

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special County Council Meeting
Held on Monday, 9th August, 1982 - 2.30p.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor: M. D'Darcy, I.D., Chairman.

Other Members

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Councillors

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Mrs. D. Bolger;	J.A. Browne;	J.T. Browne;
G. Byrne;	L. Carthy;	P. Codd;
B. Corish;	J. Curtis;	Mrs. A. Doyle;
R. Dunne;	J. Gahan;	T. Howlin;
R. Murphy;	D. North;	J. Quirke;
M. Sinnott;	J. Walsh;	

Messrs. P. Whelan, Deputy County Manager; J. O'Leary, Acting County Secretary; A. Doyle, Finance Officer; W.P. Creedon, Acting Assistant County Manager; B. Fitzgerald, Acting County Engineer; D. Duggan, Senior Executive Engineer; S. McLoughlin, Senior Staff Officer; J. Bell and N. McDonnell, Staff Officers.

An apology for inability to attend was tendered on behalf of Councillor L. Allen, I.D.

WELCOME:

The Chairman welcomed Councillor J. Quirke to the meeting following his recent illness. The other Councillors and the Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the Staff, joined in the welcome.

Councillor Quirke expressed his thanks for the good wishes.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL:

The Chairman stated that he had convened the Special Meeting in view of the significance of the recent High Court decision on agricultural rates and its effect on the finances of the Council.

A written statement prepared by the Deputy County Manager, Mr. P. Whelan, was presented to the Meeting. He pointed out that the High Court decision could cost the Council £2.5 million and stressed the very serious financial situation which now faced the Council which could not function adequately in the absence of State support to replace agricultural rates.

On the proposal of Councillor M. D'Arcy, T.D., Chairman seconded by Councillor B. Corish, the Council unanimously resolved that the Minister for the Environment be asked to receive a deputation from the Council in the matter and that, on a date prior to the reception of the deputation, a meeting be convened between Senior Officials of the Department and Officials from the Council to appraise and agree the financial situation of the Council consequent to the High Court decision.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor R. Dunne, seconded by Councillor J. Curtis, that the Government be asked not to appeal against the High Court decision unless they had agreed on an alternative source of revenue for local authorities.

DEPUTATION:

It was agreed that the deputation would consist of Senator Mrs. D. Bolger, Councillors B. Corish, L. Carty, P. Codd, Mrs. A. Doyle, T. Howlin, R. Murphy, Messrs. S. Browne, T.D., L. Allen, T.D., H. Byrne, T.D., M. D'Arcy, T.D., I. Yates, T.D., and Council officials.

LOAN OF £146,000 - THE INVESTMENT BANK OF IRELAND LIMITED:

The Council was informed that the Investment Bank of Ireland Limited was prepared to place a loan facility in the amount of £146,000 at the disposal of the Council for the following purposes-

£46,000 towards the building of a Fire Station at New Ross

£30,000 for the purchase of books for the new library at New Ross

£70,000 for the purchase of an Emergency Fire Tender.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, it was resolved

1. that the Council accept the facility granted by the Investment Bank of Ireland Limited on the terms and conditions set out in their letter of the 4th August, 1982, addressed to the Council, and
2. that the County Secretary should sign the copy of the Investment Bank of Ireland Limited's letter as evidence of the Council's acceptance of this facility on the terms and conditions stated therein.

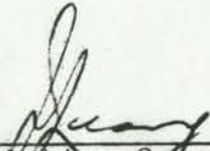
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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:


On the proposal of Councillor G. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Howlin, the Council approved of the Sealing of Documents circulated at the Meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.



Acting County Secretary.

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Chairman