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MUNICIPAL MINUTE BOOK

FROM

17th JULY 1923

TO

9th NOVEMBER 1926

Tuesday, 17th July, 1923.

A Special meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact such business, and take such action as may be necessary in connection with the outstanding rates for year ending 31st March, 1923, and also in connection with the collection of the rates for year ending 31st March 1924.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
and
John Harney

The Rate Collector was also in attendance, and in reply to a member stated that he had issued thirty summonses against rate defaulters the total amount sued for being approximately £100. Since the summonses were issued he had received about £25 of this amount. A discussion took place during which members pointed out that some of those summoned had no means to pay, and consequently the taking of legal proceedings against them was a great hardship.

The Chairman remarked that according to Mr Kennedy's statement some of those were well able to pay. His personal opinion was that those ratepayers who could pay their rates should be compelled to do so at once, and those not in such a favourable position be permitted to pay them in two or three Instalments, whilst the rates should be accepted from poor people in whatever amount it could be got.

Eventually the following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That the Collector be asked
"to stay proceedings against those persons he has
"summoned for rates, for at least a month and that
"in the meantime he call upon those who owe rates
"and inform them that the Council do not wish to take
"any drastic steps, and consequently they be requested
"to pay the outstanding rates."

The Chairman put the resolution and declared it Passed,

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he apparently dissenting

The Collector asked that Public Notice, signed by the members of the Council, be published, calling upon the ratepayer to pay their rates but some members stated they would not sign such notice

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The Clerk pointed out that the Ministry only granted an extension of time for closing the collection to 30th June, and suggested that application be made for a further extension but the meeting did not consider same necessary.

That Officer submitted the Collector's Bond asked to have a definite ruling made as to the enforcement of the conditions requiring the Collector to close his collection for year ending 31st March, 1924, within the prescribed time, and he also suggested the desirability of considering whether any alteration might be necessary in the Collector's Sureties, but the Council decided not to take any action in the matter pending the receipt of instructions in reference to a new Bond referred to in the letter of the Ministry dated 7th September, 1922, after which

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The Members separated.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 24th July 1923.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider Down Surveyor's Quarterly Report

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
Daniel Murphy
John Bennett
John Hand
John Harvey
Martin J. O'Brien
and
Jeremiah Corbett

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read & signed

The following report of the Down Surveyor was read viz:-

24th July 1923.

To Chairman & Gentlemen

During the past Quarter no special works were undertaken. I did not consider it advisable to proceed with construction of Concrete Water Channel in John St as recommended; having regard to your present financial position.

I am endeavouring to restore damages to Streets arising from heavy motor traffic during the present dry season by the use of finely broken Macadam

Jas I. Shortall
Down Surveyor.

No Order made.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 23rd October 1923.

James Murphy

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Duesday 24th July, 1923.

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider applications for the tenancy of a House at William St, lately occupied by James O'Reilly

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
Daniel Murphy
John Bennett
John Hand
John Harney
Martin J. O'Brien
and
Jeremiah Corbett

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs D. Murphy & John Hand & the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz
No 144 Petty Cash £48.8.4.

A Dividend Warrant for £6 was received from the Secretary Gt Southern & Western Rly Co being Interest on £400 of 4% Perpetual Debenture Stock for Half year ended 30th June last, and it was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council

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There were three applications for the vacant house at William St lately occupied by Mr James O'Reilly viz:-
From Andrew Kielthy, Lady Lane. Daniel Murphy, Town St, and Joseph Ward John St,
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Harney

"That Daniel Murphy be accepted"
"as tenant of the House at William St lately occupied"
"by James O'Reilly"

Passed Unanimously

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Dundas, 24th July 1923

It was pointed out that possession of the Plot of Ground attached to the House will be given to Mr Murphy as soon as all the Vegetables now growing in it at present are removed by Mr O'Reilly.

An application dated 3rd Inst was received from Richard Brazil of Abbey View, one of the Council's tenants, asking if the Council will rent him portion of the vacant space adjoining his House for the purpose of erecting a Motor House on it which will measure 16 feet by 20 feet until such time as they will require it for other purposes. He would also like to know at what rent they will let him have same.

After a short discussion it was

Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect the space referred to, ascertain exactly the particular portion of it required by Mr Brazil, and report particulars of same to next meeting.

The following letter was received from Dr Hearn Solr:-

New Ross

24th July 1923.

Dear Sir,

Mr Roche of Knockmullen has consulted me with reference to trespass on his lands adjoining the site where the new houses are being built (late Draves' field). The fences are in a most deplorable condition and are being torn down owing to the traffic on this field which your Council recently purchased. I am informed that the fences between your Council's property & my Clients are in such a state that it would be an absolute impossibility to prevent any class of animals wandering over my Client's lands

I now wish to inform your Council that unless this trespass is stopped by your Council on your Council's land I must take proceedings without further notice. If the trespass on your Council's land is stopped there would be no trespass on my Client's lands.

Please bring the matter before the next meeting and oblig

Yours faithfully

W. D. Hearn

N J Dinn Esq

Clerk of the Urban Council

New Ross

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After some discussion it was

Ordered

That Dr Hearn be informed that the Council have spent a considerable sum of money in fencing their field in order to prevent trespass on it, and they do not think they are responsible in any way, for the trespass upon his Client's land referred to in his letter

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Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council dated 14th Inst. enclosing copy of Polling Districts Scheme, and pointing out that so far as Urban Districts are concerned there is no change

No Order made.

The Clerk reported that the collection of the rates for financial year ending 31st March, 1924 would soon be commenced and asked if any arrangements for the closing of the collection within the prescribed time will be made with the Collector. He also stated that one of the Collector's Sureties, (Mr Kavanagh) was retiring from business, and asked if the Council considered it necessary to revise the Bond, and also whether he could hand over the Collecting Books to the Collector pending the consideration of these matters by the Council.

Ordered

That the books be given to the Collector so that he may commence the collection of the rates for year ending 31st March 1924, as soon as possible.

The Clerk also reported that since last meeting he used one half cart load of stones from Parnell Quarry - which the Surveyor estimated at one-third of a ton, and asked to have the price of same fixed, and it was decided that five shillings be charged for them.

The Surveyor reported that he inspected Cooker in house occupied by Mrs Keefe William St, it is badly damaged and hardly worth repairing.

He estimated cost of repairs to roof of house tenanted by

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by Mrs Dinn Williams St to be £2. The house is not inhabited at present and the roof is damaged by goats getting on from adjoining property.

He had temporary fencing repairs carried out between the Council's property & Dr O'Regans William Street.

Messrs Power might be requested to accept return of 50 lbs Gelignite

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That the repairs be carried out"
"to roof of Mrs Dinn's house by the Surveyor at the cost"
"estimated by him viz:- £2.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Mrs Dinn be informed the Council are about to repair the roof of the house at considerable expense, and it will be necessary that it be occupied to prevent damage to it in future.

That the question of providing a new range in house occupied by Mrs Kelly be adjourned for the present.

That Messrs Power be asked to accept return of fifty pounds of gelignite

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The Chairman, as Secretary to the New Ross Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, applied for the exclusive use of the small room in the Hotel until immediately after the forthcoming Dail Elections, he undertaking that it would not be used on the Polling day.

Proposed by Mr O'Brien and
Seconded by Mr M. Murphy.

"That the application be granted."

Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 7th August 1923

T. Denis Murphy

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Monday, 6th August, 1923.

A monthly meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Dowris Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The meting adjourned

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New Ross. Tuesday. 7th August. 1923.

A Meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 4. 30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
John Harney
and
Daniel Murphy

Letter from the Councils Solicitors, dated 23rd July, enclosing a Bill of Costs from Dr Hearn, amounting to £24-2-6, in connection with the Transfer of the Housing Site at Town Wall, and intimating that he is willing to accept £22 in lieu of Taxation.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Dr Hearn be paid £22 in full discharge"
"of his costs in this case, subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local"
"Government, and that the Bill of Costs be sent to the Minister for inspection."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 1st August 1923. pointing Out that Insurance renewal Premium Paying Orders should be Made out in the name of the Insurance Companies, instead of in the Names of Agents or Intermediaries. No Order Made, as this has been always done by the Council.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 24th July enclosing Copy of an Order Made under Section 15 of The Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923. giving the Minister the same Power over Certain appointments of the Council as was previously possessed by him over appointments by Boards of Guardians, and others.
No Order Made.

Letter from Same, dated 2nd August, informing the Council that Orders under The Local Elections Postponement Act 1923 will be issued forthwith, postponing the next Local Government Elections of County and County Borough Councils, to 1st November, 1923, Borough Councils, Urban District Councils, and Town Commissioners to 15th Novr 1923, and Rural District Councils, and Guardians in Urban Districts to 22nd Novr '23

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That we protest in the strongest possible"
"manner against the action of The Minister for Local Government in fixing the first"
"of November next as the date upon which the County and County Borough elections"
will

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"will be held that day being a Catholic Church holiday, which is"
"observed as Sunday in the County of Wexford".

Passed Unanimously

Letter from Messrs Wm. Power & Co. Waterford, dated 28th. July 1923 pointing out that they are governed by hard and fast rules regarding Explosives, and one of the most stringent is that Explosives cannot be accepted back or exchanged, otherwise they would gladly oblige. They suggested trying the County Council who would doubtless work off the surplus stock.
It was ordered that Messrs Power be paid for the amount Ordered at next Finance Meeting of the Council.

In connection with this matter, a man named Martin Flood came before the Meeting and applied, on behalf of Mr John L Doyle, Upper Carrenroe, for some explosives to be used in the sinking of a pump, stating, at the same time, that the Officer Commanding the Troops was willing to give him some out of the Councils Stock upon receiving an Order from the latter.

After some discussion it was:-

Ordered

"That 5 lbs of Gelignite @ 2/- per lb. 2 coils of fuse at 1/3 each and"
"20 detonators at total of 2/-, making a gross total of 14/- be sold to"
"Mr Doyle, and that an Order for same be issued to the Offr Comdg"
"for delivery out of the Council's stock."

A Quotation was received from Messrs Kenny's, Dublin, dated 31st July, of 30/- each for Ballot Boxes, four of which the Clerk stated are required.

After some discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

"That Tenders for the supply of the boxes"
"be invited from local people."

Passed.

A Dividend Warrant for £1-0-6, received from the Bank of Ireland, being Interim Dividend on £19-10-10, Bank Stock for Half-year ended 30th June last, was Ordered to be lodged to the Credit of the Council.

A letter was received from the Collector asking that he be paid his commission on Rates collected to date, in full, at next Meeting of the Council. He also enclosed the accounts of same which totalled £446-1-3 including 25% previously witheld owing to the Minister for Local Government not sanctioning more than 75% of the rates lodged to 31st March last when the Collection was not closed within the financial year.

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Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded The Chairman "That the Collector Michael O'Kennedy be paid"
"the amount of his Commission as furnished at last Finance Meeting of the"
"Council subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government."
Passed Unanimously

The Clerk reported that Mr Atkinson, the owner of the land in which Lock No: Catchment is situate, called to the office and desired him to inform the Council that he would not clean up the Pool as requested, but if they clean it, and remove the deposit out on the road he will draw it away.

After a Short discussion it was decided not to make any Order upon the matter as the Meeting did not consider the Council had any right to go in on private property for such a purpose.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by The Chairman, the agreement between the Council, and Mr Daniel Murphy, for the letting of a house at last Meeting was duly Sealed.

Notice of application for Compensation amounting to £25.13.6, for Tobacco and Cigarettes Stolen from a Railway Wagon, was received from Messrs P.J. O'Flaherty & Sons on behalf of Messrs P.J. Carroll & Co Ltd, Dundalk, and it was Ordered that same be handed to the Councils Solicitors for attention.

The Clerk stated that a Contract for the public lighting of the town was usually entered into early in August, and after a Short discussion it was
Ordered "That Tenders be invited for the same Number of gas, and electric "
"lamps, as last Year to be lighted from the 15th September to the 15th of April"
"1924, including Maintenence of burners and Mantles, and they be also "
"asked to quote for lighting of same from 1st September 1923 to 1st May 1924."

A discussion took place respecting the payment to Thomas Freeman of £24.4.6, being the difference between the National Health Insurance received by him, and his wages, during illness, from 16th March to 25th June last, during which a member inquired if any reply had been received from the Minister for Local Government to the last letter of the Council, in which it was pointed out that a precedent existed for the payment of such difference to the Councils workmen during illness. In reply the Clerk stated that no letter was from the Minister in reference to the matter except

the one in which the Minister pointed out that they were not aware of any Statutory Authority authorizing the Council to make the payment referred to.
It was now Ordered that the Minister be asked for a reply to the last letter of the Council which was addressed to him on the matter.

The Town Surveyor reported that he inspected the plot of ground in Dunneen Lane which Richard Brazil applied for permission to erect a Motor House upon, and found it was the same Plot, which was let sometime ago to James Ryan, another of the Council's tenants, but he understood from Mrs Ryan that they did not now require it.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy "That the application of Richard Brazil for a"
"plot of ground in Dunneen Lane, now in occupation of James Ryan,"
"be granted subject to James Ryan first surrendering possession of it to"
"the Council."

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered
That James Ryan be informed of the intention of the Council and he be also asked to inform the Council in writing, whether he is willing to surrender possession of the Plot.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday. 14th August 1923

W. Hand

Tuesday. 14th August 1923.

A Meeting of The Finance Committee was to be held this day at 7 O'clock P.M. to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.
Mr James Murphy was the only Member who attended. A Quorum not having assembled, there was no business transacted, except the formal examination of the accounts submitted.

The Meeting Adjourned

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A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 4.30 Oclock P. M to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854; consider proposals for the tenancy of a house at William Street lately occupied by Mr Callahane, also for Public Lighting of town during Winter months.

Present Messrs John Hand. Presiding.
Daniel Murphy
Jeremiah Corbett
John Harney
John Dennett
Martin J O'Brien
and James Murphy.

The Rate Collector was also present.
The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for Making payments was signed by The Chairman, and Messrs Daniel Murphy, and John Dennett, and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued Viz:- General Account:-

No 147 Glenfield & Kennedy £20-0-0; 148:- James J Shortall £20-0-0
" 149 New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co £90-10-5; 150:- James Kelly £20-0-0
" 151 Patrick Byrne £10-6; 152:- Michael Kennedy £1-12-11
" 153 P Feeney £12-19-6; 154:- Patrick Dooley £4-10-4
" 155 St Stephens Cemetery Committee £15-0-0; 156:- Timothy Doran £2-3-4
" 157 John J Browne £1-19-0; 158:- John J Browne £3-14-5
" 159 Thomas Butler £4-1-8; 160:- Thomas Butler £5-8-4
" 161 James J Shortall £15-10-10; 162:- Dr Flynn £17-19-5
" 163 Dr Flynn Petty Cash £16-4-9; 164:- M J O'Kennedy £8-12-4
" 165 Thomas Freeman £24-4-6; Grants account:- 166 Patrick L Guck £216-0-0
No 8 Loans a/c:- 167:- Glenfield & Kennedy £22-19-9; 168:- Patrick L Guck £84-0-0

Letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 11th August No 32,095/1923 acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 27th Ultimo, And stating that they should require the Rate Collector to lodge the full amount of his Warrant for the Year 1922-23 before giving him the books for the current Year's rates. The return of unpaid rates should be transmitted to the Department.

The Bond already held from the Rate Collector might be continued for another Year if the Sureties are considered suitable.

Proposed by

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Bennett "That the Consideration of this letter be"
"adjourned to next Meeting of the Council"
Passed Unanimously

Letter from same dated August 11th No 33,726, August, 1923, replying to the Council's letter of the 8th inst. regarding their proposal to pay Thomas Freeman the difference between the benefit received by him under The National Health Insurance, and his normal wages, and stating that the Council must act on their own responsibility in the matter.

A short discussion took place upon the reading of this letter, during which the Clerk pointed out that sanction to the payment was not conveyed in the letter, and if the payment was made it would be surcharged, but the Chairman considered it was.

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Corbett "That Thomas Freeman be paid the"
"difference between that payable to him under the National Health"
"Insurance Act, and his wages, for the period from 26th March"
"1923 to 26th June 1923 amounting to £24-4-6."
Passed Unanimously.

A Tender, dated 4th inst. was received from Mr Edwd. Browne for two heaps of manure in Henry St yard @ 5/-, and its consideration was adjourned to next meeting

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Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council, dated 10th August, forwarding copy of resolution by his Council on 7th inst viz:- "That we"
"must request the Urban Comcils of the County to pay off their demands"
"to 30th June 1923, without further delay"
Ordered
That the Consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

Letter from Patrick Mc Namara, Fair Gate, one of the Councils tenants, dated 11th inst, requesting that some repairs be carried out on his house which is badly needed.
Ordered
That the matter be referred to the Town Surveyor for report, as was also, a letter received from Mrs Cantlin, John St. relative to the water supply to her premises.

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Tuesday, 14th August 1923. (Minutes Continued)

Letter from Thomas O'Neill, Wm St. dated 14th Inst. applying for the use of vacant room in Tholsel, periodically, within the next two weeks for Mr John Cummins' election Committee.

Ordered, on the proposal of Mr D Murphy, Seconded by Mr Bennett

That the use of the Large Room, Tholsel, be granted occasionally, to Mr O'Neill during the next two weeks for the purpose indicated in his letter, on the understanding that it will not be used after evening of 25th Inst.

Applications for the tenancy of a house at Wm Street, New Ross, which was lately occupied by Jeremiah Callihane, were received from:- Messrs, John Murphy, Wm Street, who offered Mr John Kennedy, Priory St as Surety, John Murphy, Neville St, who offered Messrs T Kelly Sols and Jas Hennessy, South St, Edward Monohan, Wm St " " Edward Monohan, Sen., Wm Street and Joseph Ward, John St, who offered Mr John J Sheehan, Bridge St, as his Surety.

Proposed by Mr Corbett "That John Murphy, Wm St be elected tenant - Not Seconded.

Proposed by Mr James Murphy, That John Murphy, Neville St be elected tenant:- Not Seconded

Proposed by Mr Harney and Seconded by Mr Bennett,

"That Joseph Ward be elected tenant of the house."

"Edward Monohan was not proposed."

Mr Ward being the only Applicant who was duly proposed, and Seconded, the Chairman put the proposal to the meeting, and Mr Corbett voted for him, whilst Messrs James Murphy, Daniel Murphy and the Chairman declined to vote. Mr Ward was declared elected tenant of the house.

Proposed by Mr Harney and Seconded by Mr Bennett,

"That Joseph Ward be elected tenant of the Plot attached to this house."

Passed.

At this stage Mr James Murphy retired from the Meeting, whilst Mr O'Brien had not attended up to this.

A letter, dated 8th Inst. was received from The Agent of The British Petroleum Company asking the Council to increase the number of gallons of Petrol allowed to be stored in their Store at Rosbercon from One thousand to two thousand five hundred Gallons.

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Harney "That the application of The British Petroleum be be granted."

Passed Unanimously.

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The following Tender for the public lighting of the town was received from The New Ross Gas and Electricty Supply Company Viz:-

11th August 1923

We beg to tender for the public lighting from 15th September 1923 to 15th April 1924 as follows:-

25 Gas Lamps to be extinguished at 11 P.M. and to remain unlighted for the five nights of the Moon in each Month, as in former contracts at £6-5-0 per lamp.

All of the above lamps to be fitted with incandescent burners, the cost for Mantles, etc. is included in above price.

14 Electric Lamps to be lit every night and extinguished at 11 P.M. at £8 per lamp.

The lamp at Rosbercon Church to be lit as required at £2.

As an alternative we would light the lamps as above but to extend the time from 1st September 1923 to 1st May 1924 at £6-12-6, for the gas lamps and £8-10-0 for the Electric lamps.

The above offers are made subject to the conditions that we cannot be held responsible for failure to supply caused through Strikes, breakdown of machinery, or any other unforeseen cause.

We cannot undertake to maintain the lighting in any lamps wilfully damaged, or interfered with by unauthorized persons, and, in the event of such damage occuring we reserve the right to discontinue any lamp damaged or interfered with, making due allowance for the unexpired time of Contract.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Harney "That the Tender of The New Ross Gas and"
"Electricty Supply Co to light twenty-five gas lamps, as in proposal,"
"from 1st September 1923 to 1st May 1924 @ £6-12-6 each, and "
"seventeen Electric Lamps for same period, at £8-10-0 per lamp, "
"and also the lamp at Rosbercon Church as required at £2 be accepted."

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills, amounting to £291-5-6, including that for £14-7-6, ordered at this meeting, to be paid to Tho Freeman, all of which are payable out of the General Account, and pointed out that this account had already been overdrawn to the extent of £209-4-11, which added to the amount of those proposed to be paid at this meeting, would will increase the overdraft to £500-10-5. In addition to this, there are two quarterly Instalments due the County Council to 30th June, amounting to £1066-15-0, and, instalments of loans to 1st May amounting to £540-2-2.

He also reported that the amount of rates for half-year ending 30th September 1922, outstanding on the 11th Inst was £781-15-10, and for half year ending 31st March 1923 on same date was £650-6-5. A detailed Statement of the amount of the bills was also submitted

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr Corbett and
Seconded by Mr Bennett "That the accounts submitted by the"
"Clerk for payment including that of £24. 4. 6 to Thomas Freeman"
"be paid."

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk drew attention to the necessity of having the collection of the new rate proceeded with as soon as possible, and the Chairman having again referred to the letter received from the Minister for Local Government, which was read at an earlier stage of the meeting, a discussion took place on the matter during which it was pointed out that the adjourned hearing of the summonses for rates will take place on Thursday next, and reference was made to the inability, through poverty, of some of those summoned to pay. In reply to a member the rate Collector stated that he had received some rates since he notified those summoned that the cases will be heard on Thursday next. Eventually it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy "That we respectfully ask the Local"
"Government Department to permit the Clerk to hand over the"
"New Rate Books (first Society 1923-24 to the Collector for immediate"
"Collection in order to tide the Council over its present financial"
"difficulties, and meanwhile the Collector (Mr Kennedy) be requested to"
"use his best efforts to collect as much as possible of the accrued arrears"
"without instituting Court proceedings"

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk drew attention to the paragraph in the letter of the Minister for Local Government relative to the continuance of the Collector's existing Bond and pointed out that one of the Sureties, Mr Kavanagh, was retiring from business and the Council might therefore consider whether it was necessary that he should be substituted by another, and, after a brief discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr O'Brien "That we desire to state that we consider"
"the existing Sureties suitable."

Passed Unanimously.

The Collector informed the members present at the meeting that he could not, under existing conditions, undertake the collection of the rate for year 1923-'24 if required to lodge the full amount of his warrant, and asked to have entered on the Bond, that he be not asked to close his

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Collection for Year 1923-'24. A discussion took place upon the matter during which he handed in a letter of which the following is a copy:-

43 South St
New Ross, 14th August 1923.

Dear Sir

In reference to the Collection of Rates for Year 1923-'24, I wish to state that I cannot undertake to close my Collection for the above Year.

I wish You to have entered on my Bond "That the Collector be not pressed to close his Collection for the Year 1923-'24.

Yours faithfully
Michael J O'Kennedy
Rate Collector.

The Presiding Chairman
Urban Council.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy
"That the Minister"
"for Local Government be asked to grant this concession"
"and permit an endorsement of the Bond to that effect"
Passed Unanimously

The Meeting Adjourned to 28th August 1923.

James Murphy

Tuesday, 28th August, 1923.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, & consider letter from Minister for Local Govt. relative to collection of the rates, also one from Wexford County Council requesting their Demand to 30th June.

Mr James Murphy was the only member who attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 4th September 1923.

Jas Murphy

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Monday, 3rd September, 1923

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member attended

The meeting adjourned.

Tuesday, 4th September, 1923

An adjourned meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider a letter from The Minister for Local Government relative to the collection of Rates, also one from Wexford County Council requesting their Demand to 30th June.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
and
Martin J. O'Brien

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs John Hand & Daniel Murphy. and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:-
No 169 Petty Cash £51-16-8.

A Paying Order for £13-13-5 was received from the Irish Paymaster General being balance of the proportion of actual expenses incurred by the Council for year ending 31st March 1923. for Salaries of Sanitary Officers.
Ordered- That it be lodged to credit of Council

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Monday, 3rd September, 1923.

The following Tenders were received for the supply of first Crop Hay from Low Barrow Killiows, The Rower, who offered to supply it at £5-10-0, John Mackey Ballycrowey @ £4-15-0 Patrick Carty Landscape @ £4-10-0, and Michael Dobin Listerlin @ £4-10-0. The price mentioned in the two last proposals being the same a ballot was taken and that of Dobin was drawn - It was then

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That the Tender of Michael Dobin
"~~Barrow~~ to supply first crop Hay at £4-10-0 per "
"ton be accepted he to supply two tons as advertised
"for."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 15th August 1923 No G 33933/1923 inviting the special attention of the Council to Section Ten of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923 which provides for the attachment of reinstatement conditions to decrees in respect of buildings damaged or destroyed, and pointing out that the question of restoring buildings is largely one of local interest and the matter is therefore one of local interest. The Section also provides for the representation of local Authorities at the hearing of any application.

He also intimated that State Solicitors have been instructed to consult Local Authorities in connection with cases, and in a letter dated 23rd August enclosed copy of a letter of 15th April last from the Minister of Finance in which it was pointed out that copies of claims lodged with the Council in accordance with terms of Public Notices No 20 & 21 should be transmitted without delay to the State Solicitor.

In conjunction with these letters one received from the State Solicitor dated 3rd Inst was considered in which he pointed out that under the Provisions of the Act referred to above, awards for compensation in respect of injury to buildings may be made subject to re-instatement conditions either total or partial, and stating that he will

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will be glad to have any suggestions the Council may be in a position to make with regard to the defence of these claims.

A discussion took place on the reading of these letters, and the meeting was of opinion that, as none of the destroyed buildings were situate in the Urban District, they had not a direct interest in the matter. In order however to give expression to their opinion respecting re-instatement conditions to be attached to decrees which they were entirely in favour of - the following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy.

"That where practicable all the"
"Decrees to be made under the Damage to Property"
"(Compensation) Act 1923 be subject to re-instatement"
"conditions, and that in the case of compensation"
"being awarded for the destruction of mansions"
"such re-instatement conditions shall attach as will"
"ensure the erection of suitable dwellings upon lands"
"which may be divided up by the Land Commission"
"so as to form economic holdings, the interest in the"
"buildings thus erected to belong to the person"
"legally entitled to the compensation awarded"
"under the Decree".

Passed unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Solicitor.

With reference to the paragraph in the Ministers letter directing that copies of Claims lodged with the Council in accordance with the terms of Public Notices Nos 20 & 21 should be transmitted without delay to the State Solicitor.- It was

Ordered

That copies of these letters be forwarded to the Council's Solicitors & they be asked to forward the copies of all Claims lodged with them by the Council for the purpose of defence, to the State Solicitor in compliance with the letter from the Minister of Finance, if in their opinion, having regard to the Council's

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interests, this is the course indicated in the letter.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 15th August, stating that the date in circular letter in reference to Holding of Elections was erroneously given as the 1st November, the correct date being the second.

No Order made

The following letter received from the Minister of Local Government was considered at length:-

No G.34857/1923 24th August, 1923.

A. Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 17th Inst. I am instructed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he is greatly dissatisfied with the present position of the Rate Collection in New Ross, and considers that the Council have made no serious efforts to place matters in a satisfactory condition. The Rate Collector is under obligation to make use of all legal means in his power to secure the rates due, but it is understood that when he recently obtained Decrees against a number of Defaulters the Council in July ordered him to stay proceedings. The Council had no right to thus hamper the Collector, & have incurred grave responsibility by their wrongful action.

The Collector should now immediately proceed under the terms of his warrant to secure payment of all arrears and the Council should facilitate him by having peremptory warning Notices printed & circulated.

One month after the receipt of this letter (a duplicate of which is enclosed for the Collector's information) the position should be reported for the consideration of the Minister, in regard to the issue of the books for the current year, & the terms of the Collector's Bond. With reference to the poundage fees referred to in your letter of the 8th Inst. £30 on a/c may now be paid to the Collector & this question will be fully considered in a month's time on receipt of the report.

(Signed) W. Glasgow

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After considerable discussion the following resolution was :-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That peremptory"
"warning Notices be printed & posted requiring Rate-"
"payers to pay the rates due by them for year ending"
"31st March 1923, and that the further consideration"
"of this matter be adjourned for a fortnight to enable"
"Ratepayers to comply with the requirements of this"
"resolution before taking further action against them".

Passed unanimously

The following is a copy of the Notice to be issued in the foregoing resolution as approved of by the meeting :-

New Ross Urban District Council

Notice to Ratepayers

Ratepayers whose rates for year ending 31st March, 1923 are still outstanding are hereby required to pay same to the Council's Collector forthwith

By Order of the Council

P Brien

6th September, 1923. Clerk of the Council

The Collector was handed a copy of the foregoing letter which the Minister had forwarded for the information of the Collector

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It was decided not to make any order on the letter dated 11th August, received from the Minister for Local Govt on the same subject, the consideration of which was adjourned from last meeting, as it was considered that the resolution already passed in reference to the Minister's letter of the 24th ult dealt with the subject matter of it.

Tender was received from Edward Browne Creacon for one or two heaps of manure in yard at Henry St @ £2-10-0 per heap.

Proposed by Mr D Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O Brien

"That"

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"That Mr Browne's Tender for one or two Leaps of"
"manure (if in Stock) in yard at Henry St @ £2-10-0"
"per Leap be accepted"

Passed Unanimously

An application, dated 2nd September, from James Holden for the use of the large room for the working men as heretofore was adjourned for the present.

Letter from James Ryan, one of the Council's tenants dated 18th August stating that he was not willing to surrender his interest in the plot of ground at Bunnacurra Lane which the Council rented him some time ago for the purpose of erecting a Carpenters workshop on it.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting for the attention of the Surveyor

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A letter dated 4th September, received from Mr Butler Caretaker of the Tuberculosis Dispensary, in which he pointed out that if the pool into which the Boheen road was always drained is not cleared; serious flooding of the Dispensary premises is bound to occur during the winter months, was also adjourned until the Surveyor is present.

The letter received from the Wexford County Council dated 10th August asking to have the Demand to the 30th June paid, which was adjourned from last meeting was considered, and it was decided not to take any action upon it for the present

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The following resolution, received from the Macroom Board of Guardians & Rural District Council was, on the proposal of Mr Daniel Murphy, Seconded by Mr Hand, unanimously adopted viz:-

"That we call on the Government to release all political prisoners immediately & unconditionally"

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The following Certificate was received from Dr Walsh in reference to Thomas Freeman viz:-

"This is to certify that Thomas Freeman has been ill and unable to work from 25th June to 28th August 1923

Ordered

That the consideration of this be adjourned to next meeting.

Letter from Colfer Bros dated 21st August 1923 informing the Council that by Deed of Assignment dated 25th October 1921, the interest of Frances Anna Addison in the dwelling house & premises in Priory St held under lease dated 9th August 1905 between the Council & Thomas Upton; has been transferred to Mary Anne Hennessy & that the latter is liable for the rent of the said premises from 29th Sept 1921

No Order made.

Attention was drawn to the condition of the New Ross Bridge, both the footpaths of it, & also the iron work, & after a short discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That the serious attention of the"
"Wexford County Council be drawn to the condition"
"of the New Ross Bridge and they be requested to have"
"it put in a proper state of repair, and also to"
"take such action as may be necessary to preserve"
"the iron work of it from further decay"

Passed Unanimously

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr D Murphy it was ordered

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Contract Bond for letting of house at William Street to Joseph Ward."

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The Town Surveyor reported as follows viz:-

"I inspected your house in occupation of Mrs M^c Namara, Fair Gate, as ordered. The undermentioned repairs are required thereto:- Front bedroom repairs to Fire grate, flooring repaired, Plaster repairs to Stairs, Kitchen walls & ground floor windows reveals. Also front wall, & Kitchen Cooker. New concrete floor to kitchen. Fire lining to kitchen fireplace. Back door & frame wedged up & re-hung. Repairs to Eave Shoots at rere. Several panes window glass broken. Estimated cost £7.10.0

Repairs are also required to Chimney of your house in occupation of Mrs Ryne Bullaun £2.10.0."

Ordered

That the Surveyor prepare a Specification of the work to be carried out on these Houses, & furnish same to next meeting of the Council.

Mr Hand drew attention to the death recently of a sister of Dr Walsh, who was a nun, & pointed out that Dr Walsh was for a number of years a member of the Council. He moved that the sympathy of the Council be tendered to Dr Walsh in his bereavement. This was seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy & passed in respectful silence, after which -

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The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 11th September '23

James Murphy

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Tuesday 11th September, 1923

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854
Present.

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
John Hayney
and
Martin J. O'Brien

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Dan Murphy & M. O'Brien and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 170 P. Lynch £78-15-0
" 171 P. Lynch £2 10
" 172 D. Hanley £3-19-6
" 173 P.J. Kennedy £1-9-7
" 174 P.J. Kennedy £30
" 175 P.J. Dinn £17-19-5
" 176 Petty Cash £17-1-6
" 177 D. Butler £7-1-8
" 178 D. Butler £5-8-4
" 179 J.J. Browne £1-19-0
" 180 J.J. Browne £3-14-5
" 181 J.J. Shortall £15-10-6
" 182 J.J. Shortall £15-0-0
" 183 P.J. Moran 15/-
" 184 Dr L.E. Rly Co £17-6-10
" 185 P. Doran £2-3-4
" 186 School Attd. Ctte £12-15-4
" 187 People Works £3-18-0
" 188 Power & Co £8-15-9
" 189 P. Morrissey £21-14-6
" 190 Patk Lynch £11-5-0
" 191 M. Dobin £7-14-6
" 192 Richd Murphy £10-0-0.

Correspondence

Letter from Secretary, Wexford County Council dated 7th Inst acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by the Urban Council relative to the condition of the New Ross Bridge, and stating that it will be submitted to a meeting of his Council on the 10th Inst
No Order made

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Letter from the Collector dated 10th Inst. enclosing a bill received by him from the District Court Clerk for 30/- being for 30 Summonses @ 1/- each issued against Rate defaulters, together with 30/- fees for service of same, making a total of £3. and stating he was sure the Council will see their way to pay same

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council

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The Clerk reported that the Bank Account was overdrawn at date £435 - 7 - 5, and that at this meting bills amounting to £215 - 15 - 2 were being submitted for payment which would make a total overdraft of £651 - 2 - 7

The bills referred to, which are entered in detail at the commencement of the minutes, were submitted & Examined after which it was:-

Proposed by Mr O'Brien and

Seconded by Mr D Murphy.

"That the Accounts now submitted by the Clerk be paid"

Passed Unanimously

The consideration of the Certificate received from Dr Walsh "that Thomas Freeman was unable to work from 25th June to 28th August, which was adjourned from last meeting, was further adjourned

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The letter received from James Ryan at last meeting and which was adjourned to this was considered, Mr Ryan attended and stated that he was satisfied to exchange the Plot let to him; for another, provided that he would be exempt from any legal expense in connection with the matter. The opinion was expressed that the letting made to him should be surrendered by him, and a new letting made if any change in the way of an exchange with Mr Brazil took place.

Eventually it was decided to adjourn the matter to next meeting of the Council the Clerk to ascertain in the

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the meantime if Mr Brazil required a particular position of the vacant space adjoining Mr Ryan's House, & if so will he be prepared to pay for any legal expenses involved in this matter, and he also ascertain from the Council's Solicitors if it will be necessary to have a new Agreement with Mr Ryan, and if so the probable cost of same.

The Clerk pointed out that at last meeting it was decided to hold an adjourned meeting of the Council on Tuesday 18th Inst. to consider the question of the Rate Collection and suggested that a resolution be passed adjourning this meeting, at the conclusion of the business, to Tuesday next.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy.

