

General Committee:

Meeting of the General Committee held on Saturday, January 16, 1954. Present Messrs P.J. O'Connell, E. Wall, T.N. Desmond, B.L., B.E. Hosford, W. W. Nicholson, J.B. Barter, R. Good, F. S. Hayes, J.S. Henderson, F. Murphy, M. Corkery, D. Cronin, J. Daly, M.R.C.V.S., J. Desmond, L. Dobbins, C. Donovan, J.F.D. Good, M.D. Hosford, Stephen Murphy, J.R. Casey, A.E. Jeffery, J.C. Murphy, Sean Murphy, T. McGrath, M. A. O'Sullivan, H. O'Sullivan, H. Twomey, J.W. Young, and Professor C. Boyle.

In the absence of the President, Mr. P.J. O'Connell was moved to the chair, on the proposition of Mr. M.D. Hosford, seconded by Mr. J.B. Barter.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Apologies for non-attendance:

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Major W.R. Bell and C.V. Good.

On the motion of Mr. F. Murphy, seconded by Mr. J.B. Barter, the following cheques, as recommended by the Finance Committee, were passed:-

Cheques:

J. Atkins & Co. Ltd. (Repairs) £3. 9. 5;
Cork Iron & Hardware Co. (Perspex) £4. 8. 6;
W. Ellis & Sons (Sand & Gravel) £51.15. 0;
W.J. Hickey, Ltd. (Cement) £81. 0.11;
D.H. Sherrard & Co. (Oil & Petrol) £7. 16. 4;
Dept. of Defence (Refund of entry fees) £10. 0. 0;
Salaries £97. 3. 4; Petty Cash £25. 0. 0;

The following were elected members:-

New Members:

D.P. Buckley, Kilmurry, Lissarda.
(Proposed by E. Wall; seconded by C. Donovan);
R.H. Kingston, Upper Forest, Farnness.
(Proposed by W.W. Nicholson; seconded by A.J. Bateman)
D.J. Kingston, M.C.C., 31, Pearce St, Clonakilty.
(Proposed by T.O'Leary; seconded by P.J.O'Connell).
John O'Mahony, Cocks Hill, Millstreet.
(Proposed by W. Corkery; seconded by H.G.O'Sullivan);

Return of attendance for members for the Year:

A return of the attendance for the members of this Committee for the year was given, and, according to the rules of the Society, eight members having the least number of attendances retired, but were eligible for re-election where a member had not less than six attendances. The following had the least number of attendances:- Messrs J.B. Casey, D. Cronin, J. Daly, M.R.C.V.S., J. F. D. Good, A.E. Jeffery, Stephen Murphy, M. A. O'Sullivan, and J. O'Driscoll. (The latter not being eligible for re-election through not having the required number of attendances).

In accordance with the rules of the Society, four members of this Committee retire through being the longest in office - Messrs T.N. Desmond B.L., B.E. Hosford, T. O'Leary & M. Ryan, who were eligible for re-election.

Nominations would be received up to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 1954.

In accordance with the Society's rules, three members of the Finance Committee, having the least number of attendances, retire annually, but are eligible for re-election. The retiring members were Messrs M.A.O'Sullivan, D. Cronin and N. Hayes.

Re withdrawal of educational exhibit and subsidy.

Mr. R. Good then raised the question with regard to the Co. Cork Committee's decision of withdrawing the subsidy and educational exhibit from the Society's Summer Show. Mr. E. Wall gave a detailed statement, pointing out that, owing to the erection of new pig and sheep pens at the eastern end of the sheep shed, the educational plot was an obstruction. He also pointed out that the Society had written to the Co. Cork Committee of Agriculture on October 5 and November 20, 1953, inviting the Chief Agricultural Officer, or members of the Co. Committee, to meet the Committee of this Society - which they did not accept.