8/3/'46 stating that the next meeting will take place on the 7th-11th May, 1946; that notice of any matters for the Agenda should reach the Acting Secretary before the 30/4/'46. No action taken.

(53) DEMANDS ON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS:

On the motion of Councillor J. Gaul, seconded by Councillor J. Sinnott, it was unanimously resolved that the common seal of the Council be affixed to Demands on Urban Districts in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1947, as follows:-

	£	s.	d.
Enniscorthy Urban District Council	6,021.	12.	6.
New Ross Urban District Council	5,040.	18.	9.
New Ross Urban Road	473.	11.	5.
Wexford Corporation	11,880.	17.	6.

(54) RATE COLLECTION:

Particulars of rate collection for the year ended 31st March, 1946, were submitted by the Secretary.

Total collected 1945/46 94.6%

Total collected 1944/45 93%

(55) SUNDRY REPORTS FOR NEXT MEETING:

It was decided that reports be furnished on the following matters to the next meeting of the Council:-