"That at the conclusion of the business this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday 18th Inst. for the purpose of considering the state of the Rate Collection, and of transacting any business in connection with it that may be necessary"

Passed unanimously

The letter received at previous meeting from Mr Thomas Butler, Caretaker of the Tuberculosis Dispensary, in reference to the flooding of the Dispensary premises, which was adjourned from previous meeting, was considered, and after a short discussion the Council decided not to clean the Pool referred to in Mr Butler's letter, as they did not consider they had a right to enter on the land of any person for the purpose of carrying out this work.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 18th September, 1923.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 18th September 1923

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 viz:- Consider the state of the Rate Collection, and transact any business in connection with it that may be necessary

Present Messrs James Murphy
John Hand
and
Daniel Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 25th Septr 1923.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 25th September, 1923.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider the State of the Rate Collection, and transact any business in connection with it that maybe necessary, also a letter from the Secretary Wexford County Council forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by that Body "that unless New Ross Urban Council pay instalment on foot of County Council Demand within three weeks the Solicitor to the County Council proceed against them by mandamus for recovery of same.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
Martin J. O'Brien
Daniel Murphy
John Harpur
and
John Hand

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs M. O'Brien & D. Murphy and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:

No 193 Petty Cash £36-12-6.

Correspondence

The following letter dated the 14th Inst was received from the Secretary, Wexford County Council viz:-

A Chara

At a meeting of my County Council on 10th Inst. a resolution was adopted that unless New Ross Urban Council pay instalment on foot of County Council Demand within three weeks the Sob to the Co. Council proceed against them by Mandamus for recovery of same.

(Signed) R. J. Prizelle
Secretary.

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A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter during which the opinion was expressed that, having regard to the Council's present financial position, the best steps to be taken would be to appoint a deputation from the ~~County~~ Council to meet the members of the County Council and discuss the matter fully with them

Accordingly it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That a deputation"

"consisting of the members present at this"

"meeting meet a deputation of the local members,"

"or any that may be appointed by the County"

"Council, in the Urban Council Office, to confer"

"with them on the subject matter of their letter,"

"at a date which may be suitable to the"

"County Council members"

Passed unanimously

The consideration of the Medical Certificate received from Dr Walsh "that Thos Freeman was unable to work from 25th June to 28th August," & which had been adjourned from two previous meetings was next taken up

In reply to an enquiry the Acting Clerk stated that the amount which would be due to Freeman for the period of illness, as mentioned in the Medical Certificate, would be £16-17-6, the previous payment was for £24-7-6 and in reference to this, the Local Government Dept informed the Council "that they should act on their own responsibility in the matter," no communication had been received from the Department regarding the second certificate

After considerable discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr D Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Harney

"That Thomas Freeman be"

"paid the amount due ~~according~~ to according"

to

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"his Medical Certificate, viz £16-17-6, at next"
"Finance meeting of the Council"

Do this the following amendment was:-
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That the consideration"
"of this matter be adjourned for one month, the"
"Acting Clerk to write the Local Government Dept"
"in the meantime and ask them for their"
"observations on the matter."

The Chairman put the amendment to a vote when the following voted
For- The Chairman, and Mr O'Brien 2.
Against- Messrs D Murphy & John Hanney 2.
The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, and declared it carried. He then put the resolution to a vote when the voting was the same and it was declared lost.
Mr Hand did not vote

The letter received from the Collector enclosing a bill for £3. from the District Court Clerk ~~for £3~~ £2 being fee for the issue of summonses against Rate Defaulters and for service of same, which was adjourned from last meeting was considered, and during a discussion which took place the opinion was expressed by a member that the Council could not pay this amount as they would be liable to surcharge afterwards, but it was pointed out that after these summonses were issued the Council put a Stay on legal proceedings and the Rate Collector withdrew them on their directions.
It was now:-
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That the matter be"
"adjourned for one month"

"Passed unanimously"

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The following resolution adopted by the Blackwck Urban Council at the meeting on the 19th Inst was received from the Dowy Clerk viz:-

"That in the opinion of this Council it is of urgnt importance that the Government should, at its earliest convenience, institute an enquiry into the subject of the Milk supply of the Cities and Urban Districts of the Free State with a view:-

(1) To its purification and

(2) To a substantial reduction of price to the consumer. That a deputation be appointed to wait on the responsible Minister with a view to emphasising the importance of this subject and pressing for the Holding of an enquiry"

Ordered

That the resolution be adopted.

The following letter was received from the Secretary Wexford County Council viz:-

15th September '23.

A Chara,

New Ross Bridge.

In his report to Finance & Roads Committee of 7th August 1923, the County Surveyor stated:-

"I inspected the ironwork of New Ross Bridge and consider that repainting cannot be delayed beyond next year. A great deal of painting is quite sound, but in places the iron work is exposed. As far as I can observe, no material deterioration of the iron work has taken place. The Bridge was last painted in 1913 and cost about £300. Allowing for obtaining paints &c at Dail Contract rates, I estimate the work will now cost not less than £800"

It was decided at meeting of County Council on 10th Inst that the Bridge be painted next year.

R. J. Drizelle.
Secretary.

After some discussion it was decided not to make any order on the letter.

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An application was received from Messrs Patrick Roche & Patrick Nolan, Mary St, for the use of the large room Hotel for the working men during the winter months, they will do their best to see it conducted properly.

Mr Hand pointed out that an application had been previously received for the use of the room from James Holden but the matter was adjourned so that two responsible men might make application whom it would be necessary to name as tenants afterwards.

It was now
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That the application of"
"Messrs P. Roche & P. Nolan for the use of the large"
"room Hotel, for the workingmen during the"
"winter months be granted at one penny per"
"week as heretofore."

Passed Unanimously

An application was received from the Committee of the New Ross Social Dance Class for the use of the Large Room Hotel for the purpose of carrying on a Dance Class, but as the use of this room had already been given to the working men the application was not granted

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An application dated 25th Inst was received from P Donohoe for the use of the small room Hotel for a few weeks, he would be willing to pay whatever rent the Council would desire, and anybody who required the room in the meantime could have it.

It having been pointed out that the Gaelic League were the tenants of this room — the application was not granted.

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A Tender dated 25th Inst was received from W. Rafferville, who offered £5-5-0 for one Leaf of manure in Depôt at South End Down Wall

The Surveyor having stated that this particular Leaf would be required for levelling of Plots at new Houses - the Tender was not accepted.

The following letter was received from Messrs Colfer Son viz:-

17th Septr 1923.

Re damage to Property. Malicious.
Injury Claims 11th July '21 to 20th March 23

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 7th Inst. with enclosures which we have carefully perused.

In accordance with the Circular from the Ministry of Finance we have sent a list of claims accruing between the above dates to the State Solicitor and we will give every assistance on behalf of these Claims

(Signed) Colfer & Son

To W. J. Quinn Esq
Clerk, U.D.C.
New Ross.

No Order made.

A letter dated 25th Inst was received from Mr C. J. Long, New Ross applying to the Council for one of their new Houses at Down Wall, now in the course of erection, No 1 or Three Bullet Gate side for preference, he enclosed a letter from his present Landlord in which he gave him notice to leave. No order made, the members having stated the matter would receive consideration when the Houses were ready for occupation.

A letter dated 13th Inst was received from Dr Walshe acknowledging receipt of the resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of his sister

No Order made.

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The meeting next proceeded to consider the state of the Rate Collection, which had been previously adjourned. The acting Clerk reported that as directed queries were sent to various Urban Councils to ascertain how the Rate Collection stood in the different districts, and read the following replies received

From Tullamore :- All rates have been satisfactorily collected the Rate Collectors warant only showing arrears to the amount of £300-13-7, made up of £125 on small houses owned by poor people who have no effects. The balance is made up of vacant houses & destroyed property. The present half year is very far advanced.

From Enniscorthy :- "Rates for year ended 31st March '23 were closed on 19th May last showing amount uncollected as £550-0-6; of this amount £300-18-10 has been carried forward & collected with new rate."

From Arklow :- "The total amount of rates uncollected at the end of March last was £1602-1-8 on a total warrant of £5,948-5-0. The Collector owing to late closing previous year, did not start till August of last year had to close on the 31st March. Taking this, and the unemployment existing in the town the Collection was satisfactory."

After a short discussion on the matter the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by the Presiding Chairman

"That the"
"members present at this meeting form a Committee"
"to deal with the question of the Rate Collection"
"and take whatever steps they deem necessary"
"in connection with the matter, a meeting of the"
"Committee to be held on Wednesday 26th inst at"
"7 o'clock p.m., two members to form a Quorum"

Passed Unanimously

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Mrs J. E Moran applied under date 25th Inst to have Licence for the sale of Gunpowder &c under the Explosives Act, held by her late Husband, renewed & transferred to her.
Ordered
That the application be granted.

A circular letter dated 20th Inst No G.38981/1923 was received from The Secretary, Ministry of Local Government regarding the Bonuses granted to Officials to meet the increased cost of living, and stating that the reduction in the cost of living now ascertained involves a further fall of 1/26th (making 9/26ths in all) in the maximum bonuses payable as from 1st Septr 21.

He also draws attention to the Local Officers & Employes Order (No1) from which it will be noted that full Control over the salaries of the officers referred to now rests with the Minister.
No Order made.

The Acting Clerk reported that no Tenders had been received for the repairs to Council's houses at Fair Gate & Bullaun. The advertisement was issued as directed.
Proposed by Mr D Murphy and
Seconded by Mr J. Hand
"That the repairs be"
"carried out by direct labour when the Council"
"is in a position financially to have them done"
Passed

Letter dated 25th Inst was received from Patk Grace, Dollyhouse Lane drawing attention to the condition of Fireplaces of Kitchen & Bedroom of his house and asking to have the necessary repairs carried out soon as possible.

Letter under same date was received from the Rate Collector, Mr O'Kennedy stating that the house occupied by Mrs Kehoe, Fair Gate was in a

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a very bad state and needed repairs.
Ordered
That the Surveyor report on the condition of these two Houses to next meeting of the Council.

The Acting Clerk stated that an item of 20/ was included in the Wages Sheet for week ended 12th September as being due to William Shea, for turning off the Water Supply on twelve nights, but as there was no authority to make the payment the amount was deleted from the Sheet, and she now asked for their authority to pay the amount.
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy
"That the sum of 20/"
"be paid to William Shea for turning off the water"
"supply on twelve nights."
Passed unanimously

James Murphy

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 9th October, 1923.

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Wednesday, 26th September, 1923.

A meeting of the Committee appointed to deal with the state of the Rate Collection was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact the necessary business in connection with it

Present

Messrs John Hand Presiding
Daniel Murphy
Martin O'Brien
and
John Harney.

The Rate Collector was also present

The Chairman having read the notice convening the meeting, and explained the object for which it was called, the members went into the matter of the Rate Collection, and discussed the position with the Collector who, in reply to a query, informed them that he could not under existing conditions undertake to close his collection for the current year.

After prolonged discussion the Committee were of opinion they had done their utmost to get in the rates without taking drastic measures, and dictated a statement of the principal reasons for the present unsatisfactory state of the collections, which they directed the Acting Clerk to forward in detail to the Minister for Local Government viz:-

"Of the fifteen members appointed on the Council five Labour members only have been attending to carry on the business. A great deal of unemployment prevails in the District and these poor people have no visible means to pay rates. The Landlords have thrown the onus of responsibility of rates on the poor tenants - consequently there is a larger amount of rates now outstanding than ever was heretofore. We also wish to point out that a large number of small ratepayers are in receipt of outdoor relief, the Rate Collector can vouch for these statements, and we sincerely trust that in the near future legislation will be introduced to again compel Landlords to pay rates for their tenants.

It was the custom of the Council that Rate Books would be handed to the Collector at the earliest possible moment thereby assisting the Council to discharge

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discharge their statutory liabilities - having brought forward the amount of recoverable rates outstanding at the close of the financial year, - this year this has not been done owing to the Collector requiring a change in his Bond, which causes the Council to be financially embarressed having already an overdraft of over £600, and when the present Council came into Office in 1920 our liabilities were nothing less than they are today.

"The Council have had peremptory warning notices issued & posted as directed, and consider they have done their utmost to get in the rates without taking drastic measures owing to the fact that there is great distress through un-employment and otherwise.

We wish also to draw the attention of the Local Government Minister to the paragraph in his letter stating that consideration in regard to the issue of books for the current year & the terms of the Collector's Bond would be re-considered after one month, which time has now expired, and earnestly appeal to the Minister to give the necessary sanction to the Council to enable them to hand over the books for the current year to the Collector so that he may proceed with his collection at once; fearing in the meantime that the Council's Treasurer may object to further payments.

We have, as working men, at all times endeavoured to carry out the Statutory duties appertaining to our office."

Ordered

That the Acting Clerk forward a copy of this statement to The Minister for Local Government."

after which,

The Members separated.

James Murphy

Tuesday, 9th Oct'23.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, & consider letter from Minister for Local Government in reference to the collection of Rates in this Urban District & take whatever steps may be considered necessary in connection with it

Present

Messrs Jas. Murphy
John Hand and
Danl. Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 16th Oct '23.

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Tuesday, 16th October, 1923.

An adjourned meting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider letter from the Minister for Local Government in reference to the collection of rates in this Urban District; and take whatever steps that may be considered necessary in connection with it.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Martin J. O'Brien
and
Daniel Murphy

The Rate Collector was also present.

The minutes of last meeting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Presiding Chairman, Messrs O'Brien & D. Murphy and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 194	H.R. Hamilton	£1-5-6	No 195	Jas Rossiter	17-8
" 196	Alex Nolan	18-0	" 197	School Attendance Cte	£4-3-4
" 198	Jas I. Shortall	£15-10-10	" 199	Jas I Shortall	£7-10-0
" 200	D. Butler	£7-1-8	" 201	D. Butler	£5-8-4
" 202	I.I. Browne	£1-19-0	" 203	I.I Browne	£3-14-5
" 204	N.J. Finn	£17-19-5	" 205	N.J Finn	£1-17-6
" 206	Same	£6-5-0	" 207	Same	£4-6-0
" 208	D. Doran	£2-3-4	" 209	N.J O'Kennedy	£3-8-0
" 210	M. Dobbin	£3-5-3	" 211	Petty Cash	£51-1-8
" 212	E.J. Finn	£10-0-0	" 213	Loans Colfer Bros	£15-0-0
" 214	Loans I.I. Shortall	£7-10-0			

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant for £7-0-6, being interest at 2½% on Consolidated Stock, was received from the Cashier of the Bank of Ireland, and it was

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

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A Tender of £5-15-0 dated 9th Inst was received from Martin Draves, Berley St, for one Leaf of manure at Dunwall Depot.

Patrick Kelly, Camblin Wood offered £5-2-0 for Leaf in same Depot.

The Surveyor having stated that there was none for sale neither of these Tenders were accepted.

The following letter No G.40309/23 was received from The Minister for Local Government dated 3rd Inst. viz:-

A Chara,

I am instructed by the Minister for Local Government to state that your letter of the 28th ultimo and previous correspondence in regard to the collection of rates in New Ross U.D.C. has been considered and the proposal to transfer the liability for rates to the landlord in the cases of small valuation has been noted for consideration in the event of fresh legislation on the rating question being introduced.

The issue of warning notices to defaulting ratepayers was meant to facilitate the Rate Collector and it was not intended that action for the recovery of rates should stop at that.

The proposal to put in hands the collection for the current year with so much arrears outstanding and without the Collector taking such ways and means as by law he is empowered to adopt for the recovery of such arrears is not one to which the Minister can consent. That Ratepayers who are unwilling to pay their legal liabilities without compulsion should be permitted to escape their immediate obligations at the expense of others who pay on Demand cannot be tolerated.

The Council should direct the Collector to proceed for the recovery of arrears by all means in his power. If they hamper him in any way as has been done in the past, they must accept full responsibility. In this connection

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connection I am to point out that under Section (12) of the Local Government Temporary Provisions Act 1923, it is competent to the Minister to dissolve any Local Authority which may, after enquiry, be found to have failed to properly carry out their duties.

Rise, le meas,
M Dalpaigh
An Sow an aire

A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter during which the members expressed the opinion that very little would be gained by prosecutions owing to the existing poverty in the town, but the Presiding Chairman's view was that the matter should be left entirely in the hands of the Collector to take whatever steps he considered best. The latter, in reply to an enquiry informed the meeting that, whether instructed by the Council or not he was proceeding to take steps to prosecute all defaulters on the following day.

In view of this statement the Council did not make any order on the letter but decided, in view of the fact that the Collector has taken full responsibility in the collection of outstanding rates, to again ask the Minister for Local Government to arrange to have the Rate Books for the year ending 31st March 1924 handed over to the Collector so that the Council may be in a position to discharge their current liabilities.

The Acting Clerk submitted a number of bills, detailed list of which is entered at the commencement of the Minutes, and on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"They were ordered to be paid"

An application was received from Thomas Cooney for a supply of water for Domestic purposes to his house at Robert St.

Ordered

That the application be granted

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A letter, dated, 11th inst was received from the Secretary Wexford County Council forwarding copy of a resolution adopted at meeting of the Council "That New Ross Urban Council be informed if they send a deputation to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the County Council they will be received

Ordered

That the Secretary of the County Council be informed that the members of this Council cannot travel to Wexford, and he be asked to arrange that some of the members residing near New Ross would meet them at the Urban Council Offices at any convenient date.

The Acting Clerk asked if any advertisements would be issued inviting Tenders for the supply of oats as was usually done at this time each year, it was at present being purchased at P Tierneys at 16/ per barrel. They would have new oats in the course of another week at 13/.

The Surveyor having stated that these advertisements were seldom responded to, it was directed that the Oats be purchased at Tierneys as required.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 23rd October '23.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 23rd October, 1923

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and consider letter from the Minister for Local Government in reference to the the proposed payment to Thomas Freeman, one of the Councils workmen.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Harney
Martin O'Brien
Daniel Murphy
and
John Hand

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs D. Murphy and M. O'Brien and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz

No 215 Petty Cash £14.17.9.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No G3488/1923 dated 17th October in reference to the Council's proposal to pay Thomas Freeman the difference between the benefit received by him under National Health Insurance and his weekly wages, The Minister referred the Council to his letter of 3rd July last pointing out that he was not aware of any Statutory authority for such payment, and now informed them if they insist on making the payment they must be prepared to justify their action to the Auditor

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by the Chairman

"That the consideration of this matter"

"be adjourned until the Clerk resumes duty"

Passed unanimously

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A Tender dated 23rd Inst was received from P. Travers, Main St offering £5-15-0 for one heap of manure at Town Hall.
Proposed by Mr D Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Harney "That Mr Travers' tender"
"of £5-15-0 for one heap of manure at Town"
"Hall be accepted."
Passed unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No P.H. 42329/23 M. dated 18th October, '23, requesting to be furnished, on Form which accompanied his letter, with particulars of the Estimated Receipts & Expenditure of the Urban District Council in respect of the provision of School meals during the year ending 31st March 1924
Ordered
That the Clerk furnish the required information to the Minister

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The letter from the Rate Collector dated 10th Septr. enclosing bill for £3.0.0 in connection with the issue of summonses against Rate defaulters, and which had been adjourned for one month, was submitted by the Acting Clerk to this meeting.
In reply to an enquiry she informed them that no communication had been received from the Minister in reference to the payment of this bill, and it was now
Ordered
That the matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council

Letter from the Secretary, Wexford County Council dated 20th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Urban Council's letter in reference to the attendance of a deputation at the latter's office in connection with Instalments of Demand due, and stating that same will be submitted to a meeting of his Council
No Order made

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The following copy of a resolution was received from the Middleton Urban Council viz:-

"That the"
"Government be asked to introduce legislation"
"which would make the Landlord liable for"
"rates where the valuation is £4. and under"

Proposed by Mr D Murphy
Seconded by Mr Hand.

"That the resolution be adopted"
Passed unanimously

The following report of the Dowry Surveyor was read viz:-

"I have to report that your Carter Thomas Freeman did not work from the 15th to the 22nd Inst. He employed his own substitute.

Since the 22nd Inst. 12 Ashpits have been cleaned."

In reply to an enquiry the Dowry Surveyor stated that no payment had been made to Freeman for this period, nor had any record of the work done been entered on the weekly Pay Sheets, so far, as the man was not employed by him as a Substitute for Freeman.

It was now:-

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Harney

"That James Hanlon be paid one"
"weeks wages for the time he acted as Freeman's sub-"
"stitute, when same is entered on the weekly Sheet"
"by the Dowry Surveyor, and certified by him"
Passed unanimously

The following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Harney.

"That we protest in the strongest"
"possible manner against the action of the Government"
"in detaining the political prisoners, and demand"
"their immediate and unconditional release, and"
"thus avoid the most awful calamity that ever"

befell

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befell a country

Passed unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 6th November, 1923.

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A quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider Town Surveyor's Quarterly Report.

Present Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Harney
Martin O'Brien
Daniel Murphy
and
John Hand.

The minutes of last quarterly meeting were read & signed

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read viz:-

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

During the past quarter your Streets were fairly well maintained. The damage caused by heavy motor traffic was restored soon as possible by the use of finely broken macadam applied during the dry weather. You have practically no macadam on hands at present. No new works were undertaken since last July.

Having regard to your present financial position, I do not propose to lay any recommendation for new works before you for the ensuing quarter.

James J. Shortall
Town Surveyor

No Order made

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 22nd January 1924.
Jas Murphy

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Monday, 5th November, 1923.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 6th November, 1923.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 6th November, 1923.

A meeting (adjourned) of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
Martin O'Brien
John Harney
Daniel Murphy
and
John Hand

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs M. O'Brien & D. Murphy and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:- No 216 Petty Cash £34-18-7.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No G34886/1923 dated 17th October relative to the proposed payment to Thomas Freeman of the difference between the benefit received by him under National Health Insurance and his weekly wages, stating that as pointed out in his letter of 3rd July last he is not aware of any statutory authority for such payment, & if the Council insist on making the payment they must be prepared to justify their action to the Auditor.

A long discussion took place on the matter during which the Clerk stated that in his opinion the members who would sign the Treasurer's Authority authorising the payment would be surcharged. Eventually the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That Thomas Freeman be asked"
"to refund the amount £24-7-6 already paid him, same"
"to be handed to the Clerk and held by him as Trustee"
"pending the Audit of the Accounts in which the payment"
"appears, and if the amount is not surcharged it will be"
"refunded to him and payment of the additional sum now"

claimed

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"claimed will be made."

Passed, Mr Daniel Murphy dissenting on the ground that Drennan should be paid the additional amount at next Finance meeting.

Letter from same Ro G. 43873, dated 26th ult stating that he notes the Rate Collector has taken legal proceedings against defaulting Ratepayers, the result of which should be submitted to the Department at the earliest possible date for consideration in connection with the suggested issue of the current year's books.
No Order made pending further information on the matter.

Letters from same dated 26th ult. and 2nd Inst stating that no objection will be made to payment of £3 per week to the Acting Clerk whilst acting as Substitute for the Clerk during his three weeks illness, together with £1 as Temporary E. D. Officer.
No order made

Letter from Mr Michael Murphy, Secretary of the Gaelic League dated 6th Inst. asking to have the Electric light re-installed in the small room, Tholsel, as there are no lighting facilities in the room, the Meter having been removed by the Gas Co.
Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting, the Clerk to ascertain some particulars respecting the matter in the meantime.

Letter from Messrs Dobbyn & Son, Watchmakers, Dublin, dated 22nd October, 1923 stating that they have been informed by a Mr Roche, formerly a Watchmaker in New Ross, that the Council require the Town Clock repaired, and if the Council give the particulars they will be glad to tender for it.
Ordered

That Messrs Dobbyn be informed the Council do not propose to have the Clock repaired at present.

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Letter from Thomas Butler, Caretaker of the Tuberculosis Dispensary, dated 6th November, 1923, calling attention to the flooding of the premises in wet weather from the Council's road at Bohern and asking to have immediate steps taken to prevent the flooding taking place in future

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Harney

"That a Committee consisting of the"
"members present (Mr O'Brien was not present at this"
"stage of the meeting) be appointed to inspect, with the"
"Surveyor, the Catch pool at Loch Lee, and see how the"
"complaint can be remedied, the Committee to meet on"
"the ground at 3 o'clock p.m. on the following day"

Passed Unanimously

A Tender of £3-10-0 each was received from Wm R. Reville for two heaps of manure at Dowry Wall, but the price being considered too low was not accepted. In addition the heaps were not ready for sale.

The letter dated 11th September received from the Collector in which he enclosed a bill of £3. for cost of thirty summonses, and service of same, further proceedings in connection with which were abandoned at the direction of the Council, was again considered, it having been adjourned from previous meetings, and after a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr O'Brien and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Collector be paid"
"the amount £3. subject to the approval of the Minister"
"for Local Government."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from The Town Clerk, Limerick forwarding following copy of a resolution adopted by the Corporation, relative to the release of the Republican prisoners, which he asked to be submitted for the consideration of the Council viz:-

"That"
"we, the members of the County Borough Council of Limerick"
recognising

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"recognising the absolute necessity existing for peace
"and unity in Ireland, demand the removal of all
"barriers to that peace and unity by the release of Pres
"Debalera and other elected members, the removal of the
"Oath of Allegiance to a foreign King; the release of
"republican prisoners at present held in prisons and
"camps in the Free State, and in addition the release of
"all political prisoners held in Six-County Area, and
"in Great Britian, and the withdrawal of arbitrary
"power of internment at present vested in Free State Minister
"of Defence under so called Public Safety Act."
"That copies of this resolution be sent to all County, Rural
"and Urban Councils, and other representative bodies."

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Harney

"That the resolution be adopted
"by the Council"

The resolution was put to a vote when the following voted:-

For - Messrs D Murphy & J. Harney 2.
Against - Messrs O'Brien and The Chairman 2.
Mr Hand declined to vote

The voting being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote against the proposition and declared it defeated.

There was no action taken by the Council in reference to the following resolution received from the Clerk of the Macroom Rural District Council viz:-

"That we, the members
"of the Macroom Rural District Council, condemn
"in the strongest possible manner the treatment of
"republican prisoners in Mountjoy, which treatment
"compelled them to take the drastic measure of hunger
"striking for release."

"That we refuse to transact the
"business of this Council until such time as these
"prisoners are unconditionally released".

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Relative to the order made at meeting of the Council held on 16th ult that oats for the horses be purchased at Dierneys as required a member enquired what price was charged by that Firm for new screened oats, and on being informed that it was 13/- per barrel, he remarked that Mr Roche of Ballyanne was selling it at 10/- per barrel, and it was accordingly decided to ask Messrs Dierney & Roche to quote price per barrel for new screened oats without specifying any quantity, same to be delivered, in the case of Mr Roche, at Newross.

It was also ordered

That an advertisement be issued in one of the local papers for Tenders for the supply of three tons of Mangolds delivered at the Councils Stores at William St.

The following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That we protest in the most
"emphatic manner against the proposed reduction
"of old age pensions, inflicting as it does great hard-
"ship on old people, and that we call upon the
"Ministry of Finance to withdraw the proposal which
"if carried into effect would mean a calamity to
"thousands of very deserving pensioners"

Passed unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr Hand gave notice that he would move at next meeting of the Council to be held on 13th Inst that a lamp be erected at Upper Mary St.

The Surveyor repated that Thomas Brennan was ill again and did not work since 31st October. He had to employ a temporary man in his place on yesterday, and it was:-

Ordered

That the employment of a temporary man be approved of.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 13th November 1923. James Murphy

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council.

Present

Messrs James Murphy
and
John Hand

The Committee examined a number of bills submitted by the Clerk, list of which is entered at the commencement of the Municipal Minutes, and recommended them for payment, after which:—

The meeting adjourned.

James Murphy

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A meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr Hand viz:-

"That a lamp be erected at Upper Mary St."

Present.

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Harney
John Hand
and
Daniel Murphy

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs D Murphy & Hand, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 217	J.J. Shortall	£15.	No 218	P Lynch	£300
" 219	D S & Rly Co	£10-2-0	" 229	M J Kennedy	£2-15-11
" 221	M J Kennedy	£6-3-2	" 222	Graves & Co	£3-0-0
" 223	Jas Kelly	£20.0.0	" 224	Lory Carty	19.5
" 225	Joseph Lynch	£7-10-0	" 226	Timothy Doran	£2-3-4
" 227	M Finn	£17-19-5	" 228	M Finn P Cash	£15-3-1
" 229	Same	£13-12-9	" 230	Jas. J. Shortall	£15-10-10
" 231	John J. Browne	£1-19-0	" 232	John J Browne	£3-14-5
" 233	Thos Butler	£7-1-8	" 234	Thos Butler	£5-8-4
" 235	E.F. Finn	£10-0-0	" 236	Mrs M J Hennessy	£1-14-6
" 237	School Attd Ctte	£4-3-4	" 238	Parnell Quarries	£34-12-6
" 239	Co. M. Corcoran	£1-0-0	" 240	Brooks Thomas	£11-2-8
" 241	Dollard Ltd	5/7.			

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No D.15021/1923 dated 6th November, 1923. enclosing copy of an order which he has made further postponing the Statutory Election of Councillors, and stating that the Minister intendes to introduce legislation to extend the limits of postponment of the Act 1922 so as to admit of these elections being held on a suitable date in 1924

No Order made

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The letter received from the Secretary of the Gaelic League asking to have Electric light installed in the small room was further postponed to next meeting pending further information on it.

Two Tenders were received for the supply of Oats, one dated 12th Inst from Mr Roche Ballyanne who offered to supply Screened black Oats @ 12/- per barrel, the offer however being subject to Market fluctuation

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A second one dated 13th Inst was received from P. Diervey, New Ross who proposed to supply forty barrels of good clean Screened Oats at 13/- delivery to be taken from his store as required before 1st October, 1924.

The members considered the proposal of P. Diervey by far the best as it is highly probable the price of oats will be considerably increased before 1st October, 1924, and in addition delivery can be taken as required, which is very important as the Council have no suitable storage accomodation themselves. It was therefore

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That the Tender
"of P. Diervey to supply forty barrels of good
"clean screened oats at 13/- per barrel, delivery
"to be taken from his store as required before
"the 1st October 1924, be accepted."

Passed Unanimously

The following resolution which had been adopted by the Limerick County Council, was received from the Secretary of that Council viz:-

"That we the
"members of the Limerick County Council, recognising
"the absolute necessity for Peace & Unity in Ireland,
"demand the removal of all barriers to that peace
"and unity, namely the release of President Dwalera
"and other elected members, the removal of
"the oath of allegiance to a foreign King, the release
of

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"of all Republican prisoners in prisons and Camps"
"in the Free State, and, in addition, the release of"
"all political prisoners held in six County Area"
"and in Great Britian, and the withdrawal"
"of arbitrary power of internment at present"
"vested in Free State Minister of Defence under"
"so called Public Safety Act. That copies of this"
"resolution be sent to all County, Rural and"
"Urban Councils, and to other representative"
"bodies &c &c."

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Harney

"That this resolution be"
"adopted."

The Chairman having stated that an exactly similar resolution, received from the Limerick Corporation, was dealt with at the last meeting, declined to put the resolution to a vote and there was no further action taken in the matter.

Letter from the Rate Collector dated 12th Inst stating that in reference to the letter from the Local Government Dept asking for a report on the result of proceedings being taken against rate defaulters he is not yet in a position to give any statement on the matter. He also asked if the Local Government Department are willing to have his Bond for year 1923/24 altered as requested in his letter to the Council sometime ago. After a short discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That a special"
"meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday"
"20th Inst to consider this letter and any"
"other business in connection with the rate"
"collection which may arise"

Passed unanimously

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The Council proceeded to consider the Notice of Motion by Mr Hand "That a lamp be erected at Upper Mary St."

The Clerk stated that he had asked the Manager of the Gas Company to furnish an Estimate of the cost of erecting it, as it would be a guide to the Council when considering the Notice, accordingly a letter dated 13th Inst was received from him in which he stated that the cost of re-instating the lamp would be £2-5-0.

After a short discussion as to the necessity for its erection it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That a lamp be erected"
"in Upper Mary St at the Cost £2-5-0 quoted by the"
"Manager of the Gas Coy, and he be directed to"
"have it lighted during the remainder of the"
"lighting period at the same price pro rata"
"as those included in the existing contract."

Passed Unanimously

The following report was received from Mr Hand a member of the Committee appointed at last meeting to inspect the source of the flooding of Dubercubois Dispensary viz:-

7th November '23

Gentlemen,

Re report from Mr Butler 6/11/23 I visited the road at Bosheen and met Mr Butler, and suggest the Town Surveyor Mr Shortall take the necessary steps to prevent the flooding taking place forthwith. In my opinion the said nuisance should have been long since abated

Signed
John Hand

A discussion took place on the matter during which the Surveyor stated that if the overflow water from the lighter was diverted from the Bosheen, and the dam around the

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the pool on the Nunnery premises raised it would remove the cause of complaint to some extent.

Accordingly it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That the Inishtown
"overflow water be diverted from the Bosheen
"so as to make it flow down Inishtown, Surveyor
"be instructed to raise the dam around the
"pool on the Nunnery premises with the permission
of the Revd Mother, Carmelite Convent"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Surveyor call upon or write the Revd Mother and ask her permission to raise the Dam.

The Clerk submitted the Traders Water Rent Book for year ending 31st March 1924, and in reference to it the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by the Chairman viz:-

"That the Traders Water
"Rent Book be signed by the Presiding Chairman
"and two members of the Council and sealed
"with the seal of the Council"

Passed Unanimously

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the book was signed and sealed.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills particulars of which are entered at the commencement of the minutes, and On the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Harney

"They were ordered to be paid.

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Street Inspector's Report.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders, whose names he gave in detail, are causing an obstruction of the public street by placing boxes, machinery, &c on them, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Since last meeting all the public lamps in contract were lighting, the Neville St (corner of Michael St) was not lighting on Friday, Saturday Sunday nights

No order made.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 27th November, 1923.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 20th November, 1923.

A special meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to consider a letter from the Rate Collector in which he states that he is not yet in a position to give any statement in reference to result of proceedings taken against Rate defaulters, and asking if the Local Government Department are willing to have his Bond for 1923/24 altered as requested by him, also to transact such business in connection with the Rate Collection as may be brought forward.

Messrs Jas Murphy & John Hand were the only members who attended.

A quorum not being present there was no business transacted, and

The members separated.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 27th November, 1923.

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Martin O'Brien
and
John Harney

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs M. O'Brien, and D. Murphy, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 242 Pettycash £31.6.8.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No G 47091/1923 dated 14th November acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter asking for the Minister's approval to the Council's proposal to pay the sum of £3 to the Rate Collector, cost of summonses issued by him for the recovery of outstanding rates together with service of same and subsequently abandoned at the direction of the Council, and stating that the Council must now accept responsibility for payment of the cost to the Rate Collector.
No Order made.

Letter from same acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution passed by the Council with reference to the reduction of Old Age Pensions.
No Order made.

The application from the Secretary of the Gaelic League for instalment of Electric Light in the small room which had been adjourned from previous meetings, was again submitted by the Clerk who stated that since last

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meeting of the Council the Secretary informed him that the Committee intended to instal it at their own expense as soon as convenient.

It was therefore decided not to take any further action in the matter.

A Tender of £5-10-0 for one Leaf of Manure was received from Mrs Whelan Ryleen - but there was none for sale at present.

Letter from the Manager, National Bank dated 27th Inst intimating that he was instructed by the Ministry of Local Government that with reference to the resolution adopted by the NewRoss Urban District Council on 14th Inst. refusing to transact further business for the time being he cannot honour any Paying Orders which cannot be validly drawn while the Council is not functioning.

The Clerk stated that he received a copy of this letter from the Minister for Local Government, which he returned with a covering letter pointing out that this Council had not adopted a resolution declining to function.

Ordered

That the Manager of the Bank be informed the Urban Council has not ceased to function

An application dated 23rd Inst was received from the Irish American Oil Co. for License for the storage of Motor Spirit in Mr L Dwyers Store situate at the Quay, NewRoss, the maximum quantity for which the license is required is 1,000 gallons

Proposed by Mr D Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That a License to store 1,000 gallons"
"of Motor Spirit in Mr L Dwyer's store Quay be granted"
"to the Irish American Oil Co subject to the conditions"
"attached to the Licenses granted by the Council"

Passed Unanimously

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A Tender dated 27th Inst was received from Richard Malone Woodgrove to supply and deliver three tons of Mangold for £6-10-0
Proposed by Mr James Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That the Tender of Richard
"Malone to supply and deliver three tons of
"mangolds for £6-10-0 be accepted

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Secretary of the County Council dated 22nd Inst conveying copy of recommendation of the Finance Committee which had been adopted by his Council viz:-

"That the Finance Roads Committee
"cannot advise the Council to comply with the
"request of New Ross Urban Council to meet some members
"of the County Council in connection with Demand.
"This Committee again recommend the Council to
"take action against New Ross Urban Council which
"is apparently making no effort to collect the rates.
"The Committee cannot agree that there is any room
"for a conference in connection with the payment
"of the Demand by the Urban Council, New Ross

Ordered

That the Secretary of the County Council be informed the Urban Council are not in a position to pay an Instalment of the Demand at present.

