**ENNISCORTHY GUARDIAN**

*Board of Guardians*

Saturday, 15 July, 1911

Mrs. Kehoe, midwife of the Killann district, wrote tendering her resignation She had served the board for twenty-three years without fault, and she hoped they would favourably consider her application for superannuation.

Dr. Kelly wrote testifying to the excellent manner in which Mrs. Kehoe performed her duties during her long years of service.

Canon Meehan, Ballindaggin, wrote statin it was the wish of the people of the parish that the person appointed as midwife would reside in the centre of the district.

The Chairman said they would consider Canon Meehan’s suggestion at the proper time, when they would be appointing a midwife.

Mr. M. Murphy handed in notice of motion to consider the superannuation to be granted to Mrs. Kehoe. It was decided to advertise for applicants for the position of midwife.

27 July 1911

Situations Vacant

Enniscorthy Union

Qualified Midwife Required

The Board of Guardians will at their meeting, to be held on Thursday, 3rd August, 1911, consider applications from duly qualified persons for the position of Midwife for the Killann Dispensary District, at a salary of £20 per annum. The person appointed must reside as near as possible to the centre of the district.

Applications, accompanied by testimonials and diplomas, will be received by me up to 12 o’clock noon on above date.

By order,

Aidan A. Connolly,

Clerk of the Union.

Clerk’s Officed, Enniscorthy Union.

20 July, 1911.

*Board of Guardians*

Saturday, 5 August, 1911

There were two applicants for the position of midwife for the Killann district at a salary of £20 a year.

Ms. M. K. Roche, Church-street, Ferns, applied enclosing testimonials from Surgeon M’Ardle, Dr. White, Baggot-street Hospital; Dr. Lee V. Rourke, Dublin; M. A. Keating, Hospital Superintendent.

The other candidate was Nurse Dundon, Strand-street, Irishtown, Dublin, who also forwarded excellent testimonials.

Mr. James Johnson proposed the appointment of Nurse Dundon.

Mr. M. Codd seconded the resolution which was supported by Messrs. Rackard and Kinsella.

Mr. Harte, in supporting the resolution, said applicant was not alone qualified as a nurse, but she was also a qualified teacher, and was assistant teacher at Adamstown.

Mr. J. Doyle, in proposing the appointment of Miss Roche, said it was not fair to elect anyone outside the union. If a person from their district went to New Ross, they would not get much of a look in.

Mr. T. Whelan seconded the resolution, and Mr. Stephens supported it.

Mr. Kinsella said that with regard to electing a resident of the union they should not be dividing Ireland into patches.

A poll was taken with the following result: for Nurse Dundon:- Messrs. M. Murphy, J. Wall, E. Kinsella, G. Carty, J. Sinnott, P. Doyle, Jas. Carstairs, L. Harte, J. Cullen, J. Mernagh, L. Cummins, T. Cleary, T. O’Connor, T. Hayes, A. Doyle, R. Rackard, J. Pingston, J. Johnson, J. Shea, M. Codd, T. Kavanagh, J. Slevin, M. Breen, P. J. Bowe, - Leary, A. Slye, P. Murphy – 28.

For Nurse Roche:- Messrs:- W. Lett, J. Doyle, M. Lacey, J. Parle, - Roche, N. W. Stephens, J. Milne – 8.

Nurse Dundon was accordingly declared elected. by a majority of twenty-three ?????.

3 June 1916

Ballindaggin Bazaar

Per Mrs. Dundon, Ballindaggin.

Mr. Justine Sutton, Wheelagower, £1; Mrs. Cullen, Curragraigue, a cheque; Mrs. J. Nolan, senr., Bolabeg, a china jug; Mr. J. Nolan, junr, do., a pair of vases; Miss B. Breen, do, an album; Mrs. Murphy, Boladurragh, a Japanese wall bracket; Mr. Clinch, Ballylusk, a collection of fancy articles; Miss B. Doyle, Ballindaggin, a pair of fancy vases; Mrs. P. Breen, do., a pair of candlesticks.

