

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of the Special County Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 20th August, 1973, at 2.30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

In the Chair:- Councillor M. Hart, Chairman.

Other Members - Councillors -

J. J. Bowe,	S. Browne, T.D.,	T. F. Byrne,
L. Carty,	J. Curtis,	M. Darcy,
Mrs. R. Dunbar,	W. Esmonde,	T. Funge,
T. Howlin,	P. Ronan,	S. O'Gorman,
T. J. O'Loughlin,	J. Quirke.	

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Councillor R. Murphy.

Messrs. W. P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager, F. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary, J. O'Connor, County Engineer, and B. Fitzgerald, Chief Assistant County Engineer, attended.

DRAINAGE OF TACUMSHANE LAKE:

At Meeting of Council on 30th July, 1973, the Members deferred consideration of granting financial assistance for the drainage of Tacumshane Lake pending submission of a detailed report on the extent and estimated cost of the work.

A preliminary drawing of the proposed outlet stating an estimated cost of £13,000 had been submitted to the County Secretary on 17th August, 1973, but no written statement thereon.

The County Engineer informed the Members that before he could comment on the merits of the scheme, more detail of the actual construction would be necessary as the culvert size was not finalised in the drawing and alternative sizes were quoted and that if the Council intended to assist in the financing of the scheme it would be advisable to:-

- (a) Seek further drawings and details of outfall construction.
- (b) Request a Bill of Quantities on the estimated cost of £13,000.
- (c) Request the promoters to state their maintenance proposals on completion as maintenance of such an outfall would be of considerable importance.

It was generally agreed in principle that assistance should be given but the lack of detailed information made it difficult to arrive at a decision.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Members that should the Council decide to grant assistance he would seek advice on the statutory authority for doing so as it was not clear. He was also of the opinion that sanction would be necessary. Consideration would also have to be given to the

method of financing a proposed contribution and the question of to whom the money should be paid would have to be clarified.

ON THE PROPOSAL OF COUNCILLOR J. J. BOWE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR S. BROWNE, T.D., THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDED THAT A CONTRIBUTION OF 50% OF THE COST OF THE SCHEME, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF £5,000 AND THE SANCTION OF THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BE PAID AND THAT FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER, COUNTY ENGINEER, THE OFFICER CONCERNED FROM THE LAND PROJECT OFFICE AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE, SHOULD MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS AND ENSURE THAT THE SCHEME WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN REMEDYING THE PROBLEM.

It was further agreed to nominate the following five Members to attend the Meeting:-

Councillors M. Hart, Chairman, T. Howlin, J. J. Bowe, T. F. Byrne and L. Carty.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. Bowe, seconded by Councillor W. Esmonde, the Council agreed to suspend standing orders to enable the Members to discuss the delay in the implementation of a drainage scheme at Hopelands, Rosslare Strand.

The County Engineer informed the Members that the Council was not involved in the scheme.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bowe, seconded by Councillor W. Esmonde that the appropriate Government Department be requested to expedite this drainage scheme.

F. W. B. ...
Acting County Secretary.

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Michael Hart
Chairman.