Letter from the Rate Collector dated 27th Inst. reporting that in reference to proceedings being taken against rate defaulters the first list of one hundred and fifty names has been handed to the District Court Clerk, and he is having same attended to without further delay.

A discussion took place upon this letter during which it was pointed out that owing to the large amount of unemployment in the town it will be impossible for many Ratepayers to pay their rates, and

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and that consequently proceedings for their recovery should not have been taken by the Collector at present.

Eventually the following resolution was passed on the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy viz:-

"That at the conclusion of the business this"
"meeting be adjourned to Thursday evening 29th Inst"
"at 7.30 oclock for the purpose of considering in Committee"
"the question of the collection of the rates, the Collector to"
"attend the adjourned meeting."

The Clerk reported that the amount of rates outstanding at date for year ended 31st March 1923 is £1397. 7.4

Michael Saunders, tenant of house at Irishtown, formerly occupied by Mrs Galavan, attended the meeting and complained of the bad state of repair in which the house was, the rain coming through the roof freely
Ordered
That the Surveyor inspect & report upon the condition of the house to next meeting of the Council.

The Surveyor reported that William Shea has not worked for the past few days and he had to employ a man temporarily
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That Patrick Carroll be"
"employd as substitute for Wm. Shea, during the"
"illness of the latter"

Passed unanimously

The Clerk pointed out that Thomas Freeman had not yet resumed work and it would be well to have a resolution passed by the Council appointing the man who is temporarily engaged in his place. Accordingly it was:-
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That Patk McGrath be employed"
"as substitute for Tho. Freeman during illness of Freeman"

Passed unanimously

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The Street Inspector reported that some people are causing an obstruction of the streets by placing boxes &c on them, also that the public lamps are lighted at night according to contract, and the daily scavenging is carried out in a satisfactory manner.
No Order made

The meeting adjourned to Thursday, 29th November 1923.

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An adjourned meting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to consider natters in connection with the Rate Collection, including letter from the Collector.
Present

Messrs John Staunton Presiding
John Harney
B J O'Brien
and
Daniel Murphy

The Collector was also present.

The correspondence which has passed between the Local Government Department and the Council relative to the Collection of the rates, and also in reference to the Collector's Bond was considered, as was also the proceedings which are being taken against rate defaulters by the Collector. In reference to the latter he was asked to have proceedings postponed until after Christmas, and also to accept payment of rates in Instalments, but he declined to agree to either.

Eventually it was decided to defer the further consideration of the question, including the letter from the Collector, to next meting of the Council

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 11th December 1923.

James Murphy

Monday 3rd. December 1923

A Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 Oclock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member attended.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 11th. December 1923.

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Tuesday, 11th. December 1923

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 o'Clock to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council

Present Messrs James Murphy
John and Hand

The Clerk submitted a number of bills which were examined by the Committe and recommended for payment the total of them payable out of the general account amounting to £131-1-0, in addition to £25 out of the Loans account, and £514-1-4 out of the Grant to account.

He also reported that there was due to the Bank by way of overdraft on the General account £839. 14. 7, which with the bills recommended for payment to-night, would mean an Overdraft of over £970, and suggested that the consent of the Manager be obtained to the payment of these amounts before the Paying Orders were issued.

The Committee agreed with this suggestion and directed the Clerk to call upon the Manager and ascertain if he will pay the amounts, before the former sends out the Paying Orders.

This concluded the business, and

The Members Adjourned.

James Murphy

Tuesday 11th. December 1923

A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was to be held this day at 7.30 Oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, Consider a letter from the Collector Adjourned from previous meetings.

Present Messrs James Murphy
John and Hand

A Quorum not having Assembled.

The Meeting Adjourned to Wednesday, 12th. December 1923

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Wednesday 12th December, 1923.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854
Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Martin O'Brien
and
Daniel Murphy.

The Minutes of previous meetings were read & signed

A Dividend Warrant amounting to £3-13-6 gross, with Income Tax deducted at the rate of 7/3 in the £ leaving the nett amount £2-6-11, Interest on £163-7-0 Capital of the 4½ % War Loan was received from the Bank of Ireland and it was ordered that the Warrant be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That the Council's Solicitors be"
"instructed to make application to the proper Authorities"
"for a refund of Excess Income Tax deducted

Passed unanimously.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 29th ult. No 49351/1923 stating that the letter enclosed was intended for the Rural District Council but was in error addressed to the Urban Council
No Order made

Letter from same dated 4th December No G. 50655/1923 drawing the Council's attention to the Minister's letter of the 3rd October last and stating that he considers the position of the Rate Collection in New Ross most unsatisfactory, especially as he notices that the Council instead of assisting the Rate Collector in his duty, would appear to be inclined to hamper him, by directing him not to proceed against defaulting ratepayers.

If this state of affairs continues the time has come

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when it will be necessary for the Minister to consider carefully whether the Council are properly carrying out the duties they were elected to perform, or whether he may not be compelled to take drastic steps in the matter.

No Order made

Letter from same dated 5th inst. No S1436/23 adverting to the arrangements for the provision of meals for School Children in pursuance of the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 and 1917, and pointing out that it is incumbent on the Council, having regard to present conditions, to take immediate steps to have the working of the School Meals Scheme in their district carefully examined with a view to its being administered in accordance with the regulations. Where any substantial number of children are being catered for, it is desirable that Contracts should be entered into on the most moderate terms, if that practice is not already observed

Ordered

That a copy of the letter be furnished to the Hon. Secretary of the School Meals Committee

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Letter from same enclosing copy of a letter dated 12th October issued by the President on the duty of providing in Civil life for Officers & Men demobilised from the Army, and stating that he, (Minister for Local Government has been charged with the supervision of the arrangements for the absorption of demobilised soldiers into the service of Local Authorities. He also enclosed a Form asking for particulars as to the number of men who left the Council's employment to join the National Army, the number they are prepared to reinstate, and the number they can engage now or in the future

No order made beyond referring to the large numbers of unemployed in town at present.

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Circular letter from same dated 4th December No.G.S08 75/1923 drawing attention to the necessity of economy in general administration, with special reference to the divergence in methods followed in the preparation of annual budgets of Local Authorities, which have involved considerable additional charges for interest, and are otherwise objectionable. The most serious factor in the existing financial difficulties is the arrears of rates, the payment of which Local Authorities must sternly enforce the immediate payment of. No further delays or excuses should be tolerated, and when making new arrangements for their collection the cost of the latter should be carefully considered. For the future; Councils must be careful only to pay commission strictly as earned by Collectors according to the terms of their appointments.

Attention was also drawn to the necessity for revising the remuneration of local Officers in accordance with the reduced cost of living. Local Authorities should ensure that no bonuses are paid higher than warranted by the current cost of living scale, and where basic salaries have been increased in view of the conditions following the war bonuses should not be allowed, or at least should be correspondingly reduced. The question of granting pensions, and payment for overtime was also dealt with as well as remuneration of weekly wage earners.

A brief discussion followed respecting the reduction of the bonus of the officials of the Council, and also the reference to payment of overtime, during which it was pointed out that none of the Officers ever received payment for overtime, and with regard to the suggested reduction of the bonuses it was pointed out that the cost of living had not been reduced in the district, the current prices of some articles of food being as high as during the war period.

The Down Surveyor pointed out that the Council's officers were receiving only about 20% of the indexed figure of 75% allowed, and they only received one-ninth when the index figure was 180.

It was unanimously decided not to make any reduction in the existing bonus paid to the Officers of the Council.

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An application was received from the Hon. Secretaries of the New Ross Junior Dancing Class for the use of the large and small rooms of The Hotel for the holding of their annual dance on Monday 31st December.
Proposed by Mr D. Murphy, and,
Seconded by The Chairman

"That the application"
"for the use of the room be granted."
Passed unanimously

A Tender was received from Messrs Moran Bros, dated 5th Inst. for the supply of one thousand Typing Memo, Forms headings to be printed in Gaelic and English, and on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr O'Brien it was unanimously accepted.

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the direction of the Finance Committee at their meeting on 11th Inst. he called on the Manager of the National Bank, and submitted the list of Paying Orders amounting to £131-1-0 which the Council proposed to issue, and asked him if he would pay the amounts but he regretted that he could not as the overdraft was already too high, adding that he had no authority to permit it to reach the amount already over-drawn.

The following letter was received from the Manager:-

New Ross
12th December, 1923

Overdraft £839-10-7.

Dear Sir,
Referring to our interview today. I cannot pay the cheques which were on the list produced
(Signed) P. J. O'Brien
Manager

P. J. Dunn Esq.
Clerk,
New Ross Urban Council.

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A brief discussion took place upon the letter but there was no arraugment made by the meeting for the payments of the accounts referred to, or of the Council's ordinary workmen's wages. It was however
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That at the Conclusion"
"of the business the meting be adjourned to Friday"
"4th Inst at 7.30 o'clock to consider further the questin"
"of the collection of the rates, including the letter from"
"the Collector relative to his Bond, and transact"
"other business, the Rate Collector to attend the meetin"
Passed Unanimously

The Clerk reported that the amount of rate outstanding on 8th Inst was £1379-9-1

Letter from the Circuit Manager of The Irish American Oil Co. Ltd acknowledging blank Form of Petroleum License which he was forwarding to Cork Branch, from which place it will be returned in due course
No Order made.

The Surveyor reported that as directed at last meeting he inspected the roof of house at Irishtown occupied by Mrs Saunders, the roof is leaking a little but can be repaired by the tenant as it only requires a little mastic put on it.

It was decided not to have any repairs carried out by the Council as the house has already, from time to time, cost a good deal for repairs

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The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders continue to place empty boxes, machinery &c on the streets outside their premises, The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Mrs P. Murphy Quay St & Miss Nugent, South St have asked him to report the sale of fish from cars outside their place of business. They object to this practice as very

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detrimental to their means of livlihood, and they ask to have these dealers removed to that part of the town appointed for the sale of fish.

The Public lamps are lighted at night according to contract

No Order made

The meeting adjourned to Friday, 14th Decr 1923.

John Hand

Friday, 14th December, 1923.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business including such in connection with the Rate Collection as may be brought forward.

Present

Messrs Hand, O'Brien & Daniel Murphy

The Rate Collector was also present

A Quorum not having assembled, there was no business transacted.

The meeting adjourned to Friday 21st December, 1923.

John Hand

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Friday 21st December 1923

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 4.30 O'Clock to transact business, including such in connection with the rate collection as may be brought forward.

Present Messrs John Hand Presiding
Daniel Murphy
Martin J. O'Brien
And
John Harney.

The rate collector was also present.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 12th December 1923 No P.A. 40450/23, stating that he has authorized the issue of a Paying Order for £49.8.5 as recoupment from the School Meals Grant in respect of expenditure by the Council out of the rates on the provision of meals during the year ended the 31st March 1922.

Letter from Same, dated 12th December 1923, No P.A. 22878/23 advising the issue of a Paying order for £11.1.6 for a similar purpose in respect of the year ending 31st March 1923.

The Clerk stated that both Paying Orders were received by the Treasurer and credited to the Council, and No Order was made.

Letter from Mr Vincent A Doyle, dated 18th Inst, drawing attention to the position of a Sewer grate outside his premises at Sugar Loaf Lane, which is interfering considerably with the traffic to and from his yard. Owing to the cart wheels going in on the grating, in the act of turning a horse, and causing a sudden jerk on the load it has been the cause of a number of horses refusing to take a load in.

Ordered

That the matter be referred to the Surveyor to put it in Order.

Letter from the Secretary of the County Council, dated 13th Inst. forwarding the following recommendation of the Finance Committee which had been adopted by the Council Viz:-

"We recommend the County Council, in view of the fact that"
"the New Ross Urban Council have made no serious attempt to collect their"
"rates, to proceed against said Council by Mandamus, unless a substantial"
"portion of the Demand of the County Council be paid at once"

No Order Made

A Tender of £5-10-0 was received from Mrs Whelan, Kyleen, for one heap of manure and on the proposal of Mr Daniel Murphy, seconded by

The Chairman, it was accepted subject to a heap being ready for sale.

The letter received from the Collector, dated 12th November, relative to an endorsement on his Bond, and to a letter from the Local Government Dept. asking for a report on the result of proceedings against rate defaulters, which had been previously adjourned, was submitted, and was again adjourned, as was also the consideration of the question of the collection of rates.

A discussion took place respecting the provision of money to pay the men a week's wages so that they might not be deprived of them for Christmas, during which it was suggested that the Manager of the Banks be asked to advance the money but the suggestion was not adopted by the meeting. It was also urged that the four officers of the Council contribute proportionately the amount necessary to pay one week's wages, but beyond this there was no definite action taken in the matter.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders, whose names he gave, continue to place empty boxes, machinery, etc on the public street outside their premises, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps are lighting at night according to Contract.

No Order Made

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 8th January 1924.

James Murphy

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Friday 4th January 1924

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30. o'clock to transact business in connection with the Finance meeting of the Council to be held on 8th Inst.

Present Messrs James Murphy Presiding
and
Martin O'Brien

The Clerk reported that since the last Finance meeting of the Council, which was held on the 12th ult, the Bank overdraft was reduced by £176, the amount now being £663-10-8. He pointed out that the Council's ordinary workmen had not been paid their wages for the past four weeks, a sum of £98-1-6 will be required to pay them the amount due and provide for two week's wages which will accrue due them before the fortnightly meeting on the 22nd Inst. In addition two months' salaries will be due all the Officers by the date of meeting 8th Inst. so that it would be desirable to provide, if possible, for the payment of one month.

A Certificate was also received from the Surveyor that the Contractor was entitled to a further sum of £300 on foot of his Contract for the erection of the houses at Town Wall, and in addition a bill was received from him for £15, part fees as Architect.

It was estimated that a sum of about £230 will be required to enable the Council to pay these amounts, and it was proposed by Mr Murphy and Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That application be made to the Manager of the Bank on the following day for permission to increase the overdraft by about £230- and also that the Minister for Local Government be asked to remit a Paying Order for the amount £210, claimed on 16th October as the amount remitted to date is now practically exhausted, their being only £48-16-10 to credit:, after which ——

The Meeting adjourned

James Murphy

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Monday, 7th January, 1924

The monthly meting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

James Murphy

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 8th January '24.

Tuesday 8th January 1924

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council

Present Meprs James Murphy
and
John Hand

The Clerk stated that he called on the Sub-Manager of the National Bank (the manager being away) as directed at the Finance meeting held on Friday evening, when he informed him that without the sanction of the Local government Minister he could not permit the Council's overdraft to be increased. He now submitted a letter from that officer, dated 5th Inst confirming this. In view of this, the Committee decided to postpone recommendation of payment of Instalment of £200, certified by the Architect to be due Mr Quick and also bill of Architect for £15, received at meeting of the 4th Inst, to next Finance meeting. They also recommended payment of £5-10-4 Amount of Petty Cash for wages of workmen engaged in the Sewer and Water extension but did not specify whether it was to be paid out of Loans or Grants account, after which,

The Meeting Adjourned.

James Murphy

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Tuesday. 8th January 1924.

A Meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was to be held this day at 7.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, including such as may be brought forward in connection with the collection of the rates.

Present Messrs James Murphy
John Hand
and
Daniel Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled there was no business transacted, and,

The Meeting Adjourned to Thursday, 10th January 1924.

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Thursday, 10th January, 1924

An adjourned meting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present —

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
Martin O'Brien
John Harvey
John Hand
and
Daniel Murphy

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs
and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 8 Loans - No 250 Hibernian Insurance Co £5-0-0.- Housing No 251 Petty Cash £35-10-7.

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant for £7-0-5 was received from the Bank of Ireland, being Interest on £1762-11-0 Consolidated Stock for Quarter ending 5th Jany viz:- Interest £11-0-4 Income Tax £3-19-11. As the latter is deducted at the rate of 7/3 in the £, it was

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors (of the amount) be instructed to apply for a refund, charged in excess.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 4th Inst. No L.G. 55146/1923 stating that he has directed his Inspector, Mr Jeremiah J. Gleeson to hold a Local Inquiry into the performance of its duties by the New Ross Urban District Council on Wednesday 16th Inst at 11 oclock a.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, New Ross, and requesting the Clerk to inform the individual Councillors and any other persons likely to be in a position to furnish evidence. The Inquiry is being advertised in

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in the local papers of next week

A letter dated 5th Inst was received from the Inspector Mr Gleeson stating that he will attend as directed by the Minister for Local Government for the purpose of holding the Inquiry.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr James Murphy

"That the Council's"
"Solicitors be instructed to appear on behalf of"
"the Council at the forthcoming Inquiry, and that"
"they be directed to attend an adjourned meeting"
"of the Council on Monday evening, 14th Inst at 7 o'clock,
Passed unanimously

Letter from the Manager of the National Bank dated 5th Inst. acknowledging receipt of the Council's application for permission to increase their Bank Overdraft by about £230., and stating that without the sanction of the Minister for Local Government he could not allow any further advance on the account which now stands at £663-10-8.
No Order made.

An application was received from Mr C. J. Kavanagh Cross Lane dated 8th January for the tenancy of one of the new houses but there was no Order made upon it.

Mr James Kelly, Mary St wrote under date 8th Inst offering 15/- per ton for some old Metal then in the Fishhouse and on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Harney - It was accepted

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An application dated 7th Inst was received from the Secretary of the Carlow County Council for payment of rates on the Waterworks amounting to £11-5-9
Ordered
That the Collector be informed the amount will be remitted as soon as money is available

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Letter from Thomas Butler dated 8th Inst calling attention to the flooding of the Tuberculosis Dispensary which re-started this afternoon.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the dam, which was broken during the recent heavy floods, rebuilt

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Letter from Dr Walsh dated 10th Inst. stating that portion of the road wall there had fallen down this morning and he wishes to know if he gets the necessary repairs carried out will the Council contribute half the cost as was done on a former occasion

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise the Council as to their legal liability in connection with this matter.

Letter from the Hon Secretary of the School Meals Committee acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Circular letter received from the Minister for Local Government dealing with the provision of Meals for School Children, which shall be placed before the members of the Committee.

No Order made

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders, whose names he gave in detail, continue to place boxes &c on the Streets, thereby causing an obstruction.

The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps were lighted at night according to Contract.

No Order made

The Clerk submitted a renewal Notice of premium on the Council's Third Party (Drivers) Policy and asked if it would be cancelled or renewed

Ordered

That it be renewed & the Company be informed a Paying Order will be issued for the amount of the premium later on

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The letter received from the Collector dated 13th November '23, relative to proceedings taken by him against rate defaulters, and to an alteration in the conditions of his Bond, which had been frequently adjourned, was again submitted by the Clerk, and it was decided not to make any order upon it.

Mr Hand referred to the death recently of the father of Alderman Corish D.D. and proposed a vote of sympathy with him, which was seconded by Mr O'Brien and passed in respectful silence

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy a resolution was unanimously passed that the meeting be adjourned to Monday 14th Inst at 7 o'clock for the purpose of meeting and conferring with Mr Colfer in reference to matters in connection with the forthcoming local Inquiry.

The meeting adjourned to Monday 14th January 1924

Jas Murphy

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Monday, 14th January, 1924

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to confer with the Council's Solicitor respecting matters in connection with the forthcoming Inquiry.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Harney
John Hand
Martin J. O'Brien
and
Daniel Murphy

Mr Colfer was also present

A Conference took place between the Council and their Solicitor as to matters to be brought under the notice of the Inspector by Him or behalf of the Council during the Inquiry, which were noted by Mr Colfer, and after a brief general discussion on matters connected with the transaction of the business of the Council-

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 22nd January '24

Jas Murphy

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Wednesday, 16th January 1924

A Sworn Inquiry was held this day opening at 11 oclock a.m. in the Council Chamber, Kilsel, by Jeremiah A. Gleeson Esq. Local Government Inspector, into the performance of its duties by the New Ross Urban District Council.

D.A. Colfer Esq Solicitor (Messrs Colfer & Son) appeared on behalf of the Council, and Thomas J Kelly Esq State Solicitor, on behalf of the Rate Collector. The following members of the Council were also present viz:- Messrs James Murphy John Hand and Daniel Murphy, as was also Mr Geo Dooley who was Chairman of Council until he became disqualified as Councillor thro' non-attend. [Tanel.

The Inspector in opening the Inquiry read the letter received by him from the Minister for Local Government directing him to hold it, and also Section Twelve of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions Act 1923 together with its sub Sections.

The Clerk was the first witness examined, and in his statement gave the names of those who were nominated as Candidates for Elections in January 1920 when the present Council, and also those who withdrew their nominations, and those who were declared duly elected unopposed, as well as those who were since disqualified and Co opted

He also submitted statement showing in detail that the Assets in 1920 were £1561-3-4, exclusive of receipts from weekly tenants rents between date of Election and close of financial year, the Liabilities £1689-8-9, including instalment of County Council Demand for Quarter ending 31st March, '20 but exclusive of wages paid to workmen between date of Election and end of financial year.

The liabilities at date including instalments of County Council Demand to 31st March 1924, are £5795-12-4, Whilst the assets are estimated at £6980-10-3 showing a paper surplus of £1184-17-11- both the assets & liabilities being exclusive, as at 1920, of rents received from weekly tenants and wages paid to workmen between present date and end of financial year.

The following witnesses were also examined Messrs Geo Dooley, Dr O'Regan M.O.H. J.J. Shortall, County Surveyor,

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Thomas Butler S.S.O., Michael J. O'Kennedy, Rate Collector James Murphy U.C., and Daniel Murphy U.C.

Mr John Murphy (Mr Morans) Quay St, who presided at a meeting of the Executive of the Ratepayers Association was also examined as to the attitude of the Association towards the payment of Rates, and in the course of his examination he pointed out that the desire of the Association was to be helpful to the Council.

Mr Cal J. Long Hon Secretary of the Association was also examined.

Mr Hand U.C. who declined to be sworn made a brief statement which the Inspector informed him he could not record on the Minutes of the Inquiry as it was not tendered on oath.

Mr Michael J. O'Connor, Church Lane, was sworn and referred at some length to the manner in which the business of the Council was carried out during the term of office of the present members.

This concluded the examination of witness and Mr Colfer on behalf of the Council proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Inspector for the courteous, impartial and painstaking manner in which he conducted the Inquiry. This was seconded by Mr Kelly Dobs, and the Clerk having associated himself with the vote, the Inspector acknowledged it and thanked all those connected with the Inquiry for the assistance they gave him in conducting it, after which

The Proceedings terminated.

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Tuesday 22nd January, 1924

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 oclock p.m, to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, including the consideration of the Surveyor's Annual Estimate

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
Daniel Murphy
John Hand
and
Martin O'Brien

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read and sined

The following Quarterly Report & Estimate of the Surveyor was read viz:-

Dowry Surveyor's Quarterly Report and Annual Estimate

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

I submit hereunder my Estimate for the maintenance of Streets & Works for the ensuing financial year:-

1.	Workmens' wages & horse maintenance	£476 .. 0 .. 0
2.	100 Tons Finshoque Macadam @ 16/- per ton.	80 .. 0 .. 0
3.	250 " Parnell Macadam @ 16/6 " "	206 .. 5 .. 0
4.	60 " River Gravel & Sand	16 .. 0 .. 0
5.	New works and repairs to Existing works	100 .. 0 .. 0
	Total	£878 .. 5 .. 0

Those figures represent a reduction of £31..5..0 on my Estimate for preceding year and if the material provided for therein had been delivered a further reduction would have been possible. Of the sum £353. estimated for, only £200 was actually expended, and of the sum of £100 provided for special works there was practically none expended. This was largly due to unforseen economic circumstances and the rate which was struck to meet this expenditure has not yet been collected.

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Numerous complaints have recently been (made) received regarding the condition of your thoroughfares but it is beyond my power to remove the various causes of complaint until money becomes available for this purpose

(Signed)

James L. Shortall

Town Surveyor.

After a brief discussion it was

Proposed by the Chairman and

Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Surveyor's Report"
"and Estimate for the maintenance of Streets"
"and works for the ensuing Financial Year"
"amounting to £878 . 5 . 0 be adopted by the"
"Council."

Passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 22nd April 1924

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Tuesday, 22nd January, 1924

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
and
Martin O'Brien

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs M. O'Brien & D. Murphy and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:-
No 8 Loans a/c - No 252 £23-9-7

A Dividend warrant for £6. was received from the Secty of Southern & Western Railway Co being Interest on £400 Perpetual Deb. Stock for half year ended 31st Decr. last, and a Paying Order for £18-2-6 from the Irish Paymaster General being Bounty in Lieu of Rates for year ending 31st March 1924, and both were ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

The Chairman referred to the recent Inquiry which was held and expressed the opinion that it was on account of the large amount of rates outstanding that it was held. He dwelt on the action of Mr Dooley in coming forward as a witness on behalf of the Council and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Hand, and passed unanimously viz:-

"That we tender to Mr George Dooley our best thanks"
"for his kindness in attending the Local Inquiry, and"
"giving evidence which we considered of great"
"importance in the interest of the present Council"

Attention was also drawn to the manner in which Mr Colfer looked after the interest of the Council at the

Inquiry

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Inquiry and the following resolution was:-
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That we tender to D.A. Colfer"
"Esq Solicitor our best thanks for the admirable"
"manner in which he watched the Interests of"
"the Council at the Local Inquiry and put before"
"the Inspector the difficulties of administration for"
"the past year or two."

Passed unanimously

The Council also thanked the Officers for the manner in which they discharged their various duties.

An application was received from J Dunlong 6 Houghton Place and others for the use of the Large Room for an all night dance on the 2nd February and on the proposal of Mr O'Brien, Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy "It was unanimously granted"

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son Solrs, dated 22nd Inst informing the Council that they have inspected the damaged wall at Fairmount (in reference to which a letter was received from Dr Walsh at last meeting of the Council) and it is apparent it was originally erected as a retaining wall for Fairmount grounds, and therefore the onus of keeping and maintaining it would be on the owner of Fairmount
Ordered
That Dr Walsh be informed the Council are not liable for the upkeep of the wall and consequently they cannot contribute to the cost of repairing it.

Letter from Thos. McLoughlin, one of the Councils tenants, drawing attention to the necessity of having repairs carried out promptly to their house in his occupation. There is a leakage between the roofs of No 6 & 7 & consequently the water is running along the ceiling and damaging same
Ordered — "That the Surveyor report upon it."

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There were two Tenders received for the supply of two Rate Books for year ending 31st March 1925, one from Messrs Harvey & Co who offered to supply them at 6/- each, and one from Messrs Corken & Co Ltd who offered to supply them at 5/9 each. The Clerk pointed out that the Rate Books have been supplied by Messrs Harvey for the past twelve years and he always found them most satisfactory in every respect They are familiar with headings, style, required and he recommended that having regard to the very small difference in price, their Tender be accepted now, and accordingly it was

Proposed by the Chairman and

Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That the Tender of Messrs"

"Harvey & Co for the supply of two Rate Books at"

"6/- each be accepted

Passed unanimously

The Surveyor reported that with reference to the letter received from Mr C.A. Doyle relative to the surface Drain adjacent to the entrance to his yard at Sugar House Lane, and to the order made upon it referring the matter to him, that the drain has been in the same position for a number of years and no complaint has previously been received in reference to it, also that it was working effectively. He suggested that the Council give permission to have it removed, and re-constructed at his own expense in a suitable place, as it would be expensive on the Council to carry out the work.

Ordered

That Mr Doyle be informed the Council will not object to the removal of the Drain or grate by him at his own expense, and its re-construction in some other position, both the position selected and the re-construction of it to be approved of by the Surveyor.

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The Street Inspector reported that some Traders, whose names he gave caused an obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes &c on them, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps lighted according to Contract.
No order made.

A bill was received from the Collector of Customs & Excise for £13-5-0 Income Tax on Waterworks &c for year ending 5th April 1924, and one from D. J. Morrissey for £26-7-10, being Income Tax on Council's houses (First Instalment) for same year, and both were ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee

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The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 5th February, 1924

James Murphy

Monday, 4th February 1924.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member of the Council attended.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 5th February 1924.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 5th February 1924.

An adjourned meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 4.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs James Murphy, Presiding,
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
and
Martin J. O'Brien

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 1st February 1924, No G 3551/1924 stating that after careful consideration of the report of his Inspector on the Inquiry recently held into the performance of their duties by the New Ross Urban District Council, he has decided that the Council should be dissolved.

Formal effect to this decision will shortly be given.

No Order Made

Letter from the Chief Valuer, Office of Public Works, dated 25th January 1924, No 37/22697/23, stating that with reference to the claim submitted on behalf of The New Ross Urban District Council in respect of the occupation of "The Tholsel" New Ross by National Troops, he is prepared to advise payment of the following sum in full discharge of the claim Viz:

Rent £15; Damage to furniture £17-17-6; Damage to Premises £90-5-6; Total £123-3-0.

The amount of the claim lodged by the Council was £161-18-0

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

That the sum of £123-3-0 be accepted in full discharge of the Council's claim for rent, damage to property, and premises, during the occupation of the Tholsel by the Military.

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 21st January forwarding a Negotiable Receipt for £16-11-9 in respect of Estate Duty Grant 1922/23, and stating that in consequence of Arrears of Land Purchase Annuities the full amount of the Grant Cannot be made available.

Ordered

That the Negotiable Receipt be lodged to Credit of the Council, and also a Dividend Warrant for £1-6-5 received from the Bank of Ireland.

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letter from Same, dated 1st. February 1924 requesting to be furnished with particulars of the receipts of the Council from the different rates for the financial years from 1918 to 1923 inclusive.

The Clerk stated that he had furnished the information and there was therefore

No Order Made.

Letter from Mr Cooper Solicitor, dated 24th January Conveying his appreciation of the resolution passed by the Council in connection with his efforts on their behalf of the recent enquiry.

No Order Made.

Three Tenders were received for the supply of four boat loads of gravel viz:-

From Robert Power, High Hill, who offered to deliver it @ 7/- per Ton at Quay

" James Carroll, Shanbough " " " @ 6/6 " , , and

" M Roche, Ballyanne, who offered to land it on Newross Quay @ 5/10½ Per Ton

Proposed by The Chairman and

Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Tender of M Roche, Ballyanne, to deliver sixty to seventy tons of Gravel on Quay, Newross at 5/10½ per Ton be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

An application was received on behalf of the Newross O'Hanrahan Dancing Class for the use of the two rooms in the Hotel on the night of March 1st, and on the proposal of The Chairman, Seconded by Mr Hand it was granted.

Notice of application for Claim for Malicious Injury was received on behalf of D+S Eu Railway Co for loss of a Telephone Receiver Repeater value £10, and on behalf of Patrick S Doyle, Ardcros for a Motor Bicycle Value £50, and it was Ordered that the Councils Solicitors be instructed to defend them.

Letter from the Secretary of The Catal Brugha Sinn Feinn Club, Wexford, Dated 31st January 1924, in reference to the action of the Free State Government Minister in endeavouring to remove Mr R Sinnott from the position of Rate Collector under the County Council, at the meeting of which it was made clear that this action was dictated solely by political reasons, and as such is a challenge to all authority in the County, and would appear to be but a test case for more extensive action on the part of the Free State Ministers to deprive of a means of a livelihood as many as possible of their political opponents. The Club therefore hopes that the Council will make an adequate protest.

After

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After some discussion the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand Viz:-

That we protest in the strongest possible manner against the action of the Minister for Local Government in depriving Mr R Sinnott of his position of Rate Collector under the Wexford County Council

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

A circular letter was received from the late Chairman of the late Dublin Board of Guardians, and a Member of the Board, enclosing a pamphlet giving details of the Enquiry into the Board, and stating that they believe some hidden motive is behind the abolition of the Board.

A brief discussion took place upon it but there was no order made.

A Member inquired if there was any prospect of the Council's workmen getting paid their wages and it was stated that there was not, unless sanction of the Minister for Local Government to a further overdraft in the Bank was obtained.
accordingly the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by The Chairman Viz:-

"That we respectfully ask the"
"Minister for Local Government to sanction an increase"
"of the present overdraft, due to the National Bank, by about"
"£400, so that the Council's workmen, who have not received"
"any wages for the past eight weeks, may be paid their wages,"
"and also the Officers their Salaries, and in addition the"
"Council's proportion of expenses, in connection with the"
"Housing Scheme which is included in the rate for 1923/24."

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Minister be informed of the amount of the present overdraft which is £361-9-5

Mr Hand referred to the action of Alderman Corish T.D. in obtaining grants for the relief of unemployment in New Ross, and suggested that a vote

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of thanks be passed to him by the Council. The members thoroughly concurred in the suggestion and the following resolution was:
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by The Chairman Viz:

"That we the New Ross Urban District Council desire to convey to Alderman Corish P.D. our sincere thanks for the many services he has rendered to New Ross particularly in having obtained Government Grants for the relief of unemployment in the town.

Passed Unanimously

The Street Inspector reported that some persons, whose names he gave, still place boxes etc, on the streets outside their premises, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps were lighting at night according to Contract.
No Order Made

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 12th February 1924.

Jas Murphy

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Tuesday. 12th. February 1924

A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
and
Martin J O'Brien

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Daniel Murphy and Martin J O'Brien and the following Paying Order directed to be issued out of Grants Account to pay wages of workmen, in connection with Housing Scheme, for week ending 6th Inst Viz:-

No 255: Mr Affirm - Petty Cash £1-19-4

Correspondence

The following letter received from Mr Michael Murphy. Hon Secretary of The New Ross Branch of the Gaelic League, was read:-

February 7th 1924

Mr Affirm
Clerk. New Ross Urban Council

Dear Sir,

At a recent Committee meeting of the above it was agreed to surrender the tenancy of the Large Room Shobel; it was understood by Treasurer that we had given up possession Since last payment of rent, as the present tenants Mr John Murphy and Mr O'Donohoe wish to be relieved. Mr D O'Hanley and myself will act as future tenants for the small room.

A statement of rent due will Oblige

Yours &c
Michael Murphy
Secretary

after considerable discussion the following resolution was:- Proposed by The Chairman, and Seconded by Mr OBrien Viz:-

"That we accept the surrender of Messrs John O'Donohoe and John Murphy of the tenancy of the Large Room, Shobel held by them jointly on a tenancy from week to week at a weekly rent of six pence. and that Messrs Daniel Hanley

"Stanley, Priory Street, and Michael Murphy, Bridge Street, be"
"substituted as tenants for the small room at a weekly rent of"
"Six pence subject to the Conditions upon which the room was"
"hitherto held by Messrs John O'Donohoe and John Murphy"
"as weekly tenants."

Passed Unanimously

A Tender dated 6th Inst. was received from Mr Edward Browne, Creacon, of £2-10-0 for one heap of manure in the Council's yard at Heny Street, and on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hand it was unanimously accepted.

Letter from the Clerk of The Cork Rural District Council dated 15th January forwarding the following copy of a resolution adopted by them Viz:-

"That we, the Cork Rural District Council condemn the
"action of the Government in reducing the miserable pittance"
"paid to the old age Pensioners, and we believe any economy"
"in this direction will inflict untold misery on the aged poor."

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the foregoing resolution be adopted by"
this Council, and a copy sent to the Minister of Finance."

Passed Unanimously

An application was received from T. J. Morrissey, Esq. Collector of Income Tax, dated 5th Inst. for payment of £26-7-10 within ten days, being Income Tax on the Council's property, and it was Ordered that he be informed his application will receive attention as soon as arrangements are made, and sanctioned by The Minister for Local Government, for the payment of Accounts.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders, whose names he gave, were causing an obstruction by placing boxes, &c, on the streets, & that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps are lighted at night according to Contract.

No Order Made.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy, a vote of sympathy was passed in respectful silence with Mrs Byrne, Quay St. on the death of her son Mr Richard Byrne, whose late father was for a number of a Member of the Town Commissioners, and as such assisted in administering the business of the town.