Saturday, 17 March, 1917

*Board of Guardians*

KILLANNE DISTRICT NURSE

QUESTION OF PLACE OF RESIDENCE

The committee appointed by the Enniscorthy Board of Guardians, to settle the dispute concerning the place of residence of the Killanne District Midwife, met at Kiltealy, in schoolhouse, on Monday, 12th inst., at 5 p.m. The following attended:- Very Rev. Canon Meehan, Ballindaggin; Rev. Canon Cooper, Killanne; Rev. Mr. Benson, Templeshambo; Rev. D. A. Kavanagh, C.C., Kiltealy; Rev. B. J. Cullen, C. C., Caim; Rev. J. Murphy, Rathnure; Messrs. M. Codd, M. C. C., A. Slye, D.C., P. Bowe, D. C., T. Murphy, D. C., J. Slevin, D. C., R. Rackard, D. C., J. Johnson, D. C., E. O’Connor, D. C., M. Leary, D. C.. Canon Meehan was moved to the chair, and Mr. P. Bowe, acted as secretary to the meeting.

After a very detailed discussion, the following compromise, proposed by Father Kavanagh, and seconded by Mr. J. Slevin, D. C., was unanimously agreed to, - “That a dwelling house for the midwife of the Killanne Dispensary District be erected at old Mohurry Cross, and that we recommend this site as the most convenient for all parties concerned.”

Mr. Rachards’ motion of the guardians meeting which gave rise to the appointment of the committee was, “That in future the Killanne Midwife reside as near as possible to the centre of the district.”

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Saturday, March 24, 1917.

KILLANE NURSE’S RESIDENCE

A NEW PROPOSAL ACCEPTED

DISCUSSION BY ENNISCORTHY GUARDIANS

Mr. P. J. Bowe, D. C., who acted as secretary to the meeting held on Monday week at Kiltealy in connection with the proposal to change the Killanne Midwife’s residence form Ballindaggin to a more central part of the district, forwarded a report of the meeting. The report was exactly similar to that published in our last issue with the exception that it contained the following paragraphs, which have not been published – “That Rev. Canon Cooper, after having voted in favour of the compromise, left the meeting before a decision was finally arrive at. The Rev. Mr. Benson also went away before the meeting concluded.”

Mr. Rackard said the committee which met at Kiltealy, recommended that the nurse’s residence be at Old Mohurry Cross.

Mr. T. Murphy said that on Monday night last a meeting was held at Ballindaggin, which was attended by, amongst other, the Very Rev. Canon Meehan, and it was decided to build a house in Ballindaggin for Nurse Dundon. The people in Ballindaggin would not object to the guardians building a house at Old Mohurry Cross for a midwife, but Mrs. Dundon would not go reside there. She would resign the position and remain in Ballindaggin. The people in the latter village had subscribed a sum of money to build a house for the nurse, but that house would have to be built in Ballindaggin village and in no other place. The committee he represented had no power to give the money for the building of a house in any place except Ballindaggin.

Mr. Sinnott – You won’t give us the money you have if we build the house at Old Mohurry Cross?

Mr. T. Murphy – The committee decided not to. The money was subscribed for a special purpose, and we cannot give it for any other. Mr. Cleary said as the meeting was a small one, they should postpone consideration of the committee’s report for a week.

Mr. Leary said they would do nothing of the kind. The matter had been left in the hands of the dispensary committee, and the board should adopt the report which Mr. Bowe had sent in.

Mr. Cleary – We will not. We pay the midwife’s salary, and it is we who have the settling of it.

Mr. Codd – You are only removing the nurse about a mile from Ballindaggin.

Mr. Rackard – If she came to live in Kiltealy it would be more convenient for the poor than Ballindaggin, and she could get a free house there.

The Clerk said as far as he could see the only thing the guardians could do that day was to pass a resolution that the nurse reside in the centre of the district and say nothing about the house. Mr. Harte said the statement made by Mr. T. Murphy put a new complexion on the case. They were told now that if a house were built at Old Mohurry Cross that Mrs. Dundon would resign rather than go live there. He though the question should be adjourned to a larger meeting.

