

SPECIAL MEETING.- 25th JULY 1916.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 25th July 1916.

Present:- Mr C. H. Peacocke, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs R. Scallan, P. Keating, Louis Barry, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, and J. J. Stafford.

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

Kilmore Pier.

The Meeting was specially summoned to consider tenders for repair of Kilmore Pier.

Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, tendered to do the wedging up of masonry blocks at the Pier for £330, subject to the following conditions:- "The County Surveyor to get seven days' notice in writing, requiring him to examine the work, or any portion of the work. After the work has been passed by the County Surveyor, the Contractor not to be responsible for subsequent damage done by storm or otherwise."

Mr Browne named as his Sureties:- Mr James Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, and Mr James Kelly, North Main Street, Wexford.

"On the motion of Mr Barry, seconded by Mr Keating, the tender of Mr Browne was accepted."

The following tender was read from Mr Denis Hughes (Hughes Bros) Moortown, Tomhaggard--

"I propose to carry out the work at Kilmore Harbour of dumping Rubble at base of pier according to Specification prepared by County Surveyor for the sum of £330, provided I be allowed to substitute Concrete Blocks as per Memo sent me by County Surveyor, instead of 3 ton Boulders according to conditions in my former proposal, in which I have not allowed for Hire of Crane, and which sum will to be added to my Estimate.

I submit as Sureties:- Peter F. Bogan, J. P., Tincurra House, Taghmon, and James J. O'Keefe, Sleadagh."

Denis Hughes.

Mr Elgee pointed out that in his opinion it would be inadvisable for the meeting to accept this tender, and, on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of accepting tender for dumping rubble at base of Kilmore Pier, as per Specification of County Surveyor, be adjourned to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 2nd August 1916".

A letter from Mr James Kinsella, Littletown, Tomhaggard, under date 23rd July 1916, offering to act as Clerk of Works, during the repairs at Kilmore Pier, was adjourned to the meeting of the County Council on 2nd August.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Messrs Stopford & Turner, Estate Agents, Gorey, under date 24th July 1916::

"It has been reported to us that you are quarrying stone on the foreshore at the back of Kilmore Pier, in order to obtain material for repairing the Pier, and we are told that your action will be detrimental to Mr Bruen's Estate, and will probably cause encroachment from the sea during the winter months. A complaint has been made to us by two tenants- Richard Walshe, and Nicholas Cousins.

We must express our surprise that you should have taken this action without, in the first instance, consulting us, and giving us an opportunity of seeing what you intended to do. Mr Bruen would be anxious to facilitate you in carrying out a work of this nature, but, it would be only reasonable that he should be consulted.

We hereby give you notice that we shall hold you, and all parties concerned, responsible for any loss or damage which may accrue to Mr Bruen or to his tenants by reason of your action."

Ordered:- "That the County Surveyor inform Messrs Stopford & Turner, that the blasting operations which have been carried out by him at the foreshore adjacent to Kilmore Pier, were merely in the nature of an experiment."

Telephone Wires at Wexford Bridge.

Under date 25th July 1916, the following letter from Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, George Street, Wexford, was submitted to the meeting, by the County Surveyor:-

"I wish to draw your attention to the manner in which Telephone

Wires, which are brought across the New Bridge, are causing an obstruction at the opening span of the Bridge, to the free passage of persons going up and down the River, in Cots and Boats.

At present the wires are brought across the Opening Span at a level with the ordinary road level of the Bridge, or rather with the level of the beams which carry the road, and thus do away with the advantage of having the opening span higher than the other spans of the Bridge.

The present position of the Wires is of some danger to the Public, as they, seeing that the opening Span is higher than the other Spans, make for it, only to find, when too late, that the Wires are obstructing their free passage through it. If they do not damage themselves they are bound to damage the Wires.

I will be glad therefore if you will have the matter brought before the Telephone Authorities in order to have same rectified."

Ordered: "That the County Surveyor be instructed to call the attention of the Post Office Authorities, to the terms of letter from Mr J. Elgee, Solicitor, Wexford, as to obstruction caused by the manner in which the public telephone wires have been brought across the Wexford Bridge."

(Signed)

*John Bolger*

Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 2 day of August 1916.