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It having been stated that the Revd. John Butler C.C. will shortly celebrate the silver the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, the meeting was of opinion that the event should be recognized by the people of his native town. Accordingly it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That we Tender to the Revd. John Butler C.C."
"Killurin, a native of our town, and brother of one of our officers,"
"our heartiest Congratulations on the approaching celebration of the silver"
"Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, and wish him many, very"
"many years to labour in the Sacred Ministry"

Passed Unanimously

On the proposal of The Chairman, seconded by Mr Hand, a resolution of sympathy was passed with Mr Doug, representative of The Free Press on the death of his brother.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 26th. February 1924.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 26th February, 1924

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
and
Martin O'Brien

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Clerk stated that the Contract which the Council had with the County Council for the maintenence of the roadway over the New Ross Bridge will expire on the 31st March 1924. At that time Tenders for maintenence for year ending 31st March 1925 are invited and will be considered at the meeting of the County Council, on 10th March, the amount not to exceed £60.

After a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That the Clerk tender on"
"behalf of the Council for the maintenence of the"
"roadway over the New Ross Bridge for year"
"ending 31st March 1925 at the full amount allowed"
"viz £60."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 18th February acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 14th Inst conveying copy of a resolution passed by the Council relative to the act of the Old Age Pensions
No Order made.

Letter from same dated 14th Feby. transmitting copy of an Order made under Section 15 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923. No Order made

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Letter from Colfer & Son dated 23rd Inst acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 6th Inst instructing them to defend three malicious Injury applications, and stating that as the Government are defending all these Claims through the State Solicitor appearance on behalf of the Council will be merely duplicating the defence and incurring extra expense.
Ordered
That Messrs Colfer & Son be informed it is not necessary, under the circumstances for them to appear on behalf of the Council and they be informed the latter appreciate their action in the matter, and their desire to save unnecessary expense.

Letter from Rev John Butler C.C. Killurin dated 14th Febry acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution passed by the Council congratulating him on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination, and thanking them for same.

Letter from the Secretary of the County Council dated 13th February forwarding copy of a recommendation which was adopted at their meeting held on the 11th Inst. on the motion of Mr J O'Byrne, Seconded by the Chairman viz:-
"That we recommend the County Council to appoint"
"Messrs J. O'Byrne, M. O'Byrne and J Cummins to administer"
"the affairs of New Ross Urban Council. That this"
"Committee be empowered to Co-opt two representatives"
"from the town of New Ross to act as members of"
"the Administration Committee."

A short discussion took place during which surprise was expressed at the action of the County Council in aiding, by their action, the abolition of Councils, but there was
No Order made

Letter from the D.S.&.L. Railway Co dated 12th Febry enclosing an account £4-16-0 for Sleepers & requesting payment of same.
Ordered
That the Co be informed the amount will be paid when arrangements are made for payment of all other bills.

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The Clerk submitted the Weekly Tenants Rental Sheets which showed amount of arrears outstanding at date, after deduction of amount of rent collected on 25th Inst (which is the last gale day of the month.) to be £36-6-6, as against £34-18-6 due at end of January, and same were examined by the Chairman but there was.
No Order made upon them

The following letter, received from the Minister for Local Government, Roads Department, dated 18th Feby 1924 No L.G.9/201 was read & considered viz:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state for the information of the New Ross Urban District Council that a sum of £1,100 has been provisionally allocated to the Council for the improvement of Trunk Roads.

A separate notification has been sent to the County Council who have been informed that it is open to them to supplement the amounts allocated to the Urban Districts out of the grant allocated to the County Council. The Council would therefore do well to communicate with the County Council before framing their proposals.

The following are the conditions governing the Grant:-

1 The Grant shall be for Trunk Roads only. The Grant shall not be conditional on any contribution from the Rates but shall not be taken as relieving the Council from responsibility from reasonable and economical road maintenence

2 The selection of road lengths to be improved, specifications and methods by which it is proposed to carry out the works shall be settled in collaboration with the County Surveyor. They must be submitted on Form II (Roads) accompanied by a 25" Ordnance Map showing the proposed works, and must be approved by the Chief Engineer or such other Engineer as may be designated by the Minister. Inspections shall be

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be carried out by him or his assistants as the work proceeds, and in all cases before final payments are made. The Minister ~~shall~~ may take such steps as he may deem proper either by way of withholding further payment or refusing to sanction payment or otherwise in case of unsatisfactory work.

3. The portions of road selected must not be too numerous

4 Payments will be made through the County Council on requisition Form No 97 certified by the Surveyors:—

(a) On commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the next following two months

(b) During the second month after commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the third month, and so on from month to month until Eighty per cent of the Grant has been paid, after which the Authority will submit through the Co Surveyor to the Minister a statement showing their expenditure up to date, and the Minister will then determine what further instalments should be paid under the Grant.

(c) On completion of the work the Authority will supply the Minister with a joint Certificate of the Surveyors stating that the works have been completed, and stating (with such particulars as may be required by the Forms then in use by the Ministry) the total expenditure incurred on the works described in this Grant.

(5) The maximum rate of wages which can be paid to labourers employed on work, within your Urban District, under the Grant is 35/ per week for the period ending 31st October next. The rate will be subject to revision as from 1st November 1924.

(6) Preference is to be given to demobilised men of the National Army suitable & willing to undertake Road work. Lists of such men will be obtainable by the Council's Surveyor

or

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(or his Deputy) from the local Office of the Ministry of Labour) Industry & Commerce and the Officer in charge of the Local Office should be notified of the names of the men selected.

In view of the urgency of road improvement and of the necessity for relieving unemployment the Council should take steps forthwith to expedite the inauguration of a suitable road scheme.

Copies of Form 11 (Roads) are enclosed.

(Signed) E. P. McCarron
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A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter during which exception was taken to the condition that preference should be given to demobilised men of the National Army, the Council being of opinion that all men in need of employment should be treated alike. They also objected to the maximum rate of pay per week allowed viz 35/- and pointed out that 38/- was allowed men working on the Roads. As the Dowy Surveyor was not present it was agreed to defer the further consideration of the letter to an adjourned meeting at which he would be present. Accordingly it was—
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien

"That at the conclusion"
"of the business this meeting be adjourned to Friday"
"29th inst at 7.30 o'clock for the purpose of considering"
"this letter and transacting other business, the"
"Dowy Surveyor to be notified of the holding of the"
"adjourned meeting."

Passed unanimously

The Street Inspector reported that some persons continue to cause an obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes &c outside their premises, that the daily scavenging is satisfactorily carried out, & public lamps lighted according to Contract.

The meeting adjourned to Friday, 29th February, 1924

James Murphy

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Friday, 29th February, 1924

An adjourned meting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m, to transact business pursuant to the Dowris Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, including the consideration of a letter from the Minister for Local Government advising the allocation of £1100, provisionally, to the Urban District for improvement of Trunk Roads, subject to certain conditions.

Present Messrs James Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
and
Martin J. O'Brien

The Clerk reported that the Dowry Surveyor's brother called to the office during the day and stated the former would not be able to attend the meeting this evening, but possibly would on Monday.

The Circular letter relative to the Grant was briefly considered again, and after a short discussion it was agreed to ask the County Council to supplement the Grant of £1100 out of the Grant allocated to them. Accordingly it was:-
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the County Council be"
"requested to supplement, out of the Grant allocated"
"to them for the improvement of Trunk Roads, the"
"Grant of £1,100 provisionally allocated to the Urban"
"District Council by the Ministry of Local Government"
"for a similar purpose, and also to inform the latter"
"Council of the amount by which the County Council"
"are willing to supplement the sum allocated to this"
"District."

Passed unanimously

As it was doubtful whether the Surveyor would be able to attend the meeting if held on Monday evening it was:-
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That this meeting"
be

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"be adjourned to Wednesday, 5th Inst at 8 o'clock"
"p.m. for the purpose of considering the letter"
"received relative to the Grant of £1,100 and"
"transacting other business."

Passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday, 5th March 1924

James Murphy

Monday, 3rd March 1924

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'Clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended — and,

The meeting adjourned

James Murphy

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Wednesday, 5th March 1924

An adjourned Meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was to be held this day at 8 O'Clock to transact business, including the consideration of a letter received from the Minister for Local Government adviding the allocation of £1100, provisionally, to the Urban District for improvement of Trunk Roads subject to certain conditions

Present Messrs James Murphy
John Hand
and
Martin J O'Brien

A Quorum not having assembled, there was no business transacted

The Meeting was Adjourned to Tuesday, 11th March 1924.

James Murphy

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Tuesday, 11th March, 1924

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider a letter received from the Minister for Local Government advising the allocation of £1100, provisionally, to the Urban (Council) District for the improvement of Trunk Roads, subject to certain conditions.

Present

Messrs James Murphy, Presiding
John Hand
Martin O'Brien
and
Daniel Murphy.

The minutes of previous meeting were read & Signed.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No G9450/1924 dated 8th Inst. advising that legislation is being introduced to authorize the continuance of the extra penny rate for Irish provided by Section 16 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923, but the raising of this rate is not to prejudice the fullest re consideration of the present method, and scale of financial assistance for Technical Instruction, including instruction in Irish.

After a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy. "That the"
"Clerk include in his Estimate for"
"financial year ending 31st March, 1925"
"a sum equal to a rate of one penny in"
"the pound for the purpose of providing"
"instruction in the Irish language"

Passed Unanimously

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Letter from same dated 8th March drawing attention to the desirability of seeing that the houses on all roads and streets bear proper consecutive numbers, and directing the attentions of the local Authorities to the powers conferred on them by Section 64 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 by Section 38 thereof.
No order made.

Letter from same dated 28th February enclosing copy of an order made by him in pursuance of the Local Elections Postponement Acts 1922 and 1923.
No Order made.

Letter from same dated 7th Inst No4.9858/1924 enclosing accounts furnished by the D.S.E. Railway Co, and requested that they be brought forward for payment, if in order, as soon as possible. He also stated that instructions had been given for the preparation of an Order under Seal transferring the powers, duties, &c of the Urban District Council to the Wexford County Council, and this Order will be issued in the near future.

In connection with this letter one received from the Secretary of the County Council dated 27th February informing the Council that Mr Michael Byrne, a member of the Administration Committee of the New Ross Urban District, had written him to say that he will not act on the Committee was considered.

After some discussion the following resolution was:-
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Minister for Local"
"Government be again requested to permit an increase of"
"the Council's overdraft by about £500 to £600 to enable"
"them to pay their workmen and officers and some"
"other pressing accounts including instalments due"
"the Contractor for the Housing Scheme, which is held up"
"owing to the inability of the Council to pay the"
"instalments due him, and also permit them to"

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"proceed with the collection of the Rates for year
"ending 31st March, 1924, immediately."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 29th February, 1924 forwarding the revised valuation Lists of the Urban District for year ending 28th February, 1925:

The Clerk reported that the valuation of the District was reduced by £60, and submitted a statement of which the following is a copy, showing the alterations made by the Commissioner, and informed the Council that they had power, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, to appeal against the reductions:-

Alteration in Valuation of District year 1924

D'L.E. Railway to Rosbercon:-		Reduction
Railway valued at £30 reduced to £22-10-0		£7-10-0
Platforms, Signal Cabin &c valued at £89 reduced to £67		£22-0-0
New Ross Gas & Electricity Co. Stores & Gas Holders from £54-5-0 to £43.		£11-5-0
Same Right of Easement over land occupied by Gas Pipes - struck off		£10-0-0
Half Annual Rent of Court House - struck out		£12-0-0
Ruins on Bullawn		1-5-0
		£124-0-0
		Increase
M. Moran, John Street increased from £30 to £54		£24-0-0
Court House & Yard Priory	£30	£30-0-0
Bridewell & Yard	£10	10
		£64-0-0
Ref Decrease in valuation of District		£60-0-0

No Order made

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Letter from the Secretary of the County Council, dated 3rd March 1924 acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Council relative to Road Grant which will be placed before the meeting of the County Council on the 10th Inst.

He also stated that his Council were informed that the Urban Council had been dissolved by the Minister for Local Government.

The Clerk stated that at the meeting of the Council the matter referred to in the letter viz:- That the County Council supplement the Grant of £1100 received from the Ministry for the improvement of Trunk Roads, so that the New Ross bridge and approaches thereto might be treated with tarred Macadam, was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

The Clerk also reported that as directed by the Council he tendered on their behalf, for the maintenance of the New Ross Bridge and approaches for year ending 31st March 1925 at the full amount allowed viz £60, and attended the meeting of the County Council in connection with same, but the Tender of Mr Patrick Kelly, Camblin at £58 was accepted.

Letter from the Manager The Smimith Press, Perth Road, Dundee, dated 8th Inst. informing the Council that they were issuing a series of Town Guide Books and are anxious to include New Ross in the series. The Tourist Guide Book which they propose to publish will contain matters of interest to visitors, prospective residents and business men, and will set forth the attractions the town offers for recreation, business, sightseeing, Education, &c. These books will be distributed in all tourist and other interested centres throughout Great Britain & Ireland and abroad.

They also undertake to supply the Council with a liberal supply of the books absolutely free of cost as they rely solely on advertisements to defray expenses.

They do not wish the Council to enter into any binding Contract, but merely to have their official

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sanction for the publication to ensure its being most accurate in detail, reliable and authentic.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy
"That the Council"
"officially sanction the publication by the Simnetts"
"Press of a Guide Book of Newross on the distinct"
"understanding that no liability financial or"
"otherwise shall attach to the Council as a result"
"of the granting by them of their official sanction"
"to the publication."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from Mr Blake dated 3rd Inst stating that he was very much disappointed he had not yet received a Paying Order for his account £7-0-5 and asking to have a remittance by return.

The Clerk stated that he informed Mr Blake a Paying Order will be sent him as soon as arrangments are made for the payment of accounts, and this was approved of.

Letter from Mr Thos Lungley Secretary & Principal of the Technical Instruction Committee dated 11th Inst stating that the Department are making a Grant of £200 for the purpose of extending the Technical School by the building of an Engineering workshop. This extension will necessitate an extension of the site leased by the Council. The Committee request that the necessary steps be taken to secure this extension as soon as possible.

He submitted a Plan of the proposals in this connection which were approved of.

The Plan referred to was also received from Mr Lungley.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien
"That the Plan received"
"from Mr Lungley be submitted to Mr"
Hamilton, Agent to the Repos of the late Col.
"Dottenham, and he be asked to inform the Council"
whether

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"whether Col Tottenham's Representatives are prepared"
"to lease the additional plot of ground for say the"
"number of unexpired years of the existing lease, and"
"if so the additional annual rent proposed to be"
"charged, this meeting, at the conclusion of the business,"
"to be adjourned to ½ 3 o'Clock on 18th Inst for the purpose"
"of dealing with this application and transacting"
"other business, the members of the Council to be"
"notified of its intended consideration"

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Hibernian Fire Insurance Company dated 3rd Inst. pointing out that premium on Policy will become due on 25th March and in order that the necessary Paying Orders may be issued at the monthly Finance meeting they have forwarded this notification

Ordered

That the Company be informed it is just possible the Council may not be in a position to remit the premium within the prescribed time, but as soon as arrangements are made, and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government it will be forwarded, and they will be glad to know if the Company will hold the property covered in the meantime

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Letter from same dated 7th Inst acknowledging receipt of Claim Form completed for damage caused by fire to stairway leading to Clock Tower amounting to £9-10-0 according to Surveyor's Estimate, and stating that it had been passed for payment and a Cheque will be sent in settlement after next Board meeting

On order made beyond directing the Clerk to convey the appreciation of the Council at the promptness of the settlement.

The consideration of the letter received from the Minister for Local Government notifying that a Grant of £1100 will be made Subject to certain conditions was taken up and after a short discussion it was :-

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Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the consideration of"
"this matter be deferred to an adjourned meeting"
"of the Council to be held on the 18th inst at 7.30, the"
"Town Surveyor to submit to that meeting a scheme for"
"the carrying out of the work.

Passed unanimously

The Clerk reported that the Town Surveyor informed him he required immediately for the purpose of the Housing Sewer & Watermain extension:-

"One heavy Water Main Casting four inch spigot
three inch faucet"

and asked him (Clerk) to order it from Mr Blake at once so as not to delay the work, and he did so, and now asked to have this approved of.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That the action of"
"the Clerk in ordering the casting be approved"
"of."

Passed unanimously

Owing to the illness of the Street Inspector there were no reports received from him.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 18th March '24.

James Moorfoley

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Tuesday March 18th 1924.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government advising the allocation provisionally, of £1100 to the Urban District for the repair of Trunk roads.

Present Messrs James Murphy Presiding
Martin J O'Brien
John Hand
and
Daniel Murphy

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

A Tender of £4. was received from John Whitty Camblin, and one of £4-10-0 from Edward Neville, Tanhouse for a heap of manure each, at Town Wall. In reply to the Chairman the stated that the Surveyor informed him there were five heaps ready for sale.
Proposed by Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Brien.
"That both these Tenders be accepted."
Passed Unanimously.

An application, dated 18th Inst was also received from James Kelly, Michael St. for ten loads of manure.
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy
"That the application of James Kelly"
"for ten loads of manure be granted he to be charged 1/- per load."
Passed Unanimously

Letter from The Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Dated 15th Inst, enclosing Cheque value £9-10-0 in settlement of Claim under Fire Policy No 34601.
Ordered
That the Cheque be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Owing to the absence of the Town Surveyor from the meeting, the consideration of the letter received from the Minister for Local Government in reference to the Grant of £1100 for repair of Trunk roads, was not taken up.

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When all the Municipal and Sanitary business was transacted the Chairman read the following letter from the Secretary of the Transport Union:-

I.T.G.W. Union offices
Mary Street. New Ross
18th March 1924.

To the Members of the New Ross Urban Council.

Gentlemen

At a meeting of the above Branch held on Friday night last the following resolution was unanimously passed:-

"That we ask the members of the Urban Council to resign from said body as we believe that no further good can be achieved by remaining on. While recognising what you have done in the past although being deserted by your colleagues at the behest of a Clique misnamed the Ratepayers Association which is in reality nothing but the remnant of the English Garrison led by an individual that always thwarted, in fact plotted, against the Irish people in their fight for freedom. who during the Black and Tan regime carried on a Sardonic grin when part of their infamous work was the holding up, and marching of decent citizens through the streets of the town, in fact nothing but a dictatorship will please these gentlemen.

The three respected Members of the County Council who at great inconvenience to themselves, were willing, until the forthcoming elections to carry on in order to save the ratepayers the expense of a Commissioner which will amount to a rate of 2/6 extra in the Pound, even that would not suit the Mandarines of the Temple.

We hope that at the forthcoming Urban elections that the common people will chose between those that cared nothing about the interests of the town from 1918 onwards (of Course it would not do to consort with rebels then) but now come into the Open when the Order "Cease fire" goes forth, and those who stood in the breach and carried on heedless of the prison tortures or the "Firing Squad"

Yours faithfully
James Murphy
Secretary

After a brief discussion the following tendered their resignations verbally. as Members of the Council Viz:- Messrs James Murphy, Martin J. O'Brien and Daniel Murphy.

Owing to the resignation of these Members,

The Meeting was not Adjourned to any particular date.

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Timothy Lyne Esq the Commissioner to whom the property several powers, and duties of the Council of the Urban District of New Ross have been transferred, and who has been appointed to perform the duties of the said Council, by Order of the Minister for Local Government, attended at the office of the Urban Council at 4 o'clock pm. on this day to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith.

The Clerk submitted to him the following copy of the order above referred to, which had been received by him (Clerk) on the 3rd Inst; and also the covering letter which accompanied it viz:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to forward herewith a copy of an order under seal transferring the property and the several powers and duties of the Council of the Urban District of New Ross, to Mr Timothy Lyne, who has been appointed to perform the duties of the Council"

(Signed) M. Lynch
a/s Aire um Rialtas Áitiúil.

Dated 2nd May 1924.

Copy of Order under Seal.

The New Ross Urban District (Transfer of Powers) Order, 1924.

Ministry of Local Government.

The Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923.

To the Council of the Administrative County of Wexford, to T. Lyne; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas by an Order under my Seal of Office bearing date the eleventh day of March 1924 I, the Minister for Local Government did in pursuance of Section Twelve of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923, dissolve the Council of the Urban District of New Ross and did transfer the property, powers, and duties of the Council of the said Urban District to the

Council

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Council of the Administrative County of Wexford

And Whereas I think fit to remove the Council of the said Administrative County from the performance of the powers and duties of the Council of the said Urban District, and to appoint a person in their place, and to transfer the property and the several powers and duties of the Council of the said Urban District to such person

Now Therefore I, the Minister for Local Government, in pursuance of sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 12 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, and in exercise of all powers in this behalf enabling me do by this My Order revoke so much of My said Order of the 11th day of March, 1924, as transfers the property and the powers and duties of the Council of the Urban District of NewRoss to the Council of the Administrative County of Wexford and do hereby order as follows:—

1. The property and the several powers and duties of the Council of the Urban District of NewRoss shall be and the same are hereby transferred to D. Lyne, whom I do hereby appoint to perform the duties of the Council of the said Urban District.
2. This Order may be cited as the NewRoss Urban District (Transfer of Powers) Order 1924

Given under My Seal of Office, this Twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand nine hundred and Twenty-four.

(Signed) Seamus De Burca

Minister for Local Government.

(L.S.)

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The Abstracts of the Rate Collection for year ending 31st March, 1923, which showed a total of £1016-6-8. outstanding for that year, on 26th April 1924 (last Saturday of month) and of which the Collector estimated £713-7-2. was uncollectable, was examined by Mr Lyne, who ordered :-

"That the Collector submit details of all the outstanding rate to him on Saturday, 10th Inst.

He also ordered

"That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise whether the landlords or owners of small houses in the Urban District are liable for the rates assessed on such houses and, if so, the maximum valuation of a house for the rates on which they are liable."

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to permit the collection of the two moieties of rates for financial year ended 31st March 1924, to be proceeded with immediately, the rates outstanding for year ended 31st March, 1923 to be collected with them."

"That Public Notice be given by printed placard that the collection of the two moieties of the rate for year ending 31st March, 1924, will be proceeded with immediately, and that ratepayers will be required to pay same promptly, and also that the rates still outstanding for 1923 will be collected with those for 1924.

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to kindly sanction a temporary overdraft by the Treasurer of the Urban Council (The National Bank) of about £600 to enable payment to be made of workmen's wages, Salaries, Housing and other accounts, pending the lodgment of some of the outstanding rates."

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 27th March, 1924 No H.376/105/1924, requesting to be furnished with a tracing showing the portion of the Town Wall field proposed to be utilised for the purposes of the Irish Land (provision for Sailors Soldiers) Act 1919 together with particulars of the Area thereof, and the price to be obtained therefor.

In connection with this letter the Minutes of proceedings of the Council on the 22nd February last; at which the subject was dealt with was examined, after which it was

Ordered

That the applicants for the site be informed of the request received from the Minister for Local Government and also to kindly state with whom arrangements are to be made for the transfer of the site in the event of terms and conditions being agreed upon.

The letter received from the Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee dated 11th March last stating that the Department are making a Grant of £200 for the purpose of extending the Technical School by the building of an Engineering workshop, but this extension will necessitate an extension of the existing site leased by the Council, and he asked that the necessary steps be taken to secure this extension. He submitted a Plan of the proposal in connection with it, which were approved. The Plan refered to was received from Mr Lungley.

In connection with this matter a letter dated 3rd April was received from Mr Hamilton, Agent to the Trustees of the late Col. Dottenhaun offering to lease to the Council the plot of land - coloured yellow on the sketch - in Mary St, as additional accomodation for the Technical School, at one pound per year. Lease to be concurrent with the present lease, It will not be necessary to have a new Lease prepared as the additional plot can be endorsed on the existing Lease.

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The Commissioner decided to accept the proposal of Mr Hamilton to lease, on behalf of the Trustees of the late Col. Dottenham, the additional plot required at an annual rent of one pound, the period of the lease to be concurrent with that of the existing one, which is for a period of ninety-nine years from the 25th March 1910, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

The considerations of the letter received from the Minister for Local Government, dated 18th February, relative to the grant of £1100 for the improvement of Trunk Roads was deferred to Saturday, 10th Inst, the Town Surveyor to furnish to the Commissioner on that date all available information in connection with the matter.

The consideration of the remainder of the business was adjourned to Saturday, 10th May 1924.

Lyra Commissioner

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Saturday, 10th May, 1924

The Commissioner, duly appointed, attended in the Council Office at 4 o'clock this day to transact the business of the New Ross Urban District Council pursuant to the Dowr's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected there with.

The Rate Collector was in attendance

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No D.19,578/1924, dated 7th Inst, acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 29th ult. forwarding statement showing the condition of the Rate Collection, and stating that he should bring the matter before Mr Lyne without delay. The Rate Collector should also be given to understand that no further delay in closing his warrant for 1923 will be allowed and he should be given a specified short time in which to lodge the full amount of the rates for 1923, and when this is done the collection of those for last year can be proceeded with.

In conjunction with this letter, one received from the Minister, dated 9th Inst. No 21016/1924 stating that before considering the proposal to collect last year's rates immediately, and concurrently with the arrears for the year ended 31st March 1923, he wished to receive an up-to-date summary of the Rate position showing Town & Poor Rate separately was considered, and also to be informed if the terms of the Collector's Bond require the closing of the warrant within the year.

Before making an order on these letters the Commissioner examined in detail, with the Collector, the list of outstanding rates submitted by the latter, and noted his observations upon them, but did not make any ruling on the several items shown in it beyond stating that every effort will have to be made to have them collected before striking them off as uncollected.

The Collector reported that of the total amount out-standing viz:- £1016-5-11, he estimates £713-7-2 as uncollectable

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The Commissioner pointed out to the Collector that the Minister for Local Government had given directions that he should be given a specified short time in which to lodge the full amount of the rates to the 31st March, 1928, and asked him if he can comply with this direction, but that officer stated he could not possibly do so.

The further consideration of this matter, and of the two letters received from the Minister relative to the Rate Collection was deferred to the next visit of the Commissioner.

The Clerk stated that when he received the letter from the Minister declining to permit the collection of the rate for 1924 to be proceeded with for the present, he did not get the "Notice to Ratepayers" issued as directed, and this was approved of by the Commissioner.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No D. 21/015/1924, dated 8th May 1924 stating that he has sanctioned an overdraft not exceeding £600 to the 30th June next, interest to be at ½% under current Bank rate with a minimum of 4%.

He also requested to be furnished with a full statement of the present financial position of the Council.

Ordered

That the Clerk furnish the financial statement asked for by the Minister.

The consideration of the remainder of the business was adjourned.

Chairman Commissioner

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The Commissioner duly appointed, attended at the office of the Council at 4 o'clock to transact business of the New Ross Urban District, under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider letter received from the Road's Department of the Ministry of Local Government dated 18th Inst intimating that £1100 has been provisionally allocated to the Council for the improvement of Trunk Roads.

The Clerk reported that a Paying Order for £60 was received on yesterday from the Secretary, Wexford County Council for the maintenence of New Ross Bridge to 31st March last, and it was

Ordered

to be Lodged to the credit of the Council

The Consideration of a letter received from the Minister in reference to the Grant of £1100, was first taken up by the Commissioner.

The Clerk submitted correspondence in connection with it including a telegram received on the 8th April last from the Minister intimating that further delay in submitting suitable road improvement scheme might involve loss of Grant, and copy of his (Clerk's) reply, as also the proposed Scheme received by him on 10th April, from the Town Surveyor, including detailed Estimate thereof amounting to £1200, and six inch Map of District showing section of road proposed to be dealt with. He also reported that he forwarded copy of Estimate and Form 11 to the County Surveyor for his approval and signature but the latter has been received back unsigned. The County Surveyor informed the Secretary of the Co Council that he completed and sent on to the Local Government, with the County Council Forms, the Forms referred to for the Grant.

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A letter dated 18th April was also received from the Secretary of the County Council intimating that a Grant of £100 to cover road work on New Ross Bridge by the New Ross Urban District Council was agreed to by his Council, and would be furnished from Government Grant.

This sum was taken into account by the Dowy Surveyor in preparing his Estimate, and added to the Grant of £1100. The Dowy Surveyor explained that he was in communication with the Department in reference to his estimate. The price specified in it viz:- £1 per cubic yard for Macadam from Parnell Quarries delivered on site being considered too High. Exception was also taken to charging the cost of Bitumen Boiler (£80) against the Grant, he however hoped to come to an agreement with the Ministry on these matters at an early date.

In view of this the Commissioner did not approve of the Scheme in its entirety. He however approved of the sections of road proposed to be improved, and also of the payment of wages to the workmen at the rate of 35/- per week as specified in the conditions governing the Grant.

The Surveyor pointed out that a very great amount of trespass on the field at Dowyvall is taking place with the result that the grass cannot be preserved for the Council's own horses, and suggested that John Hearn be employed temporarily, at a small weekly wage, to look after it. An order was made some time ago by the Council that trespassers be prosecuted but this cannot be done as the Council's own workmen will not impound animals found in the field.

The gates will also require to be kept locked, for which locks are required.

Ordered by the Commissioner

That John Hearn be employed for a period not exceeding three weeks, at a weekly wage of 5/- (five Shillings) plus any fines which may be imposed on the owners of stock found trespassing on the field. (this being considered an inducement to Hearn to exercise all

possible

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possible diligence in preventing trespass.)

That two locks be purchased for the gates

The consideration of the two letters received from the Minister for Local Government, dated respectively 7th & 8th Inst. in reference to the Rate collection, and which are entered on the Minutes of the 10th Inst was resumed; and an order made by the Commissioner that a summary of the rate position, showing Poor Rate and Down Rate separately be forwarded to the Minister

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The Clerk submitted the Collector's Bond from which it appeared that the Collector was required to close his collection by lodgment of the full amount of his warrant. The Clerk however pointed out that by direction of the late Council the Sureties were distinctly told that the Council would not insist on the fulfilment of this condition, and it was upon this understanding they signed the Bond

He also stated that one of the Sureties, Mr Kavanagh, had now retired from business and it would probably be necessary to have another substituted for him.

Ordered

That the Collector's Bond be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for his inspection, and that he be also informed of the undertaking given to the Sureties previous to the signing of the Bond by them.

The Commissioner also discussed, with the Collector, the collection of the rate for 1923/24 during which the latter stated that it would not be possible for him to close the collection for that year by the lodgment of the full amount of his warrant owing to the large amount of irrecoverable rate which would, in all probability, be outstanding, neither would he be able to obtain Sureties to guarantee the full lodgment if it is necessary that a new Bond be prepared, and other Surety provided in place of Mr Kavanagh.

He will however have no difficulty in submitting the

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the names of two solvent Sureties to join him in a Fidelity Bond, and asked that this be substituted for the existing one for the collection of rates for that year, the question to be re-considered previous to the collection for the subsequent years.

The Commissioner decided to accept a Bond, subject to the approval of the Minister, excluding from it the condition that he should close his collection by lodging the full amount of his warrant for 1923/4, and also subject to its being revised, and if considered necessary having this condition restored before the collection of the rates for 1924/25 is undertaken.

The Commissioner also dealt with the arrears of outstanding weekly rents, and matters in connection with the new Housing Scheme (particulars of which are entered on the Sanitary Minutes) as well as some accounts, and decided to issue Paying Orders, on the day he next attends, for the following amounts viz:-
D.D. Shortall £93-4-4 — N.J. Finn £107-16-6 — N.J. Finn £3-15-0 N.J. Finn £12-10-0 — D. Doran £13-0-0 — D.D. Browne £11-14-0 D.D. Browne £22-6-6 — P. Lynch £15-0-0 — P. Murphy £20. D. Butler £42-10-0 — D. Butler £32-10-0 — N.J. Kennedy £21-19-5 Hibernian Insurance Co £9-0-6 — Technical Committee £34 P. Blake £5-7-3 — D.D. Walsh £11-5-0 — School Committee £21-13-0 Royal Exchange Assurance Co £2. Petty Cash to 6th Dec £33-18-2 Petty Cash to 31st March £264-5-8 — Railway Company £21-0-10

The Commissioner adjourned the remainder of the business.

Lyne Commissioner

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The Commissioner duly appointed, attended at the office of the Urban Council at 4 o'clock p.m. on this date, to transact business of the New Ross Urban District under the Dowris Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith.

Correspondence.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No P.21219/1924 dated 14th May, 1924, stating that in connection with the proposal to build an addition to the Technical School he sanctions the acquisition of extra land (as set out on Plan) on lease, to run concurrently with present lease at rent of £1 per annum

No Order made

Letter from same dated 13th May No P.21236/1924 returning the Advice Note forwarded to the Department for alteration and stating that the only alteration required is, that the note where formerly signed by the Presiding Chairman and two members shall now be signed by the Commissioner, and countersigned as heretofore by the Clerk.

The Form was also received with the alterations shown on it.

No Order made.

Letter from same dated 15th May No P.22849/1924, referring to the Clerk's letter of the 12th Inst; and stating that in the circumstances explained he will not raise any objection to the proposal to collect last year's rates immediately and concurrently with the outstanding rates for the previous year, and in view of the abnormal position in the District will leave the question of the closing of the Warrants for 1922/1923 by the Rate Collector, in the hands of the Commissioner, to arrange at his discretion

The Collector, in reply to the Commissioner stated he was prepared to undertake, at once, the collection of the rates for 1923/24 under the terms of his existing Bond.

The Commissioner then:-

Ordered

"That"

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"That he proceed at once with the collection of the rates for that year, the Clerk to hand over to him the several Books of Receipts & Demand Notes to enable him to do so.

In connection with this matter the Clerk was directed to ascertain from Mr Hugh R Hamilton if he will kindly give an interview on Saturday, 24th Inst, to the Commissioner, as he is anxious to discuss with him matters in reference to rates assessed on tenants of Col Dottenhaun, and other owners of house property for whom he is Agent.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 16th May, L.G.I. 109 stating that he had sanctioned the Scheme, for the improvement of Trunk Roads, to be carried out by the Council, conditional on the acceptance of the maximum rate of wages which can be paid to Labourers being 35/- per week, and on preference being given to demobilised men of the National Army suitable and willing to undertake road work.
No Order made.

In reference to the carrying out of this work the Commissioner directed that the Surveyor furnish particulars of the various implements at present in Stock in the Council's Store, which may be required in carrying out of this Scheme.

Letter from Mr Hamilton, dated 13th May 1924, stating that if, when the L.G. Ministry sanctions the rent of the additional Plot at Mary St for the extension of the Technical School, he is given the lease he will have it endorsed.

The Council can get whatever stone they require from the Plot.

Ordered

That the lease of the Technical School be given to Mr Hamilton for endorsement as requested and, also that

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that the Secretary of the Technical School be informed the Council can get whatever stone they require from the Plot.

Letter from Mr John Hand, one of the Council's tenants, dated 16th Inst, in reference to arears of rent due by him. In it he stated that whenever the Collector called for the rent of the stalls he received it, with reference to arears of rent of house his boy & girl who had greatly helped him, are unemployed, and with a sift young family this was the sole cause of such heavy arears, but he will do his utmost to clear them off as soon as possible.

Ordered

That Mr Hand be informed there is no course open to the Commissioner but to place the matter in the hands of the Council's Solicitors if the amount is not paid within seven days

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Letters were also received from James Cleary & Patrick Donohoe Corn. St, promising to pay off the arears as soon as possible.

A similar order to that in the case of Mr Hand was made in these cases.

Copy of a Sealed Order dated 11th March, 1924 was received from the Minister for Local Government assenting to the modification of Articles 68 & 69 of the Public Bodies Order in their application to the Council of the administrative County of Wexford with respect to the financial year ending 31st March 1924 by the substitution of the first day of April for the first day of March, and Article 70 shall be modified by the substitution of the 30th April for the 31st March

No Order made

A Circular letter was received from the Tourist Organisation Society of Ireland, dated 11th April suggesting the striking of a rate this year to enable a co-operative effort to be made to attract tourist traffic to Ireland.

Ordered

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Ordered, That the Clerk ascertain what is being done in this respect by other Councils

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An application was received from the Irish British Petroleum Company Ltd. for a transfer of the Licence to store Petroleum in a store at Robercurs, issued to the British Petroleum Company, as the business & property of the latter has been transferred to them.

Ordered

That the British Petroleum Company be asked if they have any objection to the transfer.

The Clerk stated John Kearns reported to him that a number of boys continued to play football Hurley in the Council's field at Dowrylwall, and they refused to desist when asked by him to do so.

Michael Kearns, Michael Street; & Nicholas Grace, Bewley St appeared to be the leaders - to both of whom he spoke.