Mr. Carstairs said that when the Ballindaggin people saw that the nurse must reside at Old Mohurry Cross they were now trying to get out of their responsibility to build the house. They had the money and should build the house.

Mr. Codd – Not a word about it. We would be going beyond the powers we possess if we built the house any place except in Ballindaggin.

Clerk – There is no house at Old Mohurry Cross, and I don’t see how you can call on the nurse to go reside there until you provide her with a house.

Mr. Carstairs – You didn’t show very much consideration to the Ballagh midwife. She was residing in Ballymurrin, and when she told you that she couldn’t get a house in a more central part of the district you very soon told her that she must either resign or leave Ballymurrin. I propose that a house be built for Nurse Dundon at Old Mohurry Cross out of the funds collected by the Ballindaggin people.

Mr. Codd – You won’t get a penny of that money.

After some further discussion, Mr Rackard proposed that when a house is built at Old Mohurry Cross that the midwife for the district be called on to reside in it.

Mr. T. Murphy seconded the resolution, which was agreed to unanimously.

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**MEETING AT BALLINDAGGIN**

A meeting of the committee for the purpose of erecting a residence for the local nurse was held in the Ballindaggin Parochial Hall on Monday evening. Mr. A. Slye, D. C., and subsequently, Very Rev. Canon Meehan, P. P., presided. The correspondence included a letter from Rev. Mr. Benson, rector of Templeshambo, requesting the committee to allow him to make a personal explanation of his action at Kiltealy, at a meeting held there on 12th inst. In his statement he showed that the unanimity which seemed to prevail, as stated in the report of a resolution passed at that meeting, did not apply to him as he had left before the resolution was put, and he now availed of the opportunity of dissenting from the said resolution. On being duly proposed and seconded. Rev. Mr. Benson was co-opted a member of the committee.

The following resolutions were passed –

“That we proceed forthwith to build the nurse’s residence at Ballindaggin, as originally proposed and agreed on, and for which a substantial sum has been subscribed.” “That the special thanks of this committee are due and hereby tendered to Mr. Jordan, for his noble and public-spirited action in giving gratis all the timber required in the construction of the building.”

Tenders for the erection of the house will be invited in the immediate future.

31 March 1917

Licensing appeal

Mrs. Margaret Nolan, publican, Ballindaggin, appealed against a decision of the magistrates at Newtownbarry, in convicting her and fining her £1 for, as alleged, a breach of the Licensing Act, on Sunday, 26th November last. Mr. Lupton, B. L. (instructed by Messrs. M J O’Connor and Co., solicitors) appeared for the applicant, and Mr. J. M. Cooper Crown Solicitor, for the police.

Acting-Sergeant M’Glynn, Killanne, repeated the evidence he gave before the magistrates at Newtownbarry a few weeks ago. His complaint was that on the Sunday in question he found the yard gate and the kitchen door open. When he arrived in the kitchen, without being challenged, he found James Redmon, Woodlands, and Nurse Dundon, who lived in the house sitting talking at the fire. Mrs. Nolan told him that Redmond was her cousin, and a pioneer, that he transacted all her family business for her and called regularly to the house every Sunday morning.

The defence was that Redmond had not been supplied with drink; that he was admitted by the front door which was locked immediately the back door was opened to let Mrs. Nolan’s children out to Mass, and the yard gate was opened for the convenience of people coming in cars to attend Mass at Ballindaggin.

His Honour after hearing the acting-sergeant’s evidence said it was a case which there should not have been a conviction, and he accordingly reversed the magistrates’ decision. There was no evidence that the premises had been opened for the sale of drink.

4 August 1917

Board of Guardians

War Bonus. – Nurse Dundon, Killane, applied for £5 war bonus. Mr. Slye handed in a notice of motion that the application be granted.

**ENNISCORTHY ECHO**

16 October 1943

Midwife’s Resignation, -

The Co. Manager has accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. K. Dundon, midwife, Killanne dispensary district, as from September 2 and has ordered that the question of her superannuation be considered and an annual sum fixed on Sept. 28.