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prosecute those two boys for trespass on the field

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With reference to the letters received from the Minister for Local Government relative to the application received for a portion of the Dowrylwall field for the purposes of the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors & Soldiers) it was Ordered

That the Minister be furnished with particulars of how the matter stands at present.

It was also Ordered

That Mr Morrissey, Collector of Taxes be informed arrangements have now been made for the collection of the rate for 1923/24 and the Commissioners hopes to be in a position to have a Paying Order for the first Instalment of Income Tax sent him soon.

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The Clerk was also directed to ascertain the ways paid by other Councils to their workmen

The Street Inspector reported that several Traders, whose names he gave, continue to place empty boxes Machinery &c on the public Street outside their premises.

Ordered

That all these persons be informed by printed Circular, that the pratice cannot be permitted to Continue, as it interferes with the free use of the streets, and might; indirectly at least, be the cause of accidents involving the Council in legal liability.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 1	D. Shortall	£93-4-4	
" 2	P.W.D. Mrs	£104-16-6	
" 3	P.W.D. Mrs	£3-15-0	
" 4	Same	£12-10-0	
" 5	D. Doran	£13-0-0	
" 6	J.J. Browne	£11-14-6	
" 7	J.J. Browne	£22-6-6	
" 8	Joseph Lynch	£15-0-0	
" 9	Richd Murphy	£20-0-0	
" 10	Thos Butler	£42-10-0	
" 11	Thos Butler	£32-10-0	
" 12	P.J. Kennedy	£21-19-5	
" 13	Hibn. Insce Co	£9-0-6	
" 14	Technical Ctte	£34-0-0	
" 15	P. Blake	£5-7-3	
" 16	J. Walsh	£11-5-9	
" 17	School Attendance Committee	£21-13-2	
" 18	Royal Exchange Co	£2-	
" 19	Petty Cash to 6th Dec '23	£33-18-2	
" 20	Petty Cash to 31/3/24	£264-5-6	
" 21	D.S.E. Railway Co	£21-0-10	
" 22	D.S.E. Rly Co	£4-16-0	
" 23	Lord Hartrick	£14-6-0	
" 24	Patk Lynch	£90	
" 25	Patk Lynch (108 Loans)	£240.	

The Commissioner adjourned to 24th May '24.

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Saturday, 24th May, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the office of the Council at 4 o'clock p.m. this day and proceeded to transact the business of a special Quarterly meeting pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the Urban (Transferred Business Procedure) Order 1906.

The following Quarterly Report of the Down Surveyor was read viz:-

24th May, 1924

"Since last Quarterly meeting, the general condition of local thoroughfares has not improved. This was principally due to the fact that no Macadam was available to repair damage arising from ordinary wear, as well as to the financial difficulties of the Council.

A proposal to construct a concrete water channel in John Street, which was passed at a previous meeting, had to be deferred for similar reason and as this section of road is now earmarked for improvement under Trunk Road Scheme D.7, it would be advisable to have this work completed without delay."

(Signed) D.D. Shortall

Ordered

That the Surveyor furnish a specification and Estimate of the cost of constructing the Concrete Water Channel.

The Clerk stated that he had received a Tender from James Kelly, Michael St. to supply and deliver stones from Dinshogue Quarry as advertised, but it got mislaid and was not available at present, so that it was not considered.

The transaction of further Quarterly business was adjourned to Saturday 31st May, 1924

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Saturday 24th May, 1924

The Commissioner duly appointed, attended at the office of the Council at 4 o'Clock this evening to transact business pursuant to the Dowri's Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and other Acts incorporated therewith

Correspondence.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No P. 22292/1924, dated 20th Inst returning Rate Collector's Bond which was sent him for inspection.
No Order made.

A letter was received from Mr James Power South St. acknowledging receipt of Circular in reference to Street Obstruction, and drawing attention to the pratice which prevails of allowing trucks to be rolled on the footpaths to the inconvenience and danger of the public
Ordered
That Notices be issued cautioning offenders in this respect against the pratice which will not be permitted to continue

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Letter from the British Petroleum Company Ltd dated 21st May stating that they have no objection to the transfer to the Irish B.P. Co. Ltd of their interest in the Licence issued by the Council to them to store Petroleum at Rosbercon
Ordered
That the Irish B.P. Co. Ltd be informed that as the licence issued to the British Petroleum Co will expire on 12th June a transfer of it to them is not considered necessary as a new licence can be applied for on that date.

A Tender of £3 for one heap of manure at Dowrwall, was received from Mr J. O'Connor, Ennestown, but being considered too low was not accepted

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Replies were received from the Town Clerks of Waterford Arklow & Enniscorthy as to the weekly wages paid their Council's workmen. In Waterford the wage to Scavengers is £2-15-3, Arklow £2-10-0 and Enniscorthy £2-10-0. As the wage paid in these towns is practically similar to that paid the scavengers employed by the Council the Commissioner did not consider he could reasonably take any steps to reduce the wages of the latter

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Letter from Mr Lungley, Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee, dated 17th Inst tendering an invitation to the Commissioner to attend the meetings of the Committee

Ordered

That Mr Lungley be informed the Commissioner cannot accept the invitation of the Committee owing to pressure of business.

An application was received from Joseph Knight for the tenancy of house at Bunneen Lane, of which his daughter — the late Annie Black was tenant.

The Clerk pointed out that Mr Knight was occupying the house, but Mrs Black's husband who was in the National Army would, in his opinion, be her legal representative and might subsequently claim possession of the house and any property belonging to her therein, and suggested that before accepting another tenant legal advise should be had on the matter

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise whether a new tenant can be accepted under the circumstances

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A Tender was received from Miss Kate Nugent dated 23rd Inst for the supply of one copying Letter, Nine white copying paper @ 1/- or one of Salmon Buff paper @ 2/-

Ordered

That Miss Nugent's proposal to supply one Copying Letter

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Letter Book Jap. Buff Paper @ 20/- be accepted.

The Surveyor stated that he had arranged with Mr Doyle for the grazing of the Council's two horses at same price as last year, but the Clerk pointed out that it would be desirable to have a formal proposal from Mr Doyle, and the Surveyor accordingly procured one in writing, offering the grazing of the two horses at 15/- per week which the Commissioner accepted.

Letter from Mr Barry County Surveyor, dated 19th Inst enclosing original sanction of Local Government Dept to Drumlo Road Scheme for this Urban District.

The Dowry Surveyor also sent in copy of amended Scheme and Estimate received from the Minister for Local Government, and pointed out that it would be desirable in order to expedite delivery of necessary materials to order 40 tons of Macadam immediately and to invite proposals for the removal and delivery of remainder from Railway Station to site of road proposed to be improved. His Estimate under this heading is 2/4 per yard being equivalent to about 1/10 per Ton.

The following is a copy of the amended Estimate:-

770 yds. Cube macadam ex Parnell Quarries, delvd on Site. (Macadam 10/- Rail charges 10/8, delivery 2/4 per Yard Cube.) @ £1-3-0	£887-10-0
Three tons "Speramex" spraying liquid	24-0-0
Hire of Rollers & other necessary gear	80-0-0
Labour to spreading & Spraying	208-10-0
Total	£1,200-0-0

Specification:-

Section of Road "D" as indicated on enclosed tracing to be re-surfaced with Parnell Macadam and Chippings partially treated with bitumen compound & consolidated by surface rolling on Cherry Road Waterford Road Sections thereof. Remaining Sections to be patched where necessary with bituminous Macadam

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Ordered

That advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for the removal & delivery of the Macadam from Railway Station to Site.

The Clerk stated that he had ordered the forty tons of Macadam as requested by the Surveyor, and this was approved of.

In reference to the circular received from the Tourist Organisation of Ireland suggesting the striking of a Rate under the Health Resorts and Watering Places (Ireland) Act, and also pointing out that the cost of advertising each District separately is ineffective and wasteful, and suggesting that a cooperative effort be made which would yield a return upon the expenditure involved. It was ascertained that Waterford had decided to allocate £50 for this purpose; whilst Arklow is handing over the amount realised by the penny rate to the organisation on the lines of their Circular.

The Commissioner suggested a contribution of £15 to the Society for the purpose indicated in their Circular subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry

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A bill was received from John Hearn, Caretaker of the Housing Site field at Donnybrook, for 10/- being two week's wages due 26th Inst and it was:-

Ordered — to be paid.

The Clerk reported that John Ryan, The Redhouse owed £5-15-0 for a heap of manure sold to him on the 14th March 1922, and although repeated applications have been made for payment of the amount he will not pay it.

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to take proceedings against John Ryan for the payment of this amount.

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The following Orders were also made viz:-

That Tenders be invited from the Watchmakers in town for carrying out such repairs to the Town Clock as may be necessary to put it in proper working order

That two Rate Abstracts be ordered from Messrs Moran Bros.

That the local billposter be informed the posting of bills or notices on the Model building is prohibited, and that a notice "Post no Bills" be printed on it.

That John Ryan & Thomas Howlett, two of the Council's tenants who are very much in arrears with their rent be informed if a very substantial payment is not made upon it proceedings will have to be taken to obtain possession of the houses occupied by them

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The Surveyor stated that Thomas Drennan, one of the Council's workmen, who has been absent from work for a considerable time, and who absents himself frequently, is about to resume on Monday and he suggested that he be not taken back as he was not satisfactory.

After some consideration the Commissioners agreed to this and Ordered - That he be informed his services will not be required after one week from this date, also that advertisements be issued for a workman in his stead.

The Clerk stated that he gave an order to have a cart repaired during the week as it was urgently needed, and this was approved of, the Surveyor to certify when the account for repairing it is received, that the amount charged is reasonable and that the work was necessary.

The Street Inspector reported that up to the 23rd Inst the usual persons placed empty boxes, Machinery &c on the public street outside their premises, but today only

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only three traders did so.

Ordered

That these persons be written to again

A letter dated 19th Inst was received from Mr Hamilton acknowledging receipt of the lease of the Technical School, and stating that it would be convenient for him to meet the Commissioner at 5 o'clock on Saturday next (this date).

The Commissioner, accompanied by the Clerk, proceeded to Mr Hamilton's office, when the former discussed with him the possibility of arrangements being made whereby payment of the rates assessed on houses of weekly tenants of Col. Dottenham and others, for whom he was Agent, might be obtained.

Mr Hamilton submitted the rental book of two hundred & sixty weekly tenants, which showed that the rents charged per week ranged from five pence to two shillings & six pence, the majority being only charged from one and threepence, to one and ninepence, and pointed out that the Trustees of the Dottenham Estate could not possibly be expected to pay rates for the tenants considering the very low rent charged them. A discussion followed which resulted in both Mr Hamilton & The Commissioner being of opinion that the only possible solution of the difficulty of collecting rates from weekly tenants is by legislation which would compel owners of houses, up to a certain valuation, to pay the rates on them, and, at the same time, allow the Landlord to increase the weekly rent correspondingly with the amount of rents assessed on the particular houses.

The Commissioner having thanked Mr Hamilton for granting him the interview, returned to the Council Office, after disposing of some business already recorded

Adjourned to Saturday 31st May, 1924

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Saturday, 31st May, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the office of the Council at 4 o'clock p.m this day to transact adjourned business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. including consideration of Surveyor's specification and Estimate for construction of water Channel in John St.

A Tender dated 24th ult was received from James Kelly, Michael St, offering to supply fifty tons of broken stones from Tinahoque Quarry to depots at Dowdall, and Bothenslawn at 1/6 per ton.

As the price was considered too high the Commissioner did not accept it, but directed the Clerk to inform Mr Kelly of this, and ask him if he can supply at a lower rate.

Letter from the Managing Director Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd dated 24th inst stating that the Company will be pleased to supply whatever material will be needed, F.O.R. Irish @ 8/ per ton, this price to continue up to 31st March 1925

Ordered- That this Tender be accepted.

A specification & Estimate of £24, received from the Town Surveyor for the construction of Water Channel in John St was approved, and it was:-

Ordered

That advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for carrying out the work, after which

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The Commissioner adjourned to 7th June, 1924

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Saturday 21st May '24

The Commissioner attended at the office of the Urban Council at 4 o'clock p.m. this day, to transact business pursuant to the Dublin Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 - consider proposals for carting of stones from Railway Station in connection with work to be carried out under the Road Grant of £11,000, appoint a man to take charge of the Council's base in room of Thomas Freeman who will cease to be in the employment of the Council from this date

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The following proposals were received for the carting of stones from the Railway Station viz:-
From Mrs M.K. Brewer, Irishtown who proposed to cart them for 1/5 per ton, but stipulated that in case of bad weather during the cartage the time off must be considered
Daniel O'Neill, Irishtown @ 3/ per ton
Nichl. Maddock, Mt Barrett Lane @ 1/6 per ton
Dimothy Doran, The Quay, @ 1/6 per ton who offered to give security, but did not name the Sureties in his Tender
Michael Lee, Kilbrahan @ 2/ per ton, and
Thomas Lee, The Quay @ 2/2 per ton.

Mrs Brewer's Tender of 1/5 per ton was the lowest but as it was subject to the condition specified in it, it was not accepted.

The lowest Tenders were those received from Messrs Michael Maddock and Timothy Doran each of whom tendered at 1/6 per ton, but as Mr Doran was considered the more satisfactory contractor of the two his Tender was accepted, subject to him giving approved security for the performance of the work

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 22nd May notifying the appointment of Mrs Croft as Inspector of the District and one dated 26th Inst notifying the appointment of John Healy Esq as Auditor of the Accounts of the New Ross Urban District Council.
No Order made

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Letter from Messrs Colfer Dow, Solrs dated 31st May, enclosing draft copy of New lease of the additional plot of ground agreed to be acquired in connection with the Technical School and pointing out that an endorsement of the additional plot on the existing lease would be impracticable. The Agent of the Lessors has agreed to the omission of all moneys proposed to be expended on buildings from the lease.

And with reference to the parties to the lease he asked for a copy of the order of the Minister dissolving the Council and appointing the Commissioner

Ordered

That the draft lease as submitted be approved of and that the Solicitors also get a loan of the order dissolving the Council

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Letter from D. Morrissey Esq, Collector of Income Tax, acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 19th Inst. in which he stated that the Commissioner hoped to be in a position to remit the first Instalment of Income Tax in the near future.

No Order made

Letter from Messrs McGarry Dow, dated 30th May applying for a License to stock & sell Motor Spirit at Royal Hotel, Stables, North St, New Ross.

Ordered

That the consideration of the application be adjourned for a week, the Council's Solicitors to advise in the meantime, as to the power of the Council to grant licenses, and also whether they have power to prescribe the conditions under which the license shall be granted

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A proposal dated 31st Inst of £4 for one heap of manure at Dowleall or Henry St, was received from John & Kitty Camblin, and it was accepted for one in Henry Street

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Saturday, 3rd May 1924

The Clerk stated that John Hearn who is caretaking the Council's field at Dowrylwall reported that John Murphy, Junr, Deville St. was one of those engaged playing football on the field on the 27th Inst.

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prosecute him for trespassing on the field, and also to press for a small fine in the case so as to deter others from trespassing.

A Tender of £10 was received from Wm Doyle, Pondfields for two heaps of manure at Dowrylwall, and it was ordered to be accepted

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Letter from Mr Marks Walsh, Ballyveregue, dated 30th Inst offering £4-2-6 for one heap of manure at Dowrylwall, and asking that he get one heap instead of one which he states he bought and paid for a couple of years ago, but which he did not draw away owing to the roads being blocked.

Ordered - That Mr Walsh be informed the Commissioners cannot accept any liability whatever in respect of the heap of manure which he states he did not remove from the Council's yard on Quay, formerly in occupation of the Council, and also that he considers the price now offered for the heap at Dowrylwall too low.

Appointment of Man to take charge of horse

There were twenty-four applications received for the position of workman to follow one of the Council's horses at 32/6 per week. Only two of the applications were dealt with, one from Patrick McGrath, William St. and one from Patrick Carroll, Irishtown, both of whom had worked with the Council.

After some consideration Patrick Carroll was appointed to take charge of Council's horse at a weekly wage of 32/6, in place of Thomas Freeman.

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The Clerk pointed out that the Finance meeting of the Council was previously held on the second Tuesday of each month, and that payments were not made at any other meeting except Petty Cash for wages which was also made on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Ordered

That the second Saturday of each month be fixed as the Finance meeting, and that Petty Cash only be also paid on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Street Inspector's Report

Some Traders whose names he gave in detail had empty boxes, sheep feeders & sacks of hay used outside their premises on two or three days during the past week.

B. Harney, Geo. Reynolds, W. Dinch & Mrs Keithley sell fish from carts at Quay St. These carts unyoked remain there nearly all day. Harney Bros and A. Marshall had an empty cart (unyoked) on the Street on Thursday (Holyday) They were there all day. Messrs Harney had also three empty poultry crates or boxes partly on the footpath & partly on the roadway

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise as to the power of the Council to compel the removal of those fishcarts.

The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday, 7th June, 1924

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Saturday, 7th June, 1924,

The Commissioner attended at the office of the Council at 4 oclock p.m this day to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and other Acts connected therewith, including the consideration of Tenders for the construction of a Channel on the East side of John Street.

A Tender was received from James Kelly, Michael Street for the supply of fifty tons of broken stones from Dinshogue Quarry delivered in the Councils Depots at Dowrlwall and Boheen-na-Slaurn @ 1/- per ton

Ordered

That the Tender of James Kelly to deliver fifty tons of stones at 1/- per Ton be accepted.

A Tender was received from James Rossiter, Upper Mary St, to construct the Channel at John St according to specification prepared by the Dowry Surveyor for the sum of £39, but being considered too high it was not accepted.

It was decided not to take any further steps in reference to the work until the Surveyor has an opportunity of conferring with the Engineer of the Scheme under the Main Roads Grant, as to the possibility of having it carried out in connection with the local Scheme.

This concluded the Quarterly business and —

The Commissioner adjourned to 14th June, 1924.

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Saturday, 7th June, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Urban Council Office at 4 o'clock p.m on this day, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No D.P.H/109, dated 3rd June stating that the employment of a Timekeeper or working Foreman on work under the Road Grant of £1200 may be deemed to be outside the scope of the "Local Offices and Employments Order 1924".

He will also be glad to know what rate of wages it is proposed to pay him, and also that it is considered essential the person appointed should work with his men.

After consultation with the Town Surveyor the Commissioners decided that subject to the approval of the Minister he be paid at the rate of 9½ per hour for a week of fifty working hours or 39/7 per week it being considered more satisfactory to engage him by the hour than by the week; as it will prevent the possibility of payment being made for any portion of the week during which he will not be actually working, and will also exclude all grounds for half-holiday claims.

For the same reason it is proposed to engage the workmen who will be employed on the Scheme by the hour instead of by the week at the rate of 8½ per hour, of fifty hours which will mean a weekly wage of 35/5; if full time is worked, the Minister for Local Government to be asked to approve of this arrangement notwithstanding that it exceeds the weekly wage of 35/ specified in the Scheme.

Letter from Timothy Doran dated 5th Inst asking when the Macadam is expected as he wants to draw it as quickly as possible, having more carting to do for the County Council

Ordered

That Mr Doran be informed this information cannot

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be given him pending further particulars from the Parnell Quarries Ltd, as to the probable date upon which they will be in a position to supply the maximum quantity

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government No L2342 9/1924 dated 31st May relative to £250 borrowed for works under the Relief of Distress Scheme, pointing out that according to the Clerk's letter of the 16th December 1922 this sum was advanced by the Bank by way of overdraft on a No 2 Account; inquiring whether the full amount was expended, and whether any re-payments have since been made to the Bank.

If suitable provision cannot be made to pay off this overdraft within the present financial year, the Minister would be prepared to consider an application to have the unpaid balance transferred to Capital Account, re-payment to be spread over a period not exceeding three years.

Ordered

That the Minister be informed the Bank advanced this sum by way of an overdraft on a No 2 Account. £248-16-9 of it was expended, none of which has been repaid, also that it is intended to make provision for the payment of it during the present financial year

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Letter from same dated 5th June, 1924 stating that consequent upon the adjournment until the next session of the Dail, of the consideration of the Local Government Bill 1924, a Bill has been introduced extending the duration of the Local Elections Postponement Act 1922. until a later date than the 30th Sept 1924. No steps should therefore be taken respecting the holding of the Local Elections until further notice.

No Order made

A Dividend Warrant for £2-6-11 net, being half year's interest to 1st Inst on £163-7-0 of 4½% War Stock, was received, and Ordered – to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 6th Inst No 9.24429/1924 stating that the Minister's sanction is not necessary to the proposal to contribute a sum of £15 out of the rates to the Tourist Organisation Society of Ireland for the purpose of advertising the town of New Ross and District

Ordered

That a sum of £15 be included in the Estimate of Rate for the current financial year.

Letter from same No 25/460/1924, dated 6th June, 1924 requesting to be furnished with particulars relating to the rate collection as indicated on a Form enclosed relative to the rates for financial year ending 31st March, 1925

As the rate for that year has not yet been made the information asked for could not be furnished at present

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An application dated 6th Inst was received from P.J. Scallon 21 Dublin St Carlow, for the use of the large Room, for the purpose of holding a Public meeting in connection with the Town Tenants League, was granted.

Letter from Messrs Colfer Tor dated 9th Inst acknowledging receipt of instructions to take proceedings against John Ryan, Redhouse for price of one heap of manure, stating that they believe he has no goods, and asking for further instructions

In view of this the Commissioner decided not to incur the expense of legal proceedings against him, but instead directed that the Collector do his best to collect the amount in a friendly way.

An application was received from Martin Maher South St, for a supply of water to his Garage at South Street.

Ordered

That he be granted a supply of water to his Garage, by meter, at the Meter scale of charge.

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The Clerk reported that the three weeks for which John Hearn was appointed Caretaker of the Council's field at Dowryhall expired on the 4th Inst, but as he is to be witness at next Court in a prosecution for trespass, his services were not dispensed with on that date

Ordered

That he be continued for two weeks additional from 4th Inst: and that he get a week's notice on the 11th Inst that his services will not be longer required after the 18th inst

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It was also Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be asked to make whatever alteration may be necessary in the Form of Notice to Quit so that the Notices may be used by the Commissioners instead of the Council.

With reference to the authority recently issued for the purchase of two dozen of brushes the Clerk stated that with the Trade List of prices received from the Minister was a recommendation that three months supplies be ordered in all cases of goods supplied, except in case of those of a perishable nature, and as the two dozen brushes will not be sufficient for three months he suggested that the quantity be increased.

Ordered

That four dozen of brushes be ordered instead of two dozen

The Rate Collector attended and stated that owing to being engaged during the week in getting out the Demand Notes in connection with the collection of the rate for year ending 31st March 1924 he was unable to prepare on, the prescribed forms, the list of outstanding rates for year ending 31st March 1923 but he promised to have it ready by next Saturday.

He also asked if he may accept first moiety of the rate for 1924, as some ratepayers find it very hard to pay the two moieties.

Dr.

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The Commissioner pointed out that the two Moities should, in the ordinary course have been collected before the 31st March last, and informed the Collectors that he is to collect both moieties now.

The Clerk reported that the amount of rate outstanding for year ended 31st March, 1923 was £1003-5-5, the total amount collected from 3rd May to 7th June being only £13-1-2 which the Commissioner considered unsatisfactory.
The total amount of rate for year ending 31st March, 1924 collected to date is £860-1-1
No order made

The Street Inspector reported that Messrs Murphy & Roche, M. Roche, J Doyle, M Hutchinson & Son & D McKeon continued to place obstructions on the Streets outside their premises, The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner
Ordered
That these persons be again warned this practice cannot be permitted to continue.

The Commissioner also directed the Clerk to convey to Mr H. R. Hamilton and Miss Hamilton his sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement caused by the death of Mrs Hamilton.

This concluded the business and

The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday, 14th June '24.

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Saturday, 14th June 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Urban Council Office at 4 p.m today, to transact Finance and other business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No35	P. J Delaney	£1-13-9	No36	Moran Bros	£21-10-4
" 37	M Hutchinson Ltd	£5-3-0	" 38	R. W. Morris & Sons	£8-0-0
" 39	Richd Malone	£6-14-4	" 40	A. R. French	£1-17-6
" 41	Parnell Quarries	£22-7-1	" 42	Reps J. Doyle	£13-10-0
" 43	Reps J. Doyle	£23-2-5	" 44	St Vincent's Hospt	£9-12-0
" 45	D. I Morrissey	£13-5-0	" 46	Patk Leacy	£10-9-0
" 47	M Harvey & Co	£7-2-6	" 48	I Power & Co	£4-2-11
" 49	T. A. Hickey	£15-0-0	" 50	J. O'Regan	£30-0-0
" 51	M Kelly & Co	£44-8-11	" 52	Croker & Co	11/9
" 53	P. Dierney	£19-12-6	" 54	People Printing Co	£1-5-0
" 55	Sec. School Ctte	£8-14-2	" 56	Dectyl St Stephens	£22-10-0
" 57	National Bank	£14-4-11	" 58	M Dinn	£14-19-5
" 59	Dimothy Doran	£2-3-4	" 60	J. J. Browne	£1-19-0
" 61	J J Browne	£3-14-5	" 62	Thos Butler	£7-1-8
" 63	Thos Butler	£5-8-4	" 64	J. J. Shortall	£15-10-10
" 65	Waterford & N Ross Sanitary Authority	£10-0-0	" 66	D. Lyne	£12-5-0
" 67	J. B. Roche	£15-16-10	" 68	Glenfield & Kennedy	14/6
" 69	H. R. Hamilton	£8-19-6	" 70	Deas Co. Council	£517-6-2
" 71	Gas & Elect Co	£325-18-8	" 72	Graves & Co	£20-0-0
" 73	Pitty Gas &	£182-2-4	" 74	P Blake	£3-9-2
" 75	Technical Ctte	£30-0-0	" 76	Brooks Thomas	£1-0-0
" 77	Grants P Lynch	£200-0-0	" 78	Grants Graves & Co	£16-8-0
" 79	Grants Brooks Thomas	£2-0-0.			

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No 26383/1924, dated 12th June acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 9th Inst. requesting sanction to the payment of £30-11-5 to the Rate Collector and requesting to be furnished with full particulars showing amount of fees

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fees due Collector, the amount paid, and the amount still remaining due

Ordered

That the particulars be furnished.

That the amount of poundage due to the Collector be paid on foot of rates collected Hodged to 31st March, 1924 of rates for year ending 31st March 1923, subject to the approval of the Ministry.

Letter from same No 26348/1924 dated 13th Inst intimating that the sum of £250 borrowed by the Council for works under the Relief of Distress Scheme might be treated as an overdraft on Ordinary Account as Council are prepared to make provision to pay it off this year.

The No 2 a/c might be closed by transfer of this liability to the ordinary a/c.

An extension of the limit of overdraft will be allowed on notification of the limit required

Ordered

That the Minister be informed the balance of this account will be transferred to the ordinary Account as soon as the liability or the latter is sufficiently reduced to permit of this being done without exceeding the amount of overdraft already sanctioned by the Ministry

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Letter from the Manager, Parnell Quarries Arklow dated 12th Inst stating that they can start right away and give 1,000 tons of macadam between this and 6th July if we can handle it, and pay cash each fortnight.

In connection with this the Clerk stated that as soon as he received it he wrote the Minister of Local Government, Roads Department, giving the substance of his correspondence with the Parnell Co in reference to the delivery of the stones, and sent him a copy of this letter asking if any arrangements can be made by the Minister which will enable payment to be made each fortnight as requested by the Manager.

The Commissioner approved of the action of the Clerk in the matter and directed that the Manager be

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be informed a copy of his letter has been sent to the Ministry with a request that they will kindly state if arrangements can be made to have payments made fortnightly, also that according to the conditions governing the Grant an estimated amount to provide for payments during the next two months will be made on commencement of the work, so that it may be reasonably assumed a sum sufficient to meet fortnightly payments will be available, but the Commissioner cannot give a definite promise to comply with this condition pending further information from the Ministry

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Letter from Colfer & Low dated 12th Inst. advising that the liability for rates on a particular house for a particular year is fixed by the assessment in the Rate Books. The person assessed with the rates is liable for them. By Section 50 of The Dowris Improvement Act 1854 where the net annual value does not exceed £4 the assessment is to be made on the Lessor, but Section 53 of the Local Government Act 1898 enacts that such rate shall be made on the occupier.

Ordered

That Messrs Colfer be asked to say definitely whether the landlord is liable for the rates assessed on his tenants or any of them

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Letter from same dated 12th Inst. enclosing copy "Notice to Quit" amended, so that it can be used by the Commissioners

No Order made

Letter from same 12th Inst stating that the interest of Annie Black, deceased, in the House of the Council of which she was tenant, vested on her death in her husband and before a new letting can be made to the father of the deceased the prior tenancy must be legally determined by Notice to Quit

Ordered

That Robert Black be asked to surrender in writing his.

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his interest in the tenancy of house lately occupied by his wife or state if he intends to continue the tenancy and be liable ~~for~~ the rent.

Letter from same dated 12th Inst advising that the Council are the Licensing Authority under The Petroleum Acts within the Urban District. They can prescribe regulations for the storage of Petrol or Petroleum. The copy of Licence submitted is in order but as condition No 8 purports to limit the quantity it might be arguable whether it is a valid condition under section 9 but notwithstanding this they think condition 8 should be retained.

Ordered

That persons keeping petroleum above quantity allowed be directed to apply for Registration

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Letter from the Registrar Royal Dublin Society Leinster House dated 13th June inviting delegates to a lecture on road construction and maintenence to be delivered in the Theatre Royal, Dublin on the 26th June by D.S. Killick M. Inst C.E. late County Surveyor Hertfordshire

The Commissioners decided not to appoint a delegate.

Letter from Mr James Murphy, Secretary to the Transport Union, dated 13th Inst. asking that the men be paid the balance of wages, or part thereof, as they require the money badly, living as they are in the midst of an unscrupulous gang of Profiteers they are bled white.

Ordered

That the Secretary be informed that previous to the receipt of the letter arrangements were made for payment of their wages on Monday, and weekly in future. And also that the Commissioner must not be taken as agreeing with him either in his description of the Traders with whom the Council's men have been dealing, or in their treatment of them.

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An application was received from Patrick Murphy, Henry St for portion of the Shed in the Council's yard at Henry St at a yearly rent

As the Council are only yearly tenants of the yard themselves the Commissioner decided that he had no power to sub-let portion of the shed, and directed that Mr Murphy be informed of this

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Letter from H.R. Hamilton dated 10th Inst acknowledging the Clerk's letter of the 9th Inst conveying the sympathy of the Commissioner with him in his bereavement caused by the death of Mrs Hamilton, and expressing his thanks for same

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Letter from the Secretary, Bank of Ireland dated 10th June, 1924 intimating that a question has arisen as to whether or not the Bank is liable for Corporation Profits Dax. The Special Commissioners of Inland Revenue decided that the Bank was not liable but the Inspector of Taxes required them to state a case for the opinion of the High Court and it will probably come up for decision during the present month

No Order made

The Collector submitted a list, on the prescribed Form of Outstanding Rates for year ending 31st March 1923, which in his opinion were uncollectable. A considerable portion of the list was examined in detail, and ruled upon after careful consideration by the Commissioner, who adjourned the consideration of the remainder to 21st Inst.

Ordered

That the attention of the Ministry for Local Government be drawn to the letter addressed to them in reference to the Collector's Bond, and they be asked if they are prepared to approve of a Fidelity Bond for the existing one to cover the collection of the Rate for year ending 31st March 1924, the question to be again considered previous to the collection for

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subsequent years.

That they be also informed one of the Sureties to the present Bond has retired from business, and it is desirable to have another substituted for him, and the Collector states it will not be possible for him to get one who will guarantee lodgment of the full amount of his warrant

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The Street Inspector reported that some persons, whose names he gave in detail continue to obstruct the free passage of the streets by selling fish Vegetables from Carts (unyoked) in Quay St & North St, Messrs Hutchinson & Power & Co obstructs the footpaths outside their premises, and Mrs Hennessy had Agricultural Machinery in Brennans Lane each day.

The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner

There was no order made in reference to the obstruction caused by the unyoked carts pending legal advice on the matter which is at present in the hands of the Council's Solicitors, but—

It was ordered

That the other persons be cautioned against a continuance of the obstruction

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The List of Valuations requiring revision was submitted as well as a List of Changes of names of occupiers, both of which are to be forwarded to the Commissioner of Valuation but there was No Order made in reference to them.

The Commissioner adjourned to 21st June 1924

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The Commissioner attended at the Office of the Urban Council at 4 p.m. on this day to transact business pursuant to the Dowris Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 80 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £388-19-7- No 81 Cashiers Bk of Ireland £126-11-1
" 82 Lane £25-19-4.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government Trade Department dated 18th June stating that the Department was about to add to its list of goods purchased on the amalgamated system, the various special goods used by Councils, and asking for a list of the various goods used by the Council

Ordered

That this list be furnished

Letter from the Minister for Local Government, Roads Department No L.G.A/109 dated 14th inst stating that he does not approve of the proposal to pay the men, engaged under the Road Grant, by the hour, instead of at the weekly rate authorised, as in other cases where men were employed by the hour the system was too unsatisfactory

Ordered

That the men to be employed on the scheme be engaged by the week as authorised by the Minister

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The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he, at the request of the Dowry Surveyor, wrote asking the Minister the number of hours that will constitute a week, whether a half holiday is allowable and if so, how is a workman's title to payment therefor to be arrived at in case of broken

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or irregular time actually worked?

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 20th Inst referring to the foregoing letter addressed to him and stating that the same hours and conditions should apply as in the case of the Council's employes engaged on ordinary maintenance work.

After some consideration the Commissioner

Ordered

That, subject to the approval of the Ministry, no man be allowed a half-holiday who does not work a full week of fifty hours including the half-holiday.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government Roads Department dated 19th June No S.T.A./109, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 13th Inst relative to the offer of the Parnell Quarries to supply material for the Road Scheme, and stating that he approves of the Scheme

As regards the question of payment he referred the Authority to his Circular letter of the 18th February last.

Ordered

That application be made in the prescribed manner for an instalment of the Grant.

Letter from the Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government dated 16th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Abstracts of Accounts for year ending 31/3/24

No Order made

Letter from Dr Walsh dated 18th June pointing out that portion of the wall between his field and the public road fell last February. Some years ago portion of this same wall fell and the Council allowed him half, so that there is a precedent; and others, for dual responsibility. Besides if he build up from level of his ground the Urban Authorities will have to build their part. He also pointed out that he pays big rates here and in Rosbercon amounting to about £60.

The Clerk reported that Dr Walsh called to the office and

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and stated that the amount the Urban Authority would be asked to pay towards the re-building will be £9.

The Clerk also pointed out that when the wall fell the Council's Solicitors were asked to advise as to the liability of the Council in the matter, and he submitted the reply received from them which was that the Council were not liable for the upkeep of the wall.

Ordered

That Dr Walsh be informed when the wall fell the question of the liability of the Council in connection with it was referred to their Solicitors who advised that the Council were not liable for its upkeep, and in face of this legal opinion the Commissioner regrets he is unable to comply with his request

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Letter from the Secretary of the Dranspot & General Workers Union dated 20th June acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 16th relative to the payment of the workmens wages, pointing out that the Committee did not make the statement alleged to be made in reference to the Traders with whom the Council's men were dealing, but what they conveyed was that the workmen, in common with every other class, are charged for necessaries of life more than in any other town in Ireland.

Ordered

That the Secretary be informed the inference drawn from the last paragraph in his letter, taken in conjunction with his request that the workmen be paid their wages, was that because they were not being paid, goods were supplied them on credit, as a result of which profiteering was practised on them to the bleeding point

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Letter from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co dated 20th June, 1924, enclosing Protection Note for £3,000, Insurance of the new houses of the Council at Donyloll pending completion of Policy

No Order made

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An application dated 17th June 1924 was received from Thomas J. Kelly, L.L.B. on behalf of Messrs Schelby Sons for compensation amounting to £8 for the malicious breaking of their window.

The Commissioner, in order to avoid expense, decided not to oppose the claim to which he considered no legal defence could be put forward

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Letter from the Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd dated 17th Inst. stating that they can start right away delivering Macadam, and are quite agreeable to chance getting paid once a fortnight

No Order made, it having been already decided that application be made for an instalment of the Grant

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Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 14th June acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 4th Inst. relative to street obstruction.

They pointed out that under the Bye Laws it is not permissable to sell fish other than in the places prescribed therein.

The other course, and the one which they advise should be followed, would be, to proceed for obstruction of the streets under the Town Improvement Act. This course will probably cause the Fish Vendors to rely on the custom of selling fish in the streets. The prosecution may then rebut this contention by proving a breach of the bye-laws.

Before instituting proceedings it is desirable that the Fish house be rendered available immediately for sale of fish, in accordance with the Bye Laws. When the Fish house is ready the attention of the Vendors of fish should be drawn to the obstruction caused by their carts in the streets, and requested to sell their fish in the place prescribed under the Urban Council Bye Laws.

In the event of the request being ignored, a summons should be issued

The Bye Laws were examined and it appeared from them that fresh fish might be sold immediately in front of

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of the Fish House as well as in that building. So there is a good deal of property of the Council in the Fish house it could not be made available for the use of Fish Vendors at present.

Ordered

That the Street Inspector warn Fish Vendors that they will not be permitted to continue selling fish at the Thosel Square, as they are causing an obstruction of the Street but instead to offer it for sale on the Quay immediately in front of the Fish-house.

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to take proceedings against them under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, if they persist in selling it at The Thosel Square.

Applications were received for Licenses to store Petrol from Mr James Fleming, North St, Hearn & Son, New Ross Engineering Co, Harry Ellis, M Hutchinson & Son, and PJ Moran, but the consideration of them was adjourned so that an inspection of the premises where it is to be stored may be made.

The Clerk stated that he interviewed Mr Colfer in reference to his letter dealing with the liability of owners of houses of weekly tenants, for payment of rates on them when he informed him verbally that the Landlords were not liable for rates on the houses of their tenants, and that this also applied to the Council in relation to their weekly tenants.

With reference to this matter the Commissioner directed the Clerk to inform the Minister for Local Government that up to and including year to 31st March 1922, the Council always paid the Town Rate for their tenants but some doubt having been expressed as to the legality of this they have not paid them since, and he now desires to know if the Ministry will permit the payment of them to the Collector, by him.

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The Clerk reported that since John Hearn ceased to act as caretaker of the field at Dowrylwall it was being trespassed upon very considerably, and it was

Ordered

That Hearn be employed again for two weeks more at the same rate of wages and on same conditions

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Application was received from the Accountant, Commrs of Public Works, for payment of Instalment of Loans for half-year ending 1st May last, amounting to £541 - 10 - 0 which should be lodged in the Bank of Ireland not later than 30th June.

As it was possible the Commissioner might be unable to attend on Saturday 28th Inst he directed that the Instalments be paid by that date, and signed the Treasurer's Authority Form, but directed that the Paying Orders be held over until the 30th Inst, so that further lodgements might be made to the credit of the Council in the meantime.

The Commissioner also resumed consideration of the Abstract of uncollected rates for year ending 31st March 1923, submitted by the Collector, and ruled upon the several ratings. Having dealt with a large number he deferred consideration of the remainder until his next visit.

The Street Inspector reported that Mrs Harney, George Reynolds, and Wm Dinch continue to sell fish from carts unyoked, at Quay St, and Mrs Dunlong, Mrs Kielthy, and Mrs Hamilton, vegetables.

Messrs M Hutchinson & Son, North St continue to obstruct the free use of the footpath outside their premises by placing goods thereon.

The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Ordered

That the Street Inspector inform those who sell fish from the carts there that the practice will not be permitted, and that they can sell on Quay opposite Fish house

The Commissioner adjourned to 28th June 1924

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The Commissioners attended at the office of the Urban Council at 4 p.m. on this date to transact business pursuant to the Down's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner, and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:- No 83 Petty Cash £35.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government Roads Department dated 26th Inst stating that he approves of the proposal of the Commissioner that no man employed under the Trunk Roads Grant Scheme shall be allowed a weekly half holiday who does not work a full week of fifty hours including the half-holiday.
Ordered

That the Surveyor be informed of this. ✓

Letter from same dated 25th Inst acknowledging receipt of a requisition for an advance from the Grant and stating that a payment will be made as soon as a notification is received that the work has been commenced.

It was pointed out by the Surveyor that the Macadam to be used on the work under the Scheme was being delivered by the Parnell Quarries Ltd, but until all the material was available, and the steam roller ready he could not employ men. As it was probable the Ministry may regard the delivery of the material as the commencement of the work the Surveyor was directed to furnish a report pointing out that it is being delivered and explaining that until it is all available and the Steam-roller ready he cannot employ any men. A copy of the report to be furnished to the Ministry ✓

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Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 26th Inst acknowledging receipt of list of Tenements in the Urban District requiring revision.
No Order made

Letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 26th Inst No P 28029/1924 acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 18th Inst, and stating that the Minister is not disposed to interfere with the discretion of the Commissioner in regard to the question of the Bond to be provided by the Rate Collector for the 1923/24 rates.
In connection with this letter the Commissioner informed Mr Kennedy personally that he did not propose to make any change in the present Bond in connection with the collection of the rates for 1923/24 beyond waiving the condition of it which required him to lodge the full amount of his warrant when the collection of the rates for 1924/25 is begun the restoration of this condition in a new Bond will probably be insisted upon by the Minister for Local Government.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government Roads Department No Rb/213 dated 24th Inst forwarding copy of the Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order 1924 which has been made by him

Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council dated 26th June 1924 forwarding copy of an extract from a letter received from the Ministry of Local Government consenting to an extension of the time for the adoption of the rates Estimates to a date not later than the 31st July, 1924
No Order made beyond directing that the Estimates of the year be prepared as soon as possible

An application received from Patrick Forrestal, South Street for the use of the Large Room on Sunday 29th Inst to hold a meeting of the wicker Tenants was granted

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Letter from Thomas Butler Caretaker of the Tuberculosis Dispensary, dated 27th Inst. referring to previous correspondence relative to the flooding of the Dispensary premises, and stating that as the easements, into which the Council's Road at Boheen-na-slaurs is drained, are now free from water, the removal of the silt should be undertaken without delay so as to prevent a repetition of the flooding

Having heard the explanation given by Mr Butler of the cause of the flooding, and that the remedy suggested would be effective, the Commissioner directed that the matter be referred to the Surveyor for action, and that officer, who was present at a later stage of the proceedings, was informed of the decision of the Commissioner in the matter

Letter from Thomas O'Neill William Street dated 26th June, notifying the Clerk that he was withdrawing as Surety for John Ryan, William Street, and will not hold himself responsible for any rent or rates due by him to the Council
Ordered

That Mr O'Neill be informed he cannot be relieved of his liability under the Bond he entered into with John Ryan to the Council; until all the arears of rent due by Ryan are paid up, and another Surety provided by Ryan in his stead.

The Clerk stated that John Hearn, Caretaker of the field at Dowlwall reported to him that he found a Donkey, the property of Patrick Hayes, Windmill Lane, trespassing in the field on the 27th Inst., and the Commissioner ordered that the owner of the donkey be prosecuted

An application was received from the Hibernian Insurance Co for payment of the renewal premium on F.L. Policy of the Council amounting to £12.11.8
Ordered

"That"

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That the Manager be informed the premium will be paid at next Finance meeting

The consideration of the applications for Licences to store Petrol was further adjourned, the Surveyor to be requested to report upon them by next Saturday

The Clerk pointed out that it was necessary to have some persons appointed as Representatives of the Council on the School Meals Committee; as those members of the Council who were previously members of that Committee, ceased to be members when the Council was dissolved

Ordered

That Rev John Kelly C.C., Rev Denis Doyle C.C., and the Clerk, be appointed as representatives of the Council on the School Meals Committee /

A proposal dated 27th Inst. was received from William Parker, 38 Quay, Waterford, to clean & repair Town Clock, enamel iron works, new steel lines, and everything that is required to put the Clock in good order for the sum of £15.

Ordered

That this proposal be accepted subject to the Clock being found to be in working order for four months. /

The weekly Tenants sheets were examined and an order made that 'Notice to Quit' be served on Thomas Howlett, and Kate Ryan as they do not appear to be making any effort to reduce the large amount of arrears of rent due by them. /

The Notices were duly signed by the Commissioner

The Street Inspector reported that Miss Harney & W. Dinch sold herrings from Carts unyoked in Quay St, he warned them that they should go down to the Quay but they did not do so. Mrs Dunlong & Mrs Kielthy continue to sell vegtables

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vegtables & fruit from carts (unyoked) at Quay St.

Power & Co, South St & M Hutchinson & Son North St daily obstruct the free use of the footpaths outside their premises by placing goods thereon

Repts J. Doyle, North St had two empty boxes on the street outside their premises each day during the week, Other Traders in that street are complaining of this.

Messrs Marshall & Harney, Mary St, continue to leave their carts on the street all night, outside their premises.

The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prosecute Mr W. Dinch & Miss Harney, under the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 for selling herrings from carts (unyoked) at Quay St on 24th Inst.

That Mrs Durlong & Mrs Kielthy be informed they will not be permitted to continue to sell vegtables in Quay St from carts, unyoked, but instead to sell them on the Quay.

That Messrs Marshall & Harney be informed they will not be permitted to leave their carts &c on the street as at present

It was decided to order a half hundred weight of pointed shovels from Thomas Lenihan & Co, Capel St, Dublin, the Contractors mentioned in Dail Eireann Trade Catalogue, for use in connection with the Road Grant Scheme, the handles for same to be procured locally, at Dail Eireann Dept prices if possible.

The following letter was received from Mr Coghlan Solicitor viz:-

27th June 1924.

Dear Mr Dinn

I have been consulted by a deputation of

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of the Council's tenants in reference to the demand now made upon them for payment of Down Rate.
Reference to your books will satisfy you that such rate has not been paid or demanded by your Council since the erection of the buildings (in some instances forty-five years ago). To enable them to exercise the benefit of the Franchise the rent of the houses then in existance was reduced by 3d. per week to pay the Poor Rate then assessed.

The Tenants find it hard to understand how such a demand has now been made especially as a great majority of them being labouring men find it difficult enough to discharge their ~~other~~ other obligations to the Council without any additional burdens. The index to the Tenants' capacity to pay will be found very largely from your Rent Collector's return. You will also probably remember that when this rate was demanded two or three years ago the demand was withdrawn and those who have consulted me state they have not any recollection of the non-payment of the Town Rate by them having been surcharged by the Auditors.

Before going into the legal aspect of the matter I would be glad if you would kindly place these views before the Commissioner with whom I would be glad to discuss the matter on having an appointment made

Yours faithfully
J. P. Coghlan

To M. Deniy Esq
Clerk to the Urban Council

Ordered

That the Clerk acknowledge receipt of Mr Coghlan's letter, thank him for his courtesy & inform him that the Commissioner will be pleased to make an appointment with him to discuss the matter referred to in it as soon as he has ascertained the views of the Minister for Local Government on it.

The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday 5th July '24

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The Commissioner attended at the office of the Urban Council on this date at 4 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant for £7-0-5 was received from the Bank of Ireland being one Quarters Interest, ending 5th July, on £1762-11-0 of Consols viz:- Interest £11-0-4, British Income Tax £2-9-7 Saorstat Eireann £1-10-4

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council /

A duplicate copy of a letter, dated 4th July, 1924, addressed to the Secretary of the County Council, was received from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, informing him that arrangements have been made for the payment of £800 in respect of the Grant of £1200 to this Urban District for the improvement of Trunk Roads

No Order made /

In connection with this Scheme the Clerk stated that, as directed, the Surveyor reported during the week that the Roads Department Ministry of Local Government may be informed the haulage Contractor has delivered about 150 Tons of Macadam on Site, and application for an Instalment of the Grant may now be made, also that it would be advisable to urge the Parnell Quarry Company to expidite the despatch of Macadam for the work.

In the course of conversation with the Chief Engineer of the D.W.&L.E. Railway Company he undertook to recommend his Company to improve that section of the road maintained by them.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this report he forwarded a copy of it to the Roads Department of the Ministry

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Ministry and also asked the Parnell Quarries Ltd to expedite delivery
No order made.

Letter from D. Doran, Haulage Contractor, dated 3rd Inst stating that he is disappointed over this Contract, as his six weeks are up and he only received twelve waggons altogether. He will not be responsible for demurrage after his six weeks expires, as he will have hay and other crops to look after, but will do his best not to let the waggons lie over too long
Ordered

That Mr Doran be informed the Parnell Quarries have been asked to expedite delivery of the macadam as promptly as possible, also that whilst the Commissioner regrets delay in delivery he trusts that it will not cause any inconvenience to him to carry out his contract even though the time mentioned in the advertisement has expired.

Letter from Michael Murphy, Hon Secretary, Newross Branch of the Gaelic League dated 2nd July, 1924 stating that the Committee requested the name "Lios Da Speuse" in gaelic characters only be affixed to the row of new houses at Dowlscall, recently erected by the Council.
Ordered

That Mr Murphy be informed the Commissioner sanctions, with pleasure, compliance with the request contained in his letter, which will in due course be given effect to.

Letter from Mr Kelly Snr, dated 28th June enquiring whether the new houses recently built by the Council are available for letting and, if so, whether Jas O'Brien an employee of the D.S.E Railway Co is eligible for one, as the house presently occupied by him is urgently required by the Sisters of the Holy Faith in connection with schools about to be started.
Ordered

That Mr Kelly be informed the houses are being

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being offered for sale by direction of the Minister for Local Government, but if the sale does not take place the application of Mr O'Brien for the tenancy of one, with others received, will be carefully considered by him

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No 9.2922/24 dated 3rd July sanctioning a continuance of the overdraft of £1,300 to 31st August next on the same terms as heretofore, and enclosing a duplicate of this letter for the Bank.

The Clerk stated he had forwarded the duplicate letter to the Bank, and there was —
No order made.

Letter from the Inspector of Income Tax dated 28th June with reference to the abstract of accounts for year ended 31st March 924, asking if Sorstát Eireann Income Tax was deducted from Dividends of the Council, and also to be informed of the amount of Bank Interest arising or accruing due for the year.

The Clerk stated he had furnished the particulars asked for, and this was approved of

Letter from Mrs Alfred Parker, Waterford dated 4th Inst stating that he will start work on the Dowry Clock on Thursday, 10th Inst.
No order made

Letter from Mr Lungley, Secretary Technical Committee dated 4th Inst intimating that Very Rev Canon Rossiter P.P.V.G. has resigned membership of the Committee owing to ill health, which leaves only three members.

A resolution was passed unanimously, at a meeting of the Committee held this evening, asking the Commissioners to appoint the senior Curate, Dr O'Brien in place of Canon Rossiter, and also to approve of the Rev Chairman, and one other member with the Secretary to form a Quorum pending re-organisation

After considering the matter the Commissioner was of opinion that he had no power to approve of the

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the proposed constitution of a Quorum of the Committee, which, it was understood, consisted of three members. He however acceded to the wish expressed in the resolution, and appointed Rev Andrew O Brien C.C a member of the Committee and also Mr John Murphy 14 South St New Ross, he having been previously a member of the Committee, & directed that his decision be conveyed to Mr Langley.

The Engineer-in-Chief of the Post Office applied for permission under date 2nd Inst. to place a section of overground telegraphic line in South St & Marsh Lane, and enclosed a Plan of the route which was examined by the Town Surveyor
Ordered

That the necessary permission be granted subject to the making of any damage which may be done, good, to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor who should be notified previous to the commencement of the work.

A bill was received from George Kehoe for work carried out in repairing roof of Thole, &c, and the Clerk pointed out that he required payment as soon as possible

The Commissioners directed that under the circumstances the amount be paid out of Petty Cash

The Street Inspector reported that D McKeon had empty boxes on the street on four days, and M Hutchinson continues to obstruct the free use of the footpath outside his premises by placing goods thereon

The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner
Ordered

That the Street Inspector call upon these Traders and point out to them, in a friendly manner, that the practice cannot be permitted to continue, and request them to discontinue it

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The Clerk stated that Patk McNamara one of the Council's tenants called to the office and complained very much of the condition of the roof of his house, which was admitting rain freely.

The Commissioner expressed the opinion that the property of the Council should be repaired and Ordered

That the Dowy Surveyor get necessary urgent repairs on the roof of this house, and also on the roofs of the other houses of the Council carried out as soon as possible

The Clerk also pointed out that Tenders were accepted in June 1923 for the painting of the two halls & Stairway of the Tholsel, but the person whose Tender was accepted never carried out the work, and he suggested that Tenders be again invited

Ordered

That Tenders be invited for the painting of the outer and Inner Halls & Stairway &c of The Tholsel in accordance with a Specification prepared by the Dowy Surveyor

It was also ordered

That the Dowy Surveyor get a new gate and have it erected on the east entrance to the Plots attached to the Houses of the Council's Tenants at Killiam Street, as the existing one is in a very bad state of decay and may fall at any moment, thereby admitting animals to trespass on the crops planted there

The Surveyor formally reported that he had men now employed at the Sewer Water Main Extension to the new houses, and the accomodation road in connection with same.

No order made as this work was previously authorised by the Council

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The following persons were granted Licenses to store Petroleum in the premises described viz:-

James Fleming - North St - Yard off Quay & running parallel with Quay St.
M. Hearn & Son - Royal Hotel Stables, North St
New Ross Motor Engineering Co - Their premises situate on Quay
M.J. Moran & Co. - Yard at John St.
Richard Cooney - Premises at Upper Mary St.
Thomas Fitzgerald - Yard on The Quay

Mrs Kate Ryan, one of the Tenants upon whom Notice to Quit was served in respect of rent due, attended and tendered one pound in part payment of arrears and promised to pay an additional pound on Monday, 7th Inst. and the Commissioner accepted this arrangement and decided not to take any further proceedings

Thomas Howlett, against whom a Notice to Quit was also issued, tendered six shillings and promised an additional pound end of next week, or first of following week. The Commissioner explained clearly to him that proceedings will be stayed on the express understanding that he will fulfil his promise to pay the additional sum of one pound.

The Clerk drew attention to the necessity of having the walls of the Meat Market limewashed on the outside, and all the posters removed from it, and a Notice prohibiting the posting of bills on it in future.
Ordered

That this work be carried out as soon as possible

The Commissioner resumed consideration of the list of outstanding rates and, in the case of the rates assessed on the Court House at Priory St it was stated by the Collector that the premises were occupied by Mr Sullivan, whom Mr Hamilton stated was merely a caretaker, and consequently he

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he refused to pay the rates on the ground that the premises were vacant.

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise whether, under the circumstances, Mr Sullivan or the Reps of Col Dottenhams were liable for the rates

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The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday, 12th July 1924.

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12th July, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the office of the Urban Council on this date at 4 o'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by the Commissioner and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 84	M.J. Kennedy	£13-1-4	No 85	M.J. Kennedy	£17-10-0
" 86	Minister for Local Government	£12-12-0	" 87	Joseph Lynch	£8-0-0
" 88	Timothy Doran	£2-3-4	" 89	I.D. Browne	£1-19-0
" 90	I.D. Browne	£3-14-5	" 91	Thos Butler	£7-1-8
" 92	Thos Butler	£5-8-4	" 93	D. Shortall	£15-10-10
" 94	M.J. Dinn	£17-19-5	" 95	M.J. Dinn	£6-5-0
" 96	Dane	£1-17-6	" 97	D. Lyne	£11-10-0
" 98	D. Lyne	£5-16-10	" 99	Petty Cash	£34-8-8
" 100	National Bank Ltd	£138-12-6	" 101	Helys Ltd	16/-
" 102	Alexander Nolan	15/-	" 103	Repo Mrs J. Byrne	£8-0-0
" 104	Edward Browne	£44-13-8	" 105	Hibernian Insce Co	£12-11-5

Correspondence

Letter from the Secretary to the Commissioner of Valuation dated 9th Inst requesting that any supplemental List of Tenements requiring revision, which have been received, may be forwarded to the Valuation Office not later than the 16th Inst.

The Clerk stated he advised the Secretary that no supplemental lists have been received, and there was

No order made

Letter from the Secretary to the Minister for Local Government dated 10th Inst No P. 30778/24 stating that no objection will be raised to the payment of £30-11-4 poundage fees to Collector in respect of rates collected & lodged for year ended 31st March 1923

Ordered

That this amount be now paid the Collector

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Letter from the Secretary of the County Council dated 11th Inst stating that the transfer of the £800 Road Grant, advised by the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) must be paid at County Council meeting which will be held on the 22nd Inst, and he will see that it is made them

Ordered

That the Parnell Quarries and the Railway Co be informed the Commissioner regrets Paying Orders cannot be issued to them until this amount is received, but it is hoped they will be forwarded by 25th Inst.

Letter from the Secretary of the I. Transport & Gen workers' Union, New Ross Branch, dated 7th July asking to be informed, as soon as possible, of the amount of stones to be delivered from Parnell Quarries, cost of same, also of steam rolling & other incidental expenses in connection with the Grant of £1100 for the improvement of the streets.

Ordered

That the Secretary of the Union be informed the Grant of £1100 is being expended in accordance with the directions received from the Ministry of Local Government

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Letter from Mrs BJ Mooney, South St dated 11th Inst drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the dividing wall between her premises and that of Messrs McHarry & Son.

The Surveyor, who was present pointed out it was difficult to ascertain who was the owner of the wall, and also whether the Council are in any way responsible for looking after it, as it may not be regarded as a danger to the public, it being on private property

Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect it again and report in reference to it, and that Mrs Mooney be informed the matter is receiving consideration

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Letters from the Managing Director Parnell Quarries stating that he has instructed the Quarry Manager to give not less than fifty tons of Macadam per day also that the Company is forwarding 2" Macadam at same price as 1½", and will send fifty tons of Chippings as soon as possible

No Order made

A Telegram was received on the 9th Inst from the Secretary of the County Council asking for the date upon which the work under the Grant was commenced, the number of men employed, and how many of them are Army Men.

The Clerk stated that he informed the Secretary, in reply, there were about 200 tons macadam delivered on the Site, spreading operations had not begun, and no men had yet been employed

No Order made

Letter from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co dated 8th Inst, stating, in reply to an enquiry of the Clerk, that there is no liability attached to the Council in respect of Officials engaged in Manual Labour who are in receipt of over £250 per annum

The Commissioners decided not to make any alteration in the existing E.L. Policy of the Council, and directed that the renewal premium be paid.

An application was received from Mr Hamilton for a supply of water to the house on Quay occupied by Nicholas Murphy. He requested, through Mr Hartrick, that the connection be taken from supply pipe to adjoining house occupied by John Doyle.

The application was granted as was also permission to connect with supply pipe to adjoining house.

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The Clerk stated John Hearn, Caretaker of the field at Dowrylwall, reported that a donkey, the property of Wm Dorune, Cross Lane, was trespassing on the field on the 9th Inst

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prosecute Dorune for allowing his donkey to trespass on the field

An application was received from John Murphy, Johnstown for a Licence to store Petrol in his Garage at Ithuck

Granted

Ordered

That the Quarterly meeting for the transaction of business for Quarter ending 30th June be held on Saturday 26th Inst at 4.30 o'clock.

The Street Inspector reported that on the 11th Inst Bridget Harney had two carts (unyoked) in Quay St from which she sold fish, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

No proceedings were pending against Bridget Harney for a similar offence there was no action taken in respect of this report.

The Commissioners adjourned to Saturday, 19th Inst '24.

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Saturday, 19th July, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the office of the Urban Council on this date at 4 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March, 1925

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Clerk submitted his Estimate of Town Rate for year ending 31st March 1925, from which it appeared that a rate of 8/ in the £ will be required for the service of the year, this being one shilling in the £ less than that made for the previous year.

After examining same the Commissioner made the following order, in writing, in reference to it, which he signed viz:-

"I, the person to whom the property and the several powers and duties of the Council of the Urban District of New Ross are transferred, pursuant to the New Ross Urban (Transfer of Powers) Order 1924, hereby order the adoption of the Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1925, now submitted to me and that he publish the necessary notice of my intention to make a Town Rate of Eight shillings in the Pound, and a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and threepence in the Pound on the valuation of premises supplied with water, such last mentioned rate to be in relief of the Town Rate raised as Sanitary Expenses the rateable value of the property assessable being £8256-17-0"

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 106 Timothy Doran £17-7-3 Trunk Roads Grant
" 107 Parnell Quarries £99-6-3 Trunk Roads Grant
" 108 G.S.E. Railway £86-16-4 Trunk Roads Grant a/c

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Letter from Mr Philip Kelly, Palace, drawing attention to the falling wall on Greywell Road, which divides his field from the public road, and asking that it may be attended to.
Ordered
That Mr Kelly be informed the Commissioner is not prepared to admit any liability whatever in connection with this wall.

Letter from Messrs Dunphy and Mooney, Chairman & Secretary respectively of the Down Tenants League, dated 18th Inst inviting the Commissioner to an informal Conference between the League and the local Landlords, to be held in the A.O.H. Hall on the 24th Inst. for the purpose of considering if an amicable arrangement can be arrived at with reference to the Rates & Rents question in New Ross.
Ordered
That these gentlemen be informed the Commissioner will be happy to attend the meeting at 4 o'clock on Thursday and co-operate in the movement to have amicable arrangements made between landlords & tenants for the payment of rates

A letter, dated 18th Inst was received from the Trade Department of the Ministry of Local Government inviting a representative to attend a Conference to discuss the possibility of the purchasing of requirements under the amalgamated purchasing system, but the Commissioner decided not to appoint one.

A Notice dated 12th Inst was received from John Healy Esq. Local Government Auditor notifying his intention to open the audit of the accounts of the Council for the financial years ended 31st March 1923 and 1924, but there was:—
No order made in reference to it.

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Letter from Thos Lenihan & Co, dated 16th Inst. asking to have the order for ½ cwt shovel heads increased to one cwt as they cannot pay carriage on small lots.

The Clerk stated that he instructed them to send the ½ cwt of shovel heads carriage forward and this was approved of.

A letter was received from the Managing Director, Parnell Quarries, dated 15th July, acknowledging with thanks the Clerk's letter informing him that a Paying Order for Macadam will be forwarded about the 25th Inst.

In connection with this letter it was

Ordered

That Paying Orders be now issued for amount of the account £99-6-3 furnished by the Company for Macadam supplied in connection with the Thumb Roads Improvement Scheme, and also to the Railway Co. £86-16-4, being freight on same from Arklow, and £17-7-3 to Timothy Doran being for Cartage of it from Railway Station to Depots, the Orders not to be sent to the persons named until the Paying Order for £800, being instalment of the Grant, is received from the County Council after their meeting on the 22nd Inst.

Two Tenders were received for the painting of the outer and inner halls of the Thotel viz:-
One from James Hennessy No4 Charleton Hill, who proposed to carry out the work for £24-10-0, and one from John Bailey, South St, who tendered at £39-10-6

The Tender of James Hennessy was accepted by the Commissioner, who did not consider it necessary, in view of the expense, to have a Bond prepared in connection with the carrying out of the Contract

The following applications to store Petrol were granted viz:- John Murphy 4 John St, Peter Nolan, South St, James Shortall, South St, Harry Ellis, John St, James Hutchinson, 4 North St, Martin Maher, South St, The Irish B.P. Company Ltd, 91 & 93 Middle Abbey St Dublin.

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Ordered

That a sum of five shillings be charged in respect of each Licence granted.

The Street Inspector reported that Mrs Tuley and Mrs Keithy, Mary St, also Mrs Hamilton Cross Lane obstructed the free use of the thoroughfare at Quay St by selling vegtables from their carts unyoked, also that Miss B. Harney sold fish from two carts (unyoked) in that street on 18th Inst.

The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

There was no order made respecting the obstruction pending the result of the proceedings which have been taken by the Council's Solicitors in these cases

The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday, 26th July, 1924

Saturday, 26th July, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Council Office at 4 o'clock this day to transact Quarterly meeting business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, for Quarter ending 30th June, 1924.

The Surveyor, who was present, reported verbally that he did not recommend any new works to be undertaken, and that the maintenence of the streets was being carried out as far as possible.

This concluded the Quarterly business, and

The Commissioner adjourned.

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Saturday, 26th July, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Urban Council Office on this date to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

Trunk Roads Grant Account —

No 109 Parnell Quarries £126-19-7 No 110 D.W.& L. Railway Co £125-6-11
" 111 Timothy Doran £25-1-4.

General Account

No 112 Petty Cash £32-12-0 No 113 Hibernian Insurance Co £1-5-6
Housing Grants a/c. No 114 Colfer & Son £187-10-0.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a Paying Order from the County Council for £800, being an instalment of the Grant of £1200 allocated to the Urban District for the improvement of Trunk Roads, and same was lodged to the credit of the Urban Council in a Trunk Roads Grant a/c. Accordingly it was directed that Paying Orders for the amounts entered above be now issued

Correspondence

Letter from the Managing Director, Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd stating that the Manager at Arklow was sending on statement of account to date and he would be greatly obliged if arrangements could be made to post a Cheque to Arklow on Thursday so that they might have it to pay the men on Friday

The Clerk stated that he forwarded the Paying Order for £99-6-3, as directed on 19th Inst, as soon as he received the Instalment from the County Council

An application received from Mr Patrick Forestal South St, for the use of the Large Room at 3 o'clock on the 27th Inst was granted

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A letter dated 25th Inst was received from Miss Annie Cullerton, one of the Council's tenants, pointing out that the roof required to be repaired.
Ordered
That the Surveyor have the matter attended to.

Notice of application for compensation, amounting to £8. for malicious breaking of a window the property of Bertolf Schelby, was received on behalf of the applicant from D.J. Kelly Esq Solicitor, but as it had been decided on receipt of the Preliminary Notice of Applicaition, not to oppose the Claim, there was now no Order made upon the matter.

A copy of the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act 1924, was received from the Minister for Local Government, and ordered to be filed for future reference.

An application, dated 25th Inst. received from James Connolly for permission to erect scaffolding at Priory St and Mary St was granted, any damage caused to the Street to be made good to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son Solicitors dated 19th Inst advising that if Mr Sullivan is in occupation of the Session House at Priory St merely as a caretaker the premises are not occupied within the meaning of the Poor Relief Act, and accordingly there is no liability on any person for rates in respect thereof
Ordered
That the Minister for Local Government be informed of the advice given by the Council's Solicitors in this matter, and he be asked whether it agrees with the view held by the Department in such cases.

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Letter from same dated 22nd Inst reporting that the cases of the Council V. William Deuch & Bridget Harney came on for hearing and on the application of Mr Kelly, Solicitor for Mrs Harney the summons was adjourned until the first court in September as the Defendant is in Hospital undergoing an operation.

The evidence in support of the Summons against William Deuch was heard, and the obstruction proved. The question arose as to the facility provided by the Council for Fish Vendors, when the witness for the Council stated that it would be an extreme hardship on Fish Vendors if they were compelled to sell fish on the Quay owing to the exposed nature of the place, and added that the house provided by the Bye Laws for Fish Vendors, on the Quay, was in the occupation of the Urban Council.

They (Colfer & Son) stated on behalf of the Urban Council that steps would shortly be taken to have this house available. The Magistrate adjourned the hearing of the summons until the first Court in September to enable the Urban Council to discharge their obligations under the Bye Laws.

The report of the hearing of the cases as published in the New Ross Standard, was read by the Commissioner, and the Street Inspector who was the witness on behalf of the Council, was questioned by him; as to the evidence he gave in reference to the hardship which would be caused fish dealers by compelling them to sell fish on the Quay. He however denied the accuracy of the report as published

From the discussion, as reported which took place between the Solicitors and the District Justice, it seemed to appear that the proceedings were brought under the Bye Laws instead of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act as directed. Accordingly the Commissioner — Ordered

That the Clerk acknowledge receipt of letter received from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to the cases and inform them that from the discussion in the Press, the Prosecution has not been brought under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 as directed, and

also

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also that it has been already pointed out to them the Dish house is not available for the use of Dish Vendors, and under the circumstances the Commissioner presumes it is open to them to institute fresh proceedings under the Act quoted.

The Commissioner directed that John Hearn, who was Caretaker of the field at Dowry Wall, be paid his weekly wage of 5/- for week ending 23rd Inst, notwithstanding that his employment ceased, according to notice given him, on 16th Inst, as he was up to that date discharging his duties, and attended as a witness in a case on 22nd Inst.

A Circular letter was received from the Ministry of Local Government dealing with the granting of pensions to Local Officers but there was No Order made upon it

A statement of the amount to be demanded by the Wexford County Council from the Urban District Council for year ending 31st March, 1925, was received viz:- £2121-3-10 and it was -
Ordered
That the estimate of Poor Rate be prepared as soon as possible.

With reference to the letter dated 29th July, received from Mr J. P. Coghlan, Solicitor, relative to the demand made upon the Council's tenants for payment of Dowry Rate, it was ordered that Mr Coghlan be informed negotiations are proceeding with a view to an amicable arrangement being arrived at whereby the tenants will voluntarily consent to an increase in their rent to such an amount as will enable the landlords to pay their rates assessed on the houses, and if these negotiations are successful the Commissioner considers the arrangement agreed to will apply to the Council's Tenants.

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The letter received from Mrs Mooney drawing attention to a dangerous wall at rere of her premises, was again considered. The Surveyor reported verbally that the wall was, in his opinion, dangerous, but a doubt existed as to whether the Council were in any way responsible for seeing that it was put in proper repair, or whether (the Council were in any way responsible) it was their duty to do so as it did not appear to be a danger to passengers or occupiers of neighbouring buildings.

After some consideration the Commissioner Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise whether the Council are bound to take the necessary steps to have it made safe, having regard to Section 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act.

The Clerk reported that a Sanitary Minute Book will be required soon, and the Commissioner Ordered

That tenders be invited for the supply of it.

The Street Inspector reported that Mrs Walsh Newtown sold herrings from a donkey's cart at South St outside Hotel, and had also a barrel of herrings on the street, she refused to leave.

Mrs Fielding, Mrs Furlong and William Finch also sold Mackerel from unyoked carts at Quay St. On the 22nd Inst he attended in the District Court to give evidence in the case of obstruction against Harney. Both were adjourned for one month.

Ordered

That these cases stand over pending further information from the Council's Solicitors in reference to the cases of Harney & Finch which were before the Court on Tuesday last.

The Commissioner adjourned to 2nd August, 1924.

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Saturday 2nd August 1924

The Commissioner attended at the office of the Urban Council on this day at 4 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 115 James Hennessy £5.0.0.

A Dividend Warrant for £1-1-6 received from the Bank of Ireland was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

A Certificate was received from the Surveyor that James Hennessy, Charlestown Hill was entitled to a sum of £5 on account of his Contract for painting of Halls of Dholsel, and asked that this sum be paid him to enable him to carry on the work.

The Commissioner decided that he be paid this amount on account of his contract and accordingly he signed the Treasurers Authority for same, as above,

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 1st Inst No 35006/24 stating that the Solicitor's advice regarding liability of caretaker of Session House for rates would appear to be in accordance with previous judgement of the Courts

No order made, this being deemed satisfactory.

Letter from the Ministry of Local Government Roads Department dated 1st Inst enclosing a Form on which particulars of the progress of the work under the Road Grant of £1200 may be furnished

Ordered

That the Surveyor furnish the necessary particulars on the Form, and that same be forwarded to the Department

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Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council dated 29th July, asking if it would be possible to provide accomodation at premises, the property of the Council, for the purpose of storing sub-standards for weights & measures

Ordered '

That the Secretary be informed accomodation can be provided for their storage in premises of the Council

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A copy of the Abstracts of Accounts of the Technical School for the three years ended 31/3/24, together with the Auditor's Report, was received from the Local Government Ministry, but there was -

No order made upon it.

Three Tenders were received for the supply of a Sanitary Minute Book one from Croker & Co, Waterford, who offered to supply it @ 37/6, one from Helys Dublin, @ £2-16-6, and a third from Harvey & Co, Waterford @ 40/-

Ordered

That the Tender of Messrs Croker & Co to supply one Sanitary Minute Book @ 37/6 be accepted

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Letter from Hibernian Fire Insurance Co dated 1st August pointing out that the Council's short term Policy for £5,000, covering the new Houses will expire on the 18th Inst and it was Ordered - that it be renewed

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Letter from Parnell Quarries acknowledging receipt of Clerk's letter of 28th Inst, and thanking the Commissioner for prompt manner in which their claim for payment has been met

No order made

Letter from Mrs Kehoe Fair Gate one of the Council's Tenants stating that there are eight panes of glass broken in the windows of her house, five of which were broken by Patrick Graces children, and one by Jas Cusack Junr

Ordered

That

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"That Patrick Grace & Jas Cusack Senr. be written to and requested to replace the panes of glass broken by their children

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 2nd Inst intimating that it would be impossible for them to give an opinion in reference to the dangerous wall today, but hoped to do so in the course of a few days.

No order made

Letter from Mrs Neill, Low St, dated 29th ult. complaining that the shutes of house occupied by her are out of order and the rain is getting in to one of the bed rooms.

The Surveyor, who was present, was of opinion there were no grounds for the complaint made and there was

No Order made in reference to it.

An assessment for Income Tax, dated 26th ult. was received from the Inspector of Taxes, in which he assessed on Bank Interest £6. for year ended 31st March 1924, although a large amount of Interest was due to the Bank

Ordered

That the Inspector be informed exception is taken to this item in the assessment, and that a Certificate of the amount of interest due to the Bank be obtained and forwarded to the Inspector

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No 29310/1924, dated 31st July, stating that he sees no objection to the payment by the Commissioner of the Town Rate assessed on the house of the Council's Tenants and let at an inclusive rent.

Consideration was deferred for the present by the Commissioner

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The following letter was received from Messrs Colfer & Son viz

30th July 1924

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 29th Inst. By reason of the fact that the Fish House was not available we brought proceedings under Section 72 of the Towns Improvement Act for intemuption of the thoroughfare at Quay St to the disturbance and annoyance of the passengers and residents of the said thoroughfare and not for a breach of the Byt-Laws.

Unfortunately the witness for the Urban Council volunteered the information that it would be a very great hardship on the Defendants if they were compelled to remain on the Quay while selling fish owing to its exposed condition.

This at once led the Court to enquire were there any Byt Laws, and what were the facilities provided. This elicited the fact that the Urban Council were in possession of premises in which the defendants were entitled to dispose of their fish. The Court thereupon adjourned the summonsis until the Urban Council made it possible for the defendants to take advantage of the facilities provided for them under the Byt Laws.

We pointed out to the Court that the summons was for an offence under the Town's Improvement Act which had been proved. The Court however decided that the plaintiffs had not come into Court with "clean hands". Under these circumstances it is not open to us to proceed further until the summonses come before the Court in September.

We strongly advise the Urban Council to have the Fish house available by that time.

Ordered

That Messrs Colfer & Son be requested, in reply to their letter, to point out to the District Justice, at the adjourned hearing of the case, that the Fish house was formerly used for the purpose of the sale of salmon and other fish, chiefly if not entirely, the former, but owing to it not

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not having been availed of to any extent, it has long since ceased to be used for the purpose. It cannot now be made available, as much property of the Council is stored there.

It was with the object of preventing the serious and dangerous obstructions caused by unyoked carts, which sometimes encroach very considerably on the public highway, that proceedings were instituted under the Dublin Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and it is felt that no hardship whatever is caused to fish dealers by requiring them to dispose of their fish on the Quay, adjoining the Fish House.

The Street Inspector reported that Mr McKeown had three large boxes on the street each day since the 26th ult. The Street is very narrow where this obstruction took place. Some persons, whose names he gave in detail, continue to sell fish & vegtables from carts on North side of Quay St.

The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner

Ordered

That Mr McKeown be informed he cannot be permitted to leave boxes on the public street as same causes a serious obstruction.

The weekly tenants rental sheets were examined and it was ordered - That Thomas Howlett, Josuha Allen, and James Ryan be informed that a substantial reduction must be made in the arrears of rent due by them.

The Arrears Sheets of Down Poor Rate for year ending 31st March 1923, which had previously been carefully examined and ruled upon by the Commissioner were signed by him, after which - he adjourned to Saturday, 9th August 1924.

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Saturday, 9th August 1924.

The Commissioner attended at the Urban Council office this day at 4 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, also to consider, and if approved of, adopt Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1925.

The Minutes of last sitting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by the Commissioner and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:

General Account

No 116	James J Shortall	T.S. £15-10-10	117	Timothy Doran	£2-3-4
" 118	Michael J O'Kennedy	£6-6-1	119	Michael J O'Kennedy	£6-0-6
" 120	M Flynn	£14-19-5	121	M Flynn	£14-16-0
" 122	Same (Petty Cash)	£34-10-0	123	John J Browne	£1-19-0
" 124	John J Browne	£3-14-5	125	Thomas Butler	£4-1-8
" 126	Thomas Butler	£5-8-4	127	Chawlerton	£1-12-0
" 128	George Kehoe	£3-9-4	129	P Tierney	£6-4-0
" 130	National Bank	£248-16-9	131	J Lyne	£11-14-6
" 132	Patrick Lynch	£5-0-0			

Housing or Grants Account

" 133	No J Flynn (Petty Cash)	£39-14-9	134	Patrick Lynch	£65-0-0
" 137	James J Shortall	£25-0-0			

No 8 Loans account.

" 135	No J Flynn	£25:-	136	James J Shortall	£4

A Pay Warrant for £1-13-0 was received from the Cashier of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, being refund of Income Tax on War Stock for half year ended 1st December 1923. and of Consols Quarter ending 5th January 1924, and it was Ordered to be lodged to the Credit of the Council.

A proposal, dated 8th Inst, was received from William Doyle for the purchase of a heap of manure at Town Wall for 30/-, and the Surveyor having stated it was a very small heap, the proposal was accepted

A letter, dated 8th Inst, was received from Patrick Grace, Tolly Ho Lane denying that his children broke five panes of glass in house occupied by Patrick Kehoe, as stated by the latter in a letter to the Commissioner.

No Order Made

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A circular letter, dated 2nd Inst. was received from the Secretary of The Great Southern and Western Railway Company giving Notice of the intended holding of a Special General Meeting of the Company on the 13th Inst. to consider the proposed amalgamation Scheme of Railway Companies, and enclosing a Blank form of Proxy.
No Order Made.

Letter from the Inspector of Taxes at Waterford, dated 7th Inst. stating that he had eliminated the Bank Interest of £6 from his Computation for Income Tax.
No Order, this being Satisfactory.

The Commissioner Ordered that John Hearn be re-employed for a further period, to Caretake the fields at Town Wall, at the same rate per week, and conditions as previously, owing to the fields being trespassed upon.

The Street Inspector reported that Mr Roche had a large empty packing Case outside his premises in Quay St. for some days, also that some fish and Vegetable vendors sold their goods from unyoked Carts in Quay St, and that the daily Scavenging was Carried Out in a Satisfactory manner.
No Order Made.

The Clerk submitted his Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1925, amounting to five shillings and ten pence in the Pound, and the Commissioner, having examined same Ordered its adoption as follows:-

I, the person to whom the property and the several powers and duties of the Council of the Urban District of New Ross are Transferred pursuant to the New Ross Urban (Transfer of Powers) Order 1924, hereby Order the adoption of the Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for year ending 31st March 1925, amounting to five shillings and ten pence in the Pound, and that he publish the necessary Notices and take the necessary steps to have said rate made.

T Lyne - Commissioner

9th August 1924.

This concluded the business, and,

The Commissioner Adjourned to Saturday, 16th August 1924.

T Lyne

Saturday, 23rd August 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Urban Council Office this day at 4 o'clock p.m to transact business pursuant to the Dowris Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 138 Petty Cash £34-4-10. No 139 Petty Cash (Sewer) £3-19-6
" 140 James Hennessy £19-10-0 " 141 Parnell Quarries £67-0-0
" 142 Dublin S.E. Railway Co £34-9-3.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd dated 20th Inst. inclosing their account for Stones delivered to the 18th Inst amounting to £118, and asking to be favoured with a Cheque at earliest convenience as their expenses are heavy, and money is, at the moment tight

After consideration the Commissioner decided to issue a Paying Order for £67 as above being amount of account to end of July, and also one for £34-9-3 to the Railway Company being amount due them to 31st ult for freight on Stores.

An application dated 8th August was received from Frank Doyle, Marsh Lane, for a Licence to store Petrol at his Garage at Priorytt, and same was granted as from 23rd August for one year

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A Copy of the Local Elections (Postponment) (No2) Order 1924, to 15th January 1925 was received from the Minister for Local Government but there was No Order made in reference to it

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Letter from Minister for Local Government No RF 31126/24 dated 22nd August forwarding Paying Order for £12-9-11 as recoupment from the School Meals Grant for year ended 31st March 1924. Ordered - That it be lodged to the credit of the Council

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Letter from same No 2576/24 dated 21st August 1924, requesting to be furnished, on Forms enclosed, with particulars of the poundage of rates and total amount of same, for financial year ending 31st March 1925.

Ordered

That the Minister be informed the rates for that year have not yet been made, but as soon as they are, the particulars asked for will be furnished.

A Telegram was received on the 19th Inst. from the County Surveyor, asking for return of progress of Road Grant work to 2nd Inst, with average men employed and number of Ex-service men.

The Clerk stated that he informed him in reply the work was not yet begun, as all the stones were not delivered, and this was approved of.

The Caretaker of Council's field at Dunmore, reported verbally to the Clerk that Patrick Nolan, Bewley Street was hurling in the field on 20th Inst, and Michael McGrath on 21st Inst.

Ordered

That the Councils Solicitors be instructed to prosecute these two, and they be also requested to apply for professional, and other costs, in the cases.

Letter from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co dated 18th August, acknowledging receipt of instructions to insure the eight new houses at Dunmore for £4,000, enclosing Protection Note and pointing out that the Co can allow a discount of 15% on each annual premium provided they receive a guarantee that the Policy will be renewed for a period of five years.

Ordered

That the Company be informed the Guarantee will be given, and the Guarantee Form signed on receipt of the Policy when its number can be ascertained

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Tender for Public Lighting

The following Tender was received from the Newross Gas & Electricity Supply Company for the Public Lighting of the Town during the winter months:-

23rd August 1924

We beg to tender for the Public lighting from 15th September 1924, to 15th April, 1925, as follows:-

26 Gas Lamps to be extinguished at 11 p.m and to remain unlighted for the five nights of the moon, three nights before, the night of, and the night after full moon in each month, as in former contracts, at £6-5-0 per lamp.

All the above lamps to be fitted with incandescent burners The cost for Mantles &c is included in the above price.

17 Electric Lamps to be lit every night and extinguished at 11 oclock at £7-17-6 per lamp

The Lamps at Rosbercon Church to be lit as required at £2.

As an alternative we would light the lamps as above, but to extend the time from 1st September 1924 to 1st May 1925 at £6-12-6 for the Gas Lamps and £8-7-6 for the Electric Lamps

The above offers are made subject to the conditions that we cannot be held responsible for ~~loss~~ failure to supply caused by strikes, breakdown of Machinery, or any unforseen cause.

We cannot undertake to maintain the lighting in any lamps wilfully damaged, or interfered with by unathorised persons, and in the event of such damage occuring we reserve the right to discontinue any lamps damaged or interfered with, making due allowance for the unexpired time of Contract

(Signed) H. Kirkham
Secretary

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Ordered

That the proposal of the New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co to light 26 Gas lamps from 21st September 1924 to 1st May 1925 at £6-12-6 each, exclusive of nights of full moon, and 17 Electric Lamps for same period at £8-7-6 be accepted, as also their proposal to light the lamps at Rosbercon Church as required at £2-0-0

The following letter was received from Messrs Colfer & Son in reply to one addressed to them, asking to advise as to the liability of the Council in connection with a wall at rere of premises occupied by Mrs Mooney, South St, to which she drew attention in her letter of 8th July last as being in a dangerous condition.

12th August 1924

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 29th ult. there does not appear to be any reported case as to whether or not Section 78 of The Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 applies only to walls which are dangerous to passengers upon the public highway. In my opinion it would be held not to extend to the wall in question, the conditions of which only affect the immediately adjoining owner, though the Section uses the words "occupiers of the neighbouring buildings", yet its whole purport is with regard to walls & buildings in the streets, and the section seems to deal with something that is a public as distinct from a private danger.

It has been held in England under a somewhat similar Act that a pit might be a danger to a person using a highway, though not fronting it, but I do not think this wall could ever become dangerous to passengers, nor to the occupier of the adjoining buildings, unless that they were out in their back yard.

You will see therefore that there is room for doubt, but looking at the wording of the whole section I am of opinion that the Council are not bound to take any steps to have the wall rendered safe, as it is a question between the adjoining owners thereon.

(Signed) Colfer & Son.

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The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he, as directed, informed Mrs Mooney, that in the opinion of the Council's Solicitors the Council are not bound to take any steps to have the wall rendered safe, as it is a question between the adjoining owners thereon, and, under the circumstances the Commissioner regrets he cannot interfere in the matter.

This was approved of and there was No Order made on the letter

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The Clerk reported that Edward Broaders was absent three days, owing to the death of his brother-in-law and stated that any of the men absent under similar circumstances were usually paid by the Council, and the Commissioners ordered that he be paid for the three days.

Proposals were received for the supply of three tons of hay delivered at the Council's yard from the following viz:-

John Merrigan Milltown Clonmore who tendered @ £2-5-6 per ton.
Patrick O'Neill Slievecoragh .. .. £2-8-0 ..
John Power Camblin .. .. £3-0-0 ..
Bridget Walsh Mt Elliott .. .. £4-0-0 ..
Edward Doolan Shanbough .. .. £3-0-0 ..

Ordered

That the Tender of John Merrigan, Milltown to deliver Hay, as advertised for, to New Ross Urban Council at £2-5-6 per ton be accepted.

The Street Inspector reported that Fish dealers still continue to sell fish from carts unyoked in Quay St and South St, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

The Clerk submitted a lease of premises in Bridge St, at present occupied by P Sheehan & Sons dated 28th July 1831, from the Town Commissioners of New Ross to the late James Edward Howlett of New Ross for a period of seventy-three years from the 25th March 1849, which he stated had expired.

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After considering it the Commissioners :-

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be requested to advise whether he can take over possession of the premises, or if he decides not to do so, can he fix an increased rent for it, and at the same time reserve the right of taking over the premises later on; should this course at any time be decided upon.

The Clerk also pointed out that according to an entry in the old Minutes the late Mr Thomas Jones was granted a lease of a plot of ground on Sand bank Hill (William St) for sixty one years from 25th March 1859 at an annual rent of 1s/, but there is no record of the lease having been prepared. His Heir (Mrs Saunders) has requested to be informed of the exact site of the plot, and who it is occupied by, and pending this information she declines to pay the rent. He is unable to give this information definitely as there is no map of it available.

Ordered

That the Commissioner of Valuation be asked to kindly furnish a tracing of it.

This concluded the business and —

The Commissioners adjourned to Saturday 30th August 1924

Chairman

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Saturday, 6th September, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Office of the Urban Council on this day at 4 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, make a Poor Rate, Down Rate & Domestic Water Rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1925

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Commissioner proceeded to make a Poor Rate, Down Rate & Domestic Water Rate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1925, and Resolved —

"That we raise the sum"
"of two thousand, five hundred and forty seven pounds"
"twelve shillings and eight pence as and for Poor"
"Rate, and for the purpose aforesaid make a rate of"
"five shillings and ten pence in the pound for the"
"financial year ending 31st day of March 1925 upon the"
"property situate within the Urban District of NewRoss"
"pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and"
"other Acts incorporated therewith, and that same be"
"collected in two moieties on or before the 31st day of March"
"1925. That Public Notice be given of said rates having"
"been made by printed placards duly posted."

"That the Poor Rate Books and the resolution"
"making the Poor Rate endorsed thereon, and the"
"Collector's warrants, be signed by me, and the Common"
"Seal of the Council be affixed to said Poor Rate Books"
"and Documents."

Resolved —

"That we raise the sum of three"
"thousand, three hundred and eleven pounds, five"
"shillings, and four pence as and for Down Rate"
"and for that purpose make a Down Rate of eight"
"shillings in the pound for the financial year"
"ending on the 31st day of March, 1925, on the property"
"situate within the Urban District of NewRoss rateable"
"under the undermentioned Acts for the purpose"
therein

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"therein mentioned of which Down Rate of Eight shillings"
"in the £, the sum of one shilling is for general purposes under"
"the Provisions of the Down's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854"
"and the sum of three shillings and one penny is for"
"Special purposes under the Local Government (Ireland)"
"Act 1898, and the sum of three shillings and eleven pence"
"is for Sanitary purposes under the provisions of the Public"
"Health (Ireland) Acts, which Sanitary Rate includes one"
"penny in the £ under the Technical Instruction Act"
"1889, and one penny in the £ under the Agriculture"
"and Technical Instruction Act 1899, for the purpose"
"of Technical Instruction ~~Act~~; and one penny in the"
"£ under Section 16 of the Local Government (Temporary"
"Provisions) Act 1923 for the purpose of providing instruction"
"in the Irish Language, in the Urban District, and"
"two pence in the £ under the Education (Provision of"
"Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 & 1916, and we hereby"
"make a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and"
"three pence in the £ on the valuation of premises"
"supplied with water for the financial year commencing"
"on the 1st day of April, 1924, and ending on the 31st day"
"of March, 1925, and we hereby fix:- that said rates"
"shall be payable on the 8th day of October, 1924, and"
"shall be payable in two moieties on or before the 31st day"
"of March, 1925."

"That the Books in which the Down Rate & Domestic"
"Water Rate are made out, and the resolutions"
"making the Down Rate & Domestic Water Rate, and"
"the adoption of the Down Rate endorsed on said"
"books, and endorsements, and the Collector's"
"warrants affixed to said Rate Books be signed"
"by me, and countersigned by the Clerk, & sealed"
"with the Common Seal of the Council

In pursuance of the foregoing the Rate Books were duly signed, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council.

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Correspondence

Letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government dated 5th Inst. relative to the revision in accordance with the variation in the cost of living. It should be understood that this rate of Bonus only applies to officials whose remuneration may have been graded in accordance with Government Scale and does not apply to officials who may be in receipt of reduced bonuses or basic rates of salary not similarly graded.

As the bonuses granted to the Officials of the Council were not in accordance with Government Scale, there was

No Order made on the letter

A letter was received from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 1st Inst forwarding a Claim Form for payment of rates on Government Property in the Urban District and it was

Ordered

That it be completed and returned to the Department as soon as possible

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Letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, enclosing copies of the report of the Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Council and St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee for financial years ending up to 31st March '24.

The Auditor made no observations in his Reports - merely stating that he had audited the accounts and enclosed certified copies of the Abstracts

No Order made

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 2nd Inst. referring to the Clerk's letter of the 27th ult regarding the lease made to the late James Edward Howlett, and asking for a copy of it or the counterpart.

Ordered

That the lease be given to Messrs Colfer & Son as requested.

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Letter from same acknowledging receipt of instructions to prosecute Patrick Nolan and Michael McGrath for trespassing on the Council's field at Dowry Wall and stating that same was having attention.
No Order made

The following letter was received from Mr Coghlan, Solicitor, :-

3rd September, 1924

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that the Poor Rate Collector has made a Demand on the Council's Tenants for payment of the Down Rate for 1924. You will remember my previous correspondence herein and in particular my letter of 27th June last, as the result of which the Local Government Board remitted the Down Rate for 1923.

The remarks which applied to the 1923 rate apply with the same force to 1924 rate, and I would be very glad if before proceeding further the Commissioner would lay before the proper Authority the request of the Tenants for a remission of the Tax now demanded

(Signed) James P. Coghlan.

M. J. Dinn Esq.,
Clerk of the Urban Council
New Ross.

After some consideration the Commissioner

Ordered

That Mr Coghlan be informed he is considering the advisability of increasing the weekly rents by an amount equivalent to the amount of rates assessed on the houses, as he does not, having regard to the very low rents at which the houses are let, feel justified in transferring the payment of these rates to Ratepayers in the Urban District who pay their rates, and he cannot therefore consent to the remission of the Down Rates for year ending 31st March 1924.

Ordered

That the Ministry of Local Government be asked to

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to inform the Commissioner whether this proposal would meet with the approval of the Department.

An application dated 5th Inst was received from Mr J. Mooney, Hon Secretary to the New Ross Branch of the Town Tenants League for use of the large room on the first Monday of each Month from 8.30 p.m. and same was granted.

An application, dated 3rd Inst; was received on behalf of the Irish American Oil Co Ltd for Licence to store Petrol in their store situated at Cross Lane, New Ross.

The Surveyor reported verbally that he had inspected the store referred to in the application, and he did not consider it sufficiently isolated as to render it safe for the storage of Petrol. There is a row of houses adjacent to it, and in addition it is situate on high ground, and if any fire occured the liquid would flow down the street.

After considering the application at length the Commissioner decided not to grant the Licence on the ground that the store is not sufficiently isolated

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An application dated 1st Instant was received from the New Ross Motor & Engineering Co for permission to erect a Kerbside B.P. Petrol Pump outside their premises on Quay and it was granted subject to the pump being erected to to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor

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The Clerk drew attention to the practice of rolling Trucks on the footpaths, and suggested that the Civic Guards be asked to assist in putting a stop to it, and it was:-

Ordered

That they be requested to co-operate with the Council in putting a stop to the practice.

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The Clerk also suggested that the Ministry be asked to sanction an overdraft of £1,000 until the end of December so that the County Council might be paid two instalments of the Demand for year ending 31st March 1924 amounting to £1098-17-9. At present there was only a small sum of £98-14-11 to credit of Council which will not be sufficient to meet the ordinary bills payable at next Finance sitting to be held on 13th inst.

The Commissioner directed that applications be made for sanction.

From a statement submitted by the Clerk it appeared that a sum of £903-15-0 of Poor Rate and £1085-8-5 of Town Rate including irrecoverable rates, for year ending 31st March 1924 was still outstanding, and of that for 1923 a total of £982-8-3 was also outstanding.

The Collector, who was present was directed by the Commissioner to proceed expeditiously with the collection of these rates, and adopt drastic measures if necessary, to ensure their prompt collection, so that the collection may be finally closed before commencing that for year ending 31st March 1925.

The following Report of the Town Surveyor in reference to the work to be carried out in the Urban District under the Trunk Roads Grant Scheme, was submitted viz:-

30th August 1924

A Chara,

In reply to recent enquiries I have received the undermentioned communication from Wexford County Surveyor, relative to hire and use of Road Rolling Plant in connection with Grant of £1,200 for improvement of Section of Road No 7. viz:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst and have discussed this matter with our Machinery Overseer. I can let you have plant for the work provided you take it over at once; as we ourselves will want it later on. I attach particulars of terms. If you are willing to take

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take over this plant at these terms, please communicate directly with Mr Co. Murphy, Market Square Enniscorthy and let him know what day you will want roller.

(Signed) L. MacT. De Bana
Soirbheir Ar Chondae

(Terms)

"For hire of Roller only- six shillings per hour. Urban Council must provide lodging money or accomodation for two men. Men to feed themselves.

Must provide proper lock-up store for coal, oil &c and proper place to leave Engine off street where not accessible to public.

Must pay for fifty hour week unless it is exceptionally bad weather. Alternate Monday mornings to be left off for washing out and no charge for this time. Urban Council to supply water for this &c.

The County Council to provide engine men, coal, oil, stores &c and to have entire control of machinery. Work to be carried out under the control of the Urban Councils responsible Officer unless such directions shall be manifestly in error as to the danger or detriment of the machinery. The County Surveyor shall be the sole judge in this latter case. Hireage to terminate on completion of Road Grant work or on two weeks notice by the County Council.

For water Carts (2) Scarifier and Sprayer extra per day £1 (five shillings).

I am advised by the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Dept) that the foregoing terms may be regarded as acceptable.

James J Shortall
Down Surveyor.

The terms and conditions embodied in the Report upon which the Steam Roller and other Machinery might be hired, having been previously approved of by the Commissioner, approval was now formally ratified by him at this sitting.

The Surveyor reported verbally that work will be commenced on Monday and stated that the wages payable to the men to be employed will amount to about £50

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£50 for a fortnight.

Accordingly it was ordered that a Paying Order for £50 be issued to the Clerk as Petty Cash to pay the workmen engaged on the Scheme, same to be payable out of the Trunk Roads Grant account, and the Treasurer's Authority for this amount was signed by the Commissioner.

The Street Inspector reported that the usual persons continue to sell fish from carts in Quay St & North St, and South St, also that the daily scavenging is carried out in a satisfactory manner.

No Order made

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The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday 13th September '24.

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Saturday, 13th September, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Office of the Urban Council on this day at 4 oclock p.m to transact business pursuant to the Dowris Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, including Diuance business

The Minutes of last sitting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 144	D. Doran	£2-3-4	No 145	John D. Browne	£1-19-0
" 146	D. Browne	£3-14-5	" 147	D. Butler	£7-1-8
" 148	D. Butler	£5-8-4	" 149	D. D. Shortall	£15-10-6
" 150	R. Dinin	£17-19-5	" 151	Petty Cash	£50-12-3
" 152	Secty School Mgt Ctte	£13-19-0	" 153	National Bank	£14-2-8
" 154	P. J. Kennedy	£107-18-0	" 155	P. J. Kennedy	£1-13-5
" 156	D. Lyne	£11-2-6	" 157	Richard Murphy	£20 —
" 158	Hibn. Insce Co	£2-17-0	" 159	J. S. Varian & Co	£6-14-0
" 160	J. Merrigan	£4-4-9	" 161	Jas Rossiter	£1-2-1
" 162	Parnell Quarries	£51 —	" 163	Thos Lenehan & Co	£1-2-6
" 164	D Doran	£18-17-9.			

Correspondence.

The following letter was received from Mr J. P. Coghlan Solicitor viz:-

9th September, 1924

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th Inst, and note what you say. Although I have not been instructed on the point I feel satisfied that the tenants will be satisfied to pay an increased figure to cover rent & rates.

I regret the Commissioner cannot see his way to remit the Down Rate for 1924. He is aware it has never been paid and that when the new Council functions (as it is expected to next year,) the old rule will prevail and probably a refund will be ordered of any amounts which the Collector may receive. In addition very many of the tenants cannot afford the rate at present - Legal proceedings would not be

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be productive - they would be costly. Would the collection be worth it? Before the Commissioner finally decides to give instructions for the collection of the Down Rate will you kindly place these views before him. If he still decides to enforce payment would you be good enough to send me the form of letting Agreement which your Council requires the tenant sign.

Yours faithfully
James P. Coghlan.

P.J. Dinneen Esq
Clerk to the Urban Council

Ordered - That Mr Coghlan be informed his letter will be considered in due course

The Commissioner decided to defer consideration of it pending a reply from the Ministry of Local Government to the Clerk's letter of the 10th inst asking for the views of the Ministry regarding the proposal to increase the weekly rents payable by the tenants, to a sum equivalent to the rates.

Letter from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Company Ltd. dated 4th September relative to the Insurance of the men engaged in work under the Roads Grant Scheme and pointing out that the general practice is to effect a Policy covering the wages expended, and they enclosed a Proposal Form for completion. Meantime holding the men fully covered under the terms and conditions of the present Policy.

The Clerk stated that he completed the Proposal Form and handed it to the Company and this was approved of.

The following proposal was received from Messrs Moran Bros for the supply of Down Rate Receipt & Demand Notes for first & second Moiety in separate books, and the same of Poor Rate ones:—

13 Books Down Rate 1st Moiety @ 2/3 per book.
13 Do Do 2nd Moiety @ 2/. do
13 Do Poor Rate (1st & 2nd Moiety in this receipt) @ 3/ per book

Ordered - That this proposal of Messrs Moran Bros to supply the books quoted be accepted.

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An application dated 26th July, received from the Shell-Mex Ltd, Grafton St, Dublin, for a Licence to store, 1000 Gallons of Petroleum in their store at Rosbercon was granted, the Clerk having explained that the store, which was situated in Mr Laboisfield at Rosbercon was previously approved of.

A further application was received from the Representative of the Irish American Oil Co Ltd dated 12th Inst, for a Licence to store Spirit at their Depot at Ross Lane reducing the quantity to 1,000 gallons.

At last sitting an application to store 2,000 gallons in same premises was refused, on the ground that the store was not sufficiently isolated.

The Surveyor, who was present expressed the opinion that it was not at all safe to permit the storage of Petroleum there in any quantity, and the Commissioner accordingly refused to grant the Licence

A letter was received from J Kehoe Dair Gate again drawing attention to the report made by him regarding the breaking of Panes of Glass in the window of house occupied by him. His wife alleged that Patrick Graces children broke five panes, notwithstanding that he had previously written denying this allegations.

It was now Ordered – That Grace be informed it has again been reported to the Commissioner that the glass was broken by his children, and he be requested to have the glass replaced.

Letter from the Secretary of the County Council dated 10th September stating that Dorms qy in connection with the application for an Instalment of Roads Grant, received from the Clerk, were handed to the County Surveyor to deal with them.

No order made

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The Surveyor reported verbally that work under the Road Grant Scheme was commenced on Monday, 8th Inst. The Council, under the arrangement with the County Surveyor, were bound to provide lodging for the two men engaged with the Steam Roller, and he had arranged with Mrs Ryan Quay to lodge them at the rate of 2/- per night for each man, making a total of 28/- per week for the two. These were the best terms he could obtain, and the only place in which he could find accomodation.

The Commissioners approved of the arrangements made including the charge of £1-8-0 per week for the two men.

The Clerk submitted the weekly sheets prepared by the Surveyor, of the Council's workmen for week ending 11th Inst, as also those of the men engaged on the Drunk Roads Grant Scheme for the three days ending on that date. From them it appeared that Patrick Carroll was engaged during the last three days at ordinary work of the Council, including the Wednesday half-holiday, for which he was paid £2-12-6, per week and that he also worked the same Wednesday on the Road Grant Scheme for which he was paid 5/0 being the daily rate of wages payable to the workmen on the Scheme, as sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government.

The Surveyor stated that he could not get as suitable a man to act as working gauger on the Drunk Road Scheme, as Carroll was, and consequently he transferred him to that work, but as he could not be paid the same rate of wages under the Scheme, he put him on the Pay Sheet of the Council's men, and at the same time sent a man who would otherwise be working on the Scheme, and who was paid at the rate of wages sanctioned viz 28/- per week, to take the place of Carroll on the town; which, he contended, meant that Carroll was working by Proxy on the town. Carroll also worked on the half-holiday on the Scheme, which the Surveyor contended was overtime, for which he was entitled to be paid at the rate of 1/8 per hour or 5/8 for the four hours and for this he returned him as working one day on the Scheme @ 5/10.

The Clerk reported that it was highly irregular to return Carroll as engaged at ordinary work of the Council for

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for which he was entitled to, and would be paid, at the rate of £2-12-6 per week, whilst at the very same time he was working on the Drunk Roads Scheme, under which the highest rate that could be paid to him as working Ganger was £2— per week, and stated that under the circumstances he could not pay Carroll in future. Further the Clerk contended that the four hours between 2 and 6 o'clock could not be regarded as overtime inasmuch as the Councilsmen were already being paid for these same hours although not asked to work, and that paying a man for overtime if he worked these hours was also irregular. He held that overtime meant the time before or after ordinary working hours.

The Commissioner decided that the course adopted by the Surveyor to secure the services of Carroll as workman on the Scheme was absolutely irregular, and also that the half-holiday hours could not be regarded as overtime, during which the men might be employed, except in case of urgent necessity.

The Surveyor having again pointed out that he knew no man as competent for the work under the Drunk Road Scheme as Carroll, the Commissioner decided to ask the Ministry to sanction, under the circumstances, the payment of £2-12-6 per week to Carroll as working Ganger on the Drunk Road Scheme, this being the wages paid by the Council to him as a workman of the latter, and that pending sanction he is to be put on the Drunk Roads wages sheet, and paid his usual rate of wages, also that the man engaged at Council work be entered on the wages sheet of the ordinary workmen of the Council at the rate of wages he would be paid if working on the Scheme viz:- 35/- per week.

The Street Inspector reported the Fish Dealers continue to sell their goods from Carts at Quay St as usual, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner

No Order made

The Commissioner adjourned to Thursday 18th September, 1924

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Thursday, 18th September, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Office of the Urban Council on this date to transact business pursuant to the Dourís Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last Sitting were read and signed

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No 25935/24 dated 16th Inst. stating that he had fixed a fee of £6-6-0 payable for the audit of the accounts of the former Newross Urban Council, for the years ended 31st March 1923 & 1924, and requesting that a Paying Order be issued in his favour.

Ordered

That a Paying Order for the amount be issued at the next Finance meeting.

Letter from the Secretary of the Carnegie Library Service, dated 12th Inst forwarding the following copy of a resolution passed by the Enniscorthy Committee viz:-

"In view of the success of the Carnegie Library Scheme"
"in the County, this Committee requests the County"
"and Urban Districts to take the necessary steps to"
"strike a Library Rate at the earliest possible"
"moment."

As the rate for the year ending 31st March 1925 was already made there was no action taken on the matter

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An application dated 17th Inst was received from Friday Carty on behalf of the Aeriadth Committee, for the use of the two rooms in the Hotel, and the Council Office on the night of the 28th Inst for the purpose of holding a Ceilid

Ordered

That the use of the two rooms be given to the Committee on an undertaking being given by a responsible Ratepayer that any damage done to the premises during their occupation will be repaired

The Commissioner decided not to give the use of the Council Office.

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Letters were received from Mrs Pype Bullaun, and Mrs Allen Dairgate, both tenants of the Council, complaining of the bad state of repair of houses occupied by them, and asking to have them repaired

Ordered

That the Surveyor have some repairs of a very urgent nature carried out on house occupied by Mrs Pype, and that he inspect & report upon the condition of one occupied by Mrs Allen.

A letter dated 15th Inst was received from Mr Thomas Kehoe Cockpit Lane, another of the Council's tenants, complaining that a pane of glass in window of house occupied by him was broken by a daughter of Mrs Fleming of Lichtown, but she has not called to say that she will repair the damage, hence he is reporting it. Michael Culleton has also made a cutting through the concrete kerb of the footpath causing the water to flow down by his door. Mrs Culleton has been continually dusting her door mats &c by beating them from her front door so that his windows and rooms receive a good deal of the dust. He asked that these matters receive attention as soon as possible.

Ordered

That Mr Kehoe be informed the breakage of the pane of glass, referred to in his letter, is a matter between himself and the person that broke it, and does not call for the interference of the Commissioner

That the Surveyor inspect the Channel referred to and report as to its condition.

There was no order made in reference to the dusting of the mats

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An Application dated 5th Inst was received from James Gladney for a licence to store Petrol at his Garage in John St.

The Surveyor reported verbally that the Petrol was stored in his Garage with Motor Cars and he did not think the place suitable for the storage of Petrol.

The Licence was accordingly refused.

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The Clerk reported verbally that the School Attendance Committee of the Urban District requested him to inform the Commissioner that the Very Rev John McSwiney O.S.F. had ceased to be a member of the Committee on his transfer to Cork, and as he was one of the members appointed by the Urban Council, they respectfully request the Commissioner to appoint some person to fill the vacancy

Ordered

That Very Rev E. Doran O.S.F., who has succeeded Father McSwiney as Prior of the Order here, be appointed a member of the School Attendance Committee.

It was also ordered- That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to take proceedings against Miss Lena Gannon, South St, if she fails to comply within the specified time, with the Sanitary Notice served on her requiring her to have the drain in yard of house occupied by Mrs Brady & Miss Lane cleared.

The Commissioner also ordered that the Quarterly meeting for the transaction of business under the Local Government (Ireland) Acts 1898 for Quarter ending 30th September 1924, be fixed for Saturday 27th September 1924

The Clerk stated that he had employed John Hearn as caretaker of the new houses at 5/- per week, as directed by the Commissioner at his sitting on the 23rd August, the engagement to date from the 12th Inst, and this was approved of.

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The Commissioner adjourned to 27th September, 1924.

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Saturday, 27th September, 1924

The Commissioner attended on this date to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 & Consider Surveyor's Quarterly Report.

The Minutes were read & Signed

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read viz

27th Septr, 1924

A Chara,

During the past Quarter the general condition of the Public thoroughfares has not improved. There was no macadam available to restore damage caused by ordinary wear & tear. I hope however to be in a position to rectify this matter during the coming month when Macadam arrives from the Quarries.

Good progress is being made in connection with Drunk Road Improvement Scheme. I expect that Rolling operations will be completed in about three weeks hence.

I do not propose to submit any recommendation for new works in the district on the present occasion.

(Signed)

I. I. Shortall.

Town Surveyor

The Commissioner made no order on this Report, and adjourned to —

Saturday, 24th January, 1925.

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Saturday 27th September, 1924.

The Commissioner attended on this date at 4 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:- No 165 Petty Cash £69-3-4 (Drunk Roads a/c), No 166 £35-0-5 - Petty Cash

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health No R/S.G.A/109 dated 18th September 1924, informing the Commissioner that no objection will be raised to his proposal to employ one of the Council's permanent workmen as Ganger under the Roads Grant at £2-12-6 per week.

No order made.

Letter from same (Roads Dept) received through the Secretary Wexford County Council No S.A/109 dated 18th Inst forwarding Paying Order for £160 and informing the Commissioner that this sum together with previous payment amounted to 80% of the sum allocated out of the Grant; and payment of the balance will be made in accordance with the conditions of the Ministry's Circular letter dated 18th February last No S.G.A/201.

Ordered

That the Paying Order be lodged to the credit of the Council's Drunk Roads Grant A/c.

Letter from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co dated 22nd Inst advising a Premium of £2-14-0 for insurance of men working under the Drunk Roads Scheme

The Clerk stated he had instructed them to prepare the Policy and this was approved of by the Commissioner.

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Letter from the Peridaeth Committee dated 24th Inst assuring the Commissioner that every care will be taken of the Rooms of Hotel when in their possession on the night of the 28th Inst.

This was approved of.

Letter from same under date 27th Inst. applying for permission to get service of Electric Light for two rooms on 28th Inst

The Commissioner granted the application.

A circular letter was received from the Sinn Fein Executive protesting against the exhumation of the remains of Republican Soldiers.

No Order made.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health No P.41900/1924 sanctioning an overdraft not exceeding £1,000 on the Council's Account from the 1st Inst to 31st December next with Interest as already agreed to, and forwarding a duplicate of the letter for the information of the Bank

The Clerk having forwarded the duplicate of the Minister's letter to the Bank there was now

No Order made.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 19th Inst, informing the Commissioner of their attendance at the hearing of Summonses against Patk Nolan & Michl McGrath for trespass on the Council's field at Dowryhall, in the Case of Nolan who is a youth of 16 years the Justice adjourned his case to be dealt with by Mr Fahy (the Permanent Justice) on his return from holidays.

McGrath was fined 2/6 & Costs of court, they (Colfer & Son) pressed for a heavy fine & legal costs but as the Defendant was unemployed the Magistrate refused to allow the costs against him.

No Order made

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Letter from same dated 19th Inst, reporting that the adjourned summonses against Harney & Dinch, Fishdealers, came on for hearing on the 16th. The permanent Justice, Mr Daly was on Holidays, and his substitute was reluctant to go into the cases. On application by Defendants' Solicitor they were adjourned for Mr Daly's attendance

No order made

Letter from same dated 20th Inst acknowledging Clerk's letter in reference to connection made with Council's pipe by James Gladney, & stating the matter is having attention

No order made.

Letter from James Costelloe, St Mary's Terrace dated 27th Inst. informing the Commissioners that he owes £13 for Rates and asking him to accept payment of same by weekly instalments of 10/, as he finds it hard to meet the full amount owing to recent domestic expenses.

Having gone into the matter the Commissioner felt that he could not interfere with the Collector in his collection of the rates, and directed

That Mr Costelloe be informed he regrets very much he cannot accede to his request, as all rates must now be paid to enable the collector to close his warrant.

Letter from D. D Sinnott Secretary County Home in reference to Pensions payable to (John) David Nolan, & Patrick Browne, late employees in the New Ross workhouse, and who at present drive rates to the Council

The Commissioner ordered

That Collector take proceedings against those persons for payment of rates due.

The Clerk reported that John Hearne had no been caretaking field at Townwall since the tenants went into occupation of the new houses.

Complaints had been made of trespass in the field

again

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and in the vicinity of the houses.

Ordered

That John Hearne be employed for two weeks as Caretaker of field, at a weekly wage of 5/-

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The Clerk submitted Appeal List received from the valuation Office, showing a decrease of £5 in the valuation of premises occupied by Peter A O'Gorman Rosbercon & Mary J Moran Johy St.

The necessary Notices had been published.

The Commissioner directed that Mr Maher, Customs & Excise be informed of this.

The Surveyor reported verbally that he inspected Concrete Channel at T. Kehoes house Cockpit Lane, nothing called for attention at present, The Closet closet pan in this house is broken.

The house of Mrs Allen Dollyhouse Lane, is in need of repairs, the estimated cost of same is two pounds.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have repairs carried out on Allen's house.

That Thomas Kehoe be requested to have a new Closet pan fixed in his house without delay.

That Surveyor inspect house occupied by P. McNamara Irishtown, and report cost of necessary repairs.

The Street Inspector reported that Traders, whose names he gave in detail, continue to cause obstruction of the streets. The Public Lamps are lighted according to Contract, and the daily Scavenging is carried out in a satisfactory manner

No Order made.

The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday 4th Octr 1924

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The Commissioner attended at the office of the Council on this date at 4 oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider applications for the tenancy of a house at Church Lane at a weekly rent of 2/9

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Clerk and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 167	J J Shortall	£15-10-10.	No 168.	D. Doran	£2-3-4
" 169	R J Dunn	£17-19-5	" 170	R J Dunn	£1-17-6
" 171	Same	£6-5-0	" 172	Thos Butler	£7-1-8.
" 173	Thos Butler	£5-8-4	" 174	J. J. Bourke	£1-19-0
" 175	J. J. Bourke	£3-14-5	" 176	Petty Cash	£31-10-5
" 177	P. Feeney	£3-4-6	" 178	School Attd Ltte	£4-3-4
" 179	Moran Bros	£7-1-6	" 180	H. R. Hamilton	£1-5-6.
" 181	Treas Co Col.	£549-8-10	" 182	Ministry of Local Govt.	£12-12-0
" 183	People Coy	£4-15-6	" 184	D Lyne	£11-10-0
" 185	St Stephens Ltte	£15—	" 186	Joseph Lynch	£7-10-0
" 187	Parnell Quarries	£22-8-0	" 188	Dr S K Kyle	£21-1-10
" 189	Dr J O Regan	£15-0-0	" 190	Parnell Quarries	£55-16-0 2/Rate
" 191	Railway Co	£128-7-9 2/Rate	" 192	D. Doran	£14-12-4 2/Rate
" 193	Petty Cash	£56-16-7 2/Rate	" 194	Hibernse Co	£2-14-0 2/Rate

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant for £7-0-5 nett was received from the Cashiers Bank of Ireland, being interest on 2½% Consolidated Stock, after deduction of British Saorstat Eireann Income Tax

Ordered

That warrant be lodged to credit of the Council and application be made for refund of Income Tax.

An application was received from R J Dunn of the Irish American Oil Co, dated 3rd Inst applying for Licence to store 2000 gallons of Petroleum at Store on Quay

New Ross

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New Ross, rented from Mr Dwyer.

The Surveyor having approved of the position of Store - The Commissioner ordered that the application be granted subject to the Company complying with the specified conditions.

Letter received from the Minister for Local Government viz:-

9th October 1924

"In reply to your letter of the 6th Inst. I am instructed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that he is not prepared to approve of the payment of poundage fees in full on the amounts collected & lodged by the Rate Collector during the period ended 30th ultimo.

While the Minister agrees to the advance of £100 on a/c he desires the record of the Collector in the past few months to be brought prominently before the Commissioner with the object of stress being laid on the necessity of drastic action in the cases of rate defaulters. The ample powers now at the disposal of Collectors under Part 3. of the (Enforcement of Law) Occasional Powers Act 1924, whereby debtors can be examined as to their means and provision made for payment by instalments together with the ordinary powers for collection of rates at the disposal of Collectors should enable the recovery of the outstanding amounts without further delay.

In the case of the 1923 warrant amounting to £6538 the position appears to be that same £1120 was outstanding at 31st March last. Since that date the progress has been as follows:-

Date	Outstanding.
3/6/24	£1005
3/7/24	£987
30/7/24	£984
2/9/24	£982

Full fees on the amounts collected & lodged to 31st March last, have been paid in this case, and it now appears that the Collector has since only lodged about £88.

For the 1924 Collection (warrant) £6597 the particulars are:-

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Date	Outstanding
3/6/24	£6127
3/7/24	£4372
3/8/24	£2972
2/9/24	£2309

It accordingly seems evident that the main activities of the Collector have since been directed to the 1924 Rate, and that little or no efforts have been made to secure the outstanding arears from the previous year.

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The Rate Collector, who was present, informed the Commissioner that he was not prepared to accept £100 on account of Commission due to him, as he presently needed the full amount due at the end of half-year viz: £190-4-8

After consideration the Commissioner —

Ordered

That a return of rate collected, for years ending 31/3/23 and 31/3/24, up to 29th September, with a note of the amount for both years, collected to date, be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government; and he be asked, to sanction payment of the full amount of commission due for rates collected up to 29th September 1924.

A letter dated 10th Inst was received from Mrs Keefe, William St, one of the Council's tenants, asking to be supplied with a new range, she is willing to pay half the cost of same

Ordered

That she be informed the Commissioner regrets he cannot accede to her request

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Letter dated 4th Inst. was received from Patk McNamara, Irishtown, drawing attention to the condition of house, and asking to have some repairs carried out.

Ordered

That Surveyor submit an Estimate of cost of repairs to this house.

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The following letter was received from Messrs Colfer & Son 1st October 1924

Re New Ross U.D.C. v Wm Finch

Dear Sir

We attended at the adjourned hearing of the above summons against the defendant for obstructions under the Towns Improvement Act, and on the offence being proved the Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs of Court.

U.D.C. v Bridget Harney

The above case for a similar offence was also heard at great lengths. Evidence was elicited that the defendant, her father, and her grandfather had been selling fish in that portion of Quay St, the subject of the prosecution for over forty years, and claimed a title to it. It was contended for the plaintiff that the allegation of title was not bona fida in view of the fact that the defendant's mother had been fined some six years ago for a similar offence

The District Justice stated that he had great difficulty in deciding whether he had jurisdiction to try the case or not, and in view of the fact that evidence of user for forty years had been given he would deem it prima facia evidence of title, and he dismissed the case without prejudice to either parties rights.

The Council may proceed by fresh summons under the Towns Improvement Act, or under the Bye Laws, or take proceedings to obtain an injunction restraining the Defendant. We will consider which course is the cheaper and more effective, and will advise the Council without delay

(Signed) Colfer & Son

Ordered

That Messrs Colfer & Son be informed the Commissioners awaits their advice in the matter of fresh summons against Bridget Harney.

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A letter dated 4th October was received from the Hon Secretary of the Down Tenants League, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by them - protesting against the increase of rent on house at Church Lane and also the addition of Down Rate on the new tenant

Ordered

That the Secretary, Down Tenants League be informed the rent of house in Church Lane has been increased in the interest of the Ratepayers of New-Ross. In the matter of rates the tenant will be dealt with in the same way as the other tenants of the Council.

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 8th Inst. notifying that Mr T.H. Barlee will commence the annual revision of the Valuation of New Ross Urban District about the 9th Inst.

No Order made

An application dated 30th ultimo was received from the Secretary of the Dance Class Committee, for the use of the Large room Tholsel, in which to hold a Dance Class.

The Commissioner decided to adjourn this application for the present.

Letter dated 1st Inst was received from the Inspector [illegible] acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's Letter of the 30th ult. in reference to trespass on field at Dowrylwall, and assuring him that the matter is receiving their attention

No order made

Notice of application for compensation for Criminal Injury was received from Thomas J Kelly L.L.B., Solicitor, on behalf of Bertie Shelby, for malicious breaking of a Plate Glass window value £8

No order made.

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Letter from County Surveyor, Wexford County Council dated 29th ult. in reference to the Trunk Roads Grant, and drawing attention to the Paragraph in the Ministrys Letter which states that after 80% of the amount allocated to the Council has been received it will be necessary to have a statement prepared on Form 18 showing work done and total expenditure todate, in order that the remaining 20% of the Grant may be obtained without delay.

As this amount had already been received by the Council Form 18, above referred to was enclosed for completion.

Ordered

That Surveyor have statement completed, so that application may be made for the remaining 20% of the Grant.

The Commissioner had before him the Agreement between Patrick Kelly, Contractor for the upkeep of New Ross Bridge, for year ending 31st March, 1925, Mr Jones Assistant Co Surveyor, & Mr Shortall, Town Surveyor, in reference to delivery of stones, and rolling of new Ross Bridge - of which he had formally approved - the Acting Clerk having stated that the forty tons of Macadam referred to in the Agreement had been ordered from the Parnell Quarries - the Commissioner approved of it, and directed that a Copy of same be forwarded to the Secretary of the County Council.

The Acting Clerk stated that the period for which John Hearne was employed to caretake the Council's fields at Downlwall would espire on 16th Inst and -
The Commissioner ordered - That he be employed for two weeks longer at a weekly wage of 5/.

The Town Surveyor reported that the Eave Shoots & Down pipes of Council's houses at Cockpit Lane required to be painted and -
The Commissioner ordered

That the work be done at a

cost

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cost not exceeding £3. (three pounds).

Street Inspector's Report

The Inspector reported that Traders, whose names are entered in detail in his Report Book, continue to place obstructions on the Streets outside their premises

M Hearn & Son had a Potatoe Digger outside their premises for a number of days, it was still there on the 11th Inst. Mrs Hennessy, South St also had Agricultural Machinery outside her premises.

Miss Harney, Mrs Dunlong, Mrs Reynolds & Gkeithy sold fish from Carts unyoked at Quay St, and Walsh at South St

The Public Lamps are lighting according to Contract & the daily scavenging is carried out in a satisfactory manner

Ordered

That M Hearn & Son & Mrs Hennessy be warned against the continuance of the practice of displaying Machinery outside their premises, and they be informed the Commissioner will be compelled to take drastic steps should this continue.

The Commissioner decided to prosecute the Fish Dealers named in the Report – but deferred taking action until advice was received from the Solicitors in reference to the recent case against B. Harney

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The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday 25th October 24.

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Saturday 25th October, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Office of the Council on this date at 4 oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:- No 195 Petty Cash £4.7.8.10

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 20th Inst referring to a letter addressed to them asking whether the men engaged on the Drumb Road Scheme might be paid for a half-holiday although they did not work for a half day of the full week owing to the inclemency of the weather. In it he stated that if the men engaged on ordinary maintenence work would receive full pay under similar circumstances the Minister will raise no objection to the men engaged on the Scheme being paid it.

The Clerk stated that the Council's men were always paid full time under similar ciacumstances and the Commissioner Ordered

That the men engaged on the Scheme be also paid for the half-holidays referred to.

An application date 30th ult. received from Aidan Carton for the use of the large room for the purpose of a dancing class for the winter months was refused

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 16th Inst acknowledging receipt of instructions not to proceed further in the case of Gladney & Slevin.
No Order made.

Letter from the Manager, National Bank, dated 25th Inst. intimating that his Board had sanctioned an overdraft of £1,000 on the Council's General A/c up to 31st Dec.

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December next.
No order made

Letter from the Minister for Justice dated 15th October 1924 acknowledging receipt of Messrs Colfer & Sons Bill of Costs in connection with the Housing Scheme and stating that same had been transmitted to the Department of Local Government & Public Health.
No order made

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 14th Inst. requesting to be informed of the date of receipt by the Clerk, of the Commissioner's decisions in the appeals transmitted to the Council on the 19th ultimo.

The Clerk stated that the Lists were received by him on the 20th ultimo, and he informed the Commissioner of Valuation accordingly.

A second letter dated 17th Inst was received from the Commissioner relative to the appeal of Mary J. Moran, against the valuation of premises in John Street, in which he stated that as the Notice was not lodged within the period prescribed by Statute it cannot be considered as an appeal to the Circuit Court.
No order made

Letter from same dated 21st Inst intimating that he has certified the contribution in lieu of Rates due to the Council at £16-13-4

No order made

A proposal received from William Donovan Main St to purchase an unfinished heap of manure in Council's field at Dowdstown for the sum of £3 (three pounds) was accepted.

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The Street Inspector reported that Mrs B Hennessy had a Potatoe Digger and Plough on the Public St. which causes a dangerous obstruction.

Messrs French & Hayden & Holden & Hanrahan exhibit goods on empty boxes on the Streets; which causes a permanent obstruction of the Roadway. Other traders also place empty boxes on the Streets.

Messrs Harney, Reynolds, Dunlong & Twilthy continue to sell fish from Carts (unyoked) in North St and Quay St. The Public Lamps are being lighted according to Contract

Ordered

That Mrs Hennessy, Messrs Holden & Hanrahan and French & Hayden be warned that if they do not remove their goods of the Streets they will be prosecuted without further notice.

There was no order made in reference to the Fishdealers who sell fish in the Streets pending further information from the Council's Solicitors on the matter

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The Clerk submitted a statement showing that the amount of rates for financial year ending on 31st March 1923, outstanding at date, including uncollectable rate, is £803-7-3 and for financial year ending 31st March 24 is £1427-16-9.

The Commissioner examined in detail a supplemental List of Uncollectable rate for year ending 31st March, 1923, submitted by the Collector, and decided to cancel Town & Domestic Water Rate amounting to £48-15-0 and Poor Rate £30-4-8.

The Collector also submitted a List of Outstanding Rates amounting to £57-14-11 Town & Dis Rate and £52-8-4½ Poor Rate which he considered could be collected by accepting what payments these persons can make, but he could not give any undertaking as to when the collection by this method will be completed.

The Commissioner stated that this would be an unsatisfactory way of collecting these rates, but at the.

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the same time he directed the Collector to send in a statement in writing pointing out this, which he would consider later and in the meantime the Clerk is to write to the Local Government Ministry if they would be prepared to approve of this arrangement.

The Commissioner also pointed out to the Collector that it would be necessary for him to enter into a new Bond before commencing the collection of the Rate for financial year ending 31st March, 1925, and he was of opinion that the Ministry would insist on the lodgement by him of the total amount of his warrant for that year and subsequent ones, and he asked the Collector if he will be prepared to do this. That Officer replied that he could not undertake to lodge the full amount of his warrant owing to the refusal of the Landlords to pay their tenants rates, nor could he obtain Sureties to his Bond guaranteeing this. After some further discussion the Commissioner
Ordered

That the Local Government Ministry be asked to state whether they will require the Collector to enter into a Bond as prescribed by the Public Bodies guaranteeing the lodgement by him of the full amount of his warrant; or whether an ordinary Fidelity Bond will be approved of by them in connection with the collection of the rates for financial year ending 31/3/25 and subsequent years.

The Commissioner adjourned to 1st November '24

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Saturday 1st November 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Office of the Urban Council on this day at 4 oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Order directed to be issued. ——

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant amounting to £16-13-4 was received from the Paymaster General being contribution in lieu of Rates on Government Property for year ending 31st March, 1925

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No 47216/1924 dated 27th October stating that he cannot, in the public interest, consent to payment to the Collector of poundage on the full amount of rates collected and lodged by him. No objection, however will be raised to a further advance of a sum not exceeding £50

Ordered

That he be paid £150 on account of poundage due to him.

A request was received from a large number of citizens and ratepayers drawing attention to the necessity of having Conduit Lane Area properly lighted. They pointed out that it is a much frequented thoroughfare and during the winter months the want of having it lighted would be a grave danger to pedestrians.

The Commissioner considered the erection of a lamp in the locality very desirable and

Ordered

"That"

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"That the New Ross Co Electricity Supply to be" asked to furnish by the 8th Inst. an estimate of the cost, if any, of erecting the lamps and also of having it lighted from date of erection to 1st May, 1925.

The following letter was received from Messrs Buggy Healy, Solicitors, Waterford viz:-

29th October, 1924

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by Mr Thomas Freeman of 22 Mary St, New Ross, Co Wexford, Labourer, to apply to your Council for the sum of £44-5-0. This Claim is made up as follows:-

Mr Freeman was employed as a labourer under the New Ross Urban District Council. In the year 1920 I understand the Council passed a resolution whereby any of their employees who would fall sick would be paid the difference between the benefit received by them from their Insurance Society and the wages they were receiving from the Council.

Our Client was sick from the 2nd November 1923 to the 29th November, 1923, from the 3rd December 1923 to 17th February 1924, and from April 28th to May 26th 1924. In all he was fifteen weeks laid up. The benefit he received from the Insurance Society was 15/ per week and his wages were £2-12-6 per week. Pursuant to the Resolution of the Council he would therefore be entitled to the difference between those two sums amounting to £1-17-6 per week. For fifteen weeks this would amount to £28-2-6

In addition to this sum of £28-2-6 our Client also claims a sum of £16-2-6 due to him for previous occasions which sum was actually passed by the Council to be paid to him.

Will you therefore kindly look into this matter at your earliest convenience and let us have cheque in settlement.

Buggy & Walsh.

P/M J Finn Esq
Clerk to the Urban Council.

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Ordered

That Messrs Buggy & Walsh be informed their letter is being considered by the Commissioner

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The Street Inspector reported that Mrs Harney, Mrs Dunlong and Mrs Reynolds continue to sell fish from carts (unyoked) in Quay St also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

The lamp at Fair Gate is out of order. All the other lamps are lighting according to Contract.

John Harney, Mary St, allow a cart, his property, to remain on the public street all night outside his premises. It was there all day today (1st November)

Ordered

That the attention of the Gas Company be drawn to the lamp at Fair Gate, and they be requested to have it put right.

Ordered

That Mr Harney be informed the Commissioners cannot permit the pratice of leaving carts on the streets all day, and over night, and if it is not discontinued he will be compelled to take proceedings against him without further notice.

There was No Order made in reference to persons selling fish pending further particulars from the Council's Solicitors.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing that the total amount of rates outstanding at date for year ending 31st March, 1924 is £14 13s. 13d. 4

In connection with this the Clerk stated that Mrs McCabe, Mary St, called on the Collector and asked him to accept payment of Mr McCabe's rates in Instalments at the same time offering a payment of £5 on account. He (Collector) desired to have the direction of the Commissioner in reference to the matter.

Ordered

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Ordered

That the Collector be informed the Commissioners feels he cannot interfere with him as Collector in the discharge of his duties. At the same time he will not offer any objection to the proposal provided a statement in writing is furnished to the Collector showing the dates upon which the balance will be paid, and that he (Collector) is satisfied it will be received in sufficient time to enable him to close his collection in due course.

With reference to the rates outstanding for financial year ending 31st March, 1924 the Commissioners

Ordered

That the Collector be requested to proceed at once to collect them so that the Collection may be promptly closed, and that for year ending 31st March 1925 begun without further delay.

Street Trading on Quay by Hawkers.

A Deputation consisting of Messrs John Murphy 14 South St, Joseph Roche, Quay St, John Murphy No1 Johy St, John French, South St, and James Power, The Quay attended as a deputation on behalf of the Traders of NewRoss to submit to the Commissioners the injustice to the Ratepayers of NewRoss of permitting Hawkers to sell clothes & other goods on the Quay on Saturdays & Fair days and to solicit his aid, if possible, in abolishing it.

The Commissioner expressed his willingness to co-operate with the Traders & Ratepayers, in remedying any grievances under which they laboured provided it was in his power to do so, and if the deputation could point out to him any legal steps which he might take in the matter, same would be carefully considered by him.

A discussion then ensued as to what could be done in the matter, and it was pointed out that

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that action might be taken under the By-Laws.
A copy of these was submitted and fully considered by the Commissioner who was of opinion that By-Law No 16 applied to the case. He accordingly
Ordered

That the Clerk serve Notice on any of these persons who may in future erect any stall or standing on the Quay for the purpose of the sale of their goods, that legal proceedings will be taken against them for causing an obstruction.
On the proposal of Mr John Murphy, 4 John St, Seconded by Mr Roche — A vote of thanks was passed to the Commissioner for the kind manner in which he received the deputation. The vote was suitably acknowledged by the Commissioner — after which

The Sitting was adjourned to 8th November, 1924

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Saturday 8th November 1924.

The Commissioner attended at the Council Office this day at 4 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 196- M. J. Finn Petty Cash (Trunk Road Grants Account) £22.19.7

" 197- G. A Hickey £7.10.0; Petty Cash (Ordinary Account) 198 £41.17.0

" 199- John J Browne £1.19.0; 200 John J Browne £3.14.5.

" 201- Timothy Doran £2.8.4; No 202 J Butler £7.1.8.

" 203- J Butler £5.8.4; No 204 J. J. Shortall £15.10.10.

" 205- M J Finn £17.19.5; No 206 C. A Finn £10.0.0.

" 207- Hely's Ltd £ - 18.11; Cashiers Bank of Ireland £279.13.1

" 209- Cashiers Bank of Ireland £124.7.3; No 210- Same £25.8.6

" 211- Croker Hes £2.15.3; 212- Free Press- Wexford £2.9.6

" 213- Secretary School attendance Committee £4.3.4; No 214- Flynn £10.15.0

" 215- M J O'Kennedy £1.1.1; M J O'Kennedy (No 216) £5.13.9.

" 217; Same £17.0.10; 218- Same £17.0.10

" 219; Same £54.12.4; 220- Same £54.11.2.

" 221; Same £4.5.8; No 222- Same £12.0.0

" 223; D S & W Ry Co £44.19.0; No 224- Kate Nugent £1.18.11

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No G. 49341/1924. dated 5th November 1924 referring to the Clerk's letter of the 28th Ultimo regarding the Rate Collector's Bond, and stating that a proper Bond in the form prescribed by the Public Bodies Order 1904 should be required.

Ordered

That a copy of this letter be furnished to the Collector. At a later stage of the sitting he informed the Collector verbally of the decision of the Minister in reference to the Bond, when that officer requested that the matter be allowed to stand over for the present so that he might, if possible, obtain an interview with the Minister in reference to the matter, and the Commissioner accordingly deferred making a definite Order respecting the provision of the Bond.

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government No G4936O/1924 dated 5th November 1924. acknowledging receipt of list of uncollected rates (these are the rates the Collector thinks can be collected by Instalments) which he returned, stating that the matter should be dealt with by the Commissioner having regard to his knowledge of the local circumstances. At the same time, he pointed out that the rates are long overdue, and having regard to Part 3 of the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act, 1924, it is not understood why the Collector has not already taken proceedings before the District Justice who under the Act is empowered on examination of the debtors to make instal-ment orders.

The Commissioner having interviewed the Collector as to the possibility of enforcing the provisions of the Act referred to in the letter, that Officer asked if he would be allowed the extra cost which such proceedings would involve, in the event of him being unable to recover them from the defaulting debtor. After comidering the matter the Commissioner

Ordered

That the Minister be asked to state whether the Collector may be allowed, by the Council, the additional costs which will be incurred by him in carrying the provisions of this act into force where such cannot be recovered from the defaulting ratepayer.

The Collector submitted a letter he had received from Mr Mc. Cabe Quay St enclosing £5 as first Instalment on account of rates due by him and promising to pay £5 on the first of every month until the amount is fully paid up.

The Commissioner whilst expressing the view that he could not interfere with the Collector in collecting the rates, decided not to make a definite Order for the present, pending further information from the Ministry in reference to the letter addressed to them on the 5th inst in reference to the collection of some outstanding rates by Instalments.

The only proposal received for the supply of Oats was one from P Tierney, Quay St, who offered under date 8th inst to supply Forty barrels of good quality Screened Oats @ 19/- per barrel to be removed from his premises in quantities as required before 30th September 1925.

Ordered

That P. Tierney's Tender for the supply of forty barrels of good quality Screened Oats @ 19/- per barrel, as required the same to be removed from his store before 30th Sept 1925 be accepted.

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A proposal, dated 6th Inst, was received from The New Ross Gas and Electricity Supply Company, to fix an Electric Lamp in Conduit Lane, Light and extinguish same at the same time as those in use, from 15th Inst to 30th April 1925 for the sum of £5-15-6

Ordered

That the proposal of the Gas Co to fix and light the lamp as specified for £5-15-6 be accepted, on the Condition that the necessary permission has been obtained from the owners of the premises to which it is proposed to fix the lamp.

That the Company be also asked to furnish an estimate of the cost of erecting a public lamp at Town Wall in a position in the Street opposite the Central house of the range of houses recently erected there by the Council.

Notice of Assessment of £3 Income Tax on profits of Market, Waterworks, etc was received from the Inspector of Taxes, but as the Amount of profit upon which the assessment of Tax was made, was previously agreed to, there was no Order made.

A letter was received from Joseph Allen complaining of the bad state of repair in which his house was, and it was Ordered that the Surveyor carry out any very urgent repairs which may be necessary.

The following Applications for an increase in the Town Surveyor's Salary were received Viz:-

Institution of Municipal Engineers, also County Engineers.
Irish District
Kellystown. Consilla
Dublin - 28th October 1924

Dear Sir

I am directed to bring to your notice the position of Mr J. J. Shortall Engineer to the New Ross Urban District Council, who is a member of this Institution, and to point out that the remuneration allowed to Mr Shortall is quite inadequate for the duties and responsibilities of his office.

Mr Shortall has served the Council for a considerable number of years without practically any assistance, with satisfaction.

It is the object of this Institution to raise the Standard of Engineers to Local Authorities and to supply them with information in modern and up-to-date methods of Municipal and County Engineering thereby increasing their knowledge for the benefit of the Local Authority which they serve.

I feel confident you will see that it would tend towards economy to grant Mr Shortall a substantial increase in his Salary

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(for which he is now applying) to enable him to maintain and improve his position.

I enclose formal application from Mr Shortall

Yours faithfully
J. Smith

J Lyne Esq
Commissioner.

New Ross Urban District Council
Town Surveyor's office
November 1924

The Commissioner
Urban District Council
New Ross

A Chara,

I would respectfully ask you to kindly consider the subject matter of my remuneration as Town Surveyor and grant me a reasonable increase. Since my appointment about sixteen years ago, the work and responsibility of my Department has increased considerably.

Many Schemes of public work have been successfully carried out within the past few years, Chiefly with the aid of free government Grants, and which, I may say, I was chiefly instrumental in securing. In addition to my Ordinary duties I have had to supervise work in connection with your Trunk road Improvement Scheme. The keeping of the workmen's time (for which formerly a Foreman was paid) the checking and Certification of public works expenditure, preparing wages accounts, and other sundry duties involve considerable time and labour on my part. I have no clerical assistant. Furthermore I have to pay my own office expenses, visit the reservoirs, inspect the public water system, about twice weekly, covering about forty miles per week, take the register of the various water meters in the Urban and Rural Districts, and bear all such travelling expenses out of my present remuneration of £187.10.0, including bonus of £37.10.0. I have always discharged my duties conscientiously and efficiently and I confidentally appeal to you to raise my present salary to a reasonable level with sliding increments until the Maximum is attained in five or six years hence. Such increase need not become operative until first day of January next.

Thanking you in anticipation
I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Jas J Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Ordered
That the consideration of the application be adjourned.

The Commissioner resumed consideration of the lists of outstanding rates for year ended 31st March 1923, submitted by the Collector as uncollectable, and having carefully examined those not previously dealt with by him, made the following Orders Viz:-

That sums of Town and Domestic Water Rate "
" for half-year ended 30th September 1922, amounting to £226-14-5,"
" including £44-1-1, due on vacant premises, and sums of Poor "
" Rate for same period, amounting to £158-9-5; including £28-14-0"
" due on Vacant premises; also sums of Town and Domestic Water"
" Rate for half year ended 31st March 1923, amounting to £176-6-7,"
" including £36-14-0- rates on Vacant premises; and sums of Poor"
" Rate for same period amounting to £117-13-10, including £24-4-0"
" due on Vacant premises, be cancelled, subject to the approval of the Minister"
" for Local Government, and Public Health, to whom particulars of the"
" foregoing amounts are to be forwarded for his consideration."

Cancelled
Town Rate £108-1-0
Poor Rate £276-3-3
Total £679-4-3
= 1/8 on the £

The Clerk reported that Patrick Carroll, the man appointed to follow one of the Council's horses, at £2-12-6 per week was for some weeks past being paid this wage although he was only engaged at ordinary street cleansing for which work £2-10-0 per week is only paid to the other men, whilst one of the other men — W. Shea — is following the horse, and he asked to have the payment of the extra 2/6 to Carroll authorized, if the present arrangements are to be continued.

The Surveyor pointed out that Carroll was more useful at general work of the Council, and could perform certain work more efficiently than any of the other men, and he suggested that Carroll be relieved of the care of the horse so that he might be more readily available for work of a special nature, his wages to be reduced by the extra 2/6, and that William Shea be appointed to take charge of the horse instead, and receive an addition of 2/6 per week to his present wage.

After some consideration the Commissioner,

Ordered

That Patrick Carroll's wages be reduced from £2-12-6, to £2-10-0 per week, he to be relieved of the care of the horse which he was appointed to follow, and that William Shea be placed in charge of the horse and his wages be increased to £2-12-6, the alteration in appointments to take effect from 19th inst, so that a weeks notice may be given each from next Wednesday - the day upon which the working week ends.

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In reference to the letter received from Messrs Buggy & Walsh, Solicitors, Waterford (copy of which is entered on the Minutes of the last Sitting) applying on behalf of Thomas Freeman, Barry St. for payment of £44-5-0 alleged to be due to him in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Council in the year 1920 agreeing to pay the workmen the difference between the amount they would receive from their Insurance Society, when ill, and their wages, it was,

Ordered

That copy of the letter received from Messrs Buggy and Walsh Solicitors, together with a copy of the resolution passed by the Council in 1920, as also extracts from the Minutes of the Council which have reference to the claim, be forwarded to the Council's Solicitors, for advice as to the liability of the Council for the amount claimed.

That a copy of the letter be also forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government, and they be informed the matter has been referred to the Council's Solicitors for advice

The following Statement showing the State of the Collection of the rates for financial year ended 31st March 1924 was submitted:-

Poor Rate –	Warrant –	£2638-8-3;	Collected £2111-6-8;	Outstanding £527-1-7
Town & D.W. Rate –	"	£3959-3-10	" £3086-5-7;	" 872-18-3
			Total outstanding at date →	1399-19-10

This concluded the business, and,

The Commissioner Adjourned to 15th November 1924.

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The Commissioner attended on this date to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:- No 225 Petty Sessions £34-3-0

Correspondence

Letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 15th Inst. No S2038/24 acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 12th Inst. transmitting an Estimate of the Expenditure of the New Ross Urban Council out of the rates during the year ending 31st March next, on the Provision of Meals for children attending National Schools, and enquiring the cause of the increase as compared with last year.

The Clerk submitted a copy of the reply sent by him in which he pointed out that in July last bills amounting to £52-13-8 were paid for bread supplied to Schools, of which £44-16-2 was due at close of last year owing to no money being available for ordinary purposes from November, 1923, until the appointment of the Commissioner. It is considered that a further sum of £57-6-4 to 31st March 1925 may be regarded as a moderate Estimate of Expenditure for the present financial year.

No Order made

Letter from the Manager New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co, dated 15th November 1924 stating that the cost to the Council of erecting a Gas lamp outside the Council's houses at Dowdstall would be £15, but this does not represent the entire cost which would be more than double. If it is decided to have it fixed

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fixed it will be charged for pro rata with the existing lamps from the time of lighting.

The Commissioner decided to defer the further consideration of the matter to next sitting.

Letter from the Parnell Quarries Ltd dated 14th Inst. in reference to the shortage of Macadam in two waggons, pointing out that 14 horse loads totalling Tons Cwt 16. 16. left the Quarry for the Railway but the train coming to clear the siding it was possible the man may have let one wagon away light but the balance would be sent in the next waggon.

Ordered

That the Clerk point out the Macadam contained in Wagon No 274 only weighed Tons Cwt Qrs 6 - 10 - 3 which means that the second Eight ton waggon should have held 10¼ Tons or 2¼ Tons over its normal capacity, which would be practically impossible.

The Surveyor stated that the bottom or floor of wagon No 274 was broken & some of the Macadam may have fallen on to the line.

Letter from Mrs Keefe, William Street, one of the Council's tenants, dated 21st Inst, drawing attention to the very bad state of the range in her house, owing to its condition she is unable to cook any food on it.

She asked to have the matter remedied, she is willing to pay full cost of same in weekly instalments

Ordered

That Mrs Keefe be informed if the Commissioners receives an undertaking on her behalf, signed by an approved Ratepayer, that she will repay cost of a new range by weekly instalments of one shilling he will have one fitted in the house.

Letter from William Shea, one of the Council's workmen, asking that he will be given a promise that he will get back to his job again if anything happens that the horse will not be kept on the street, as he would not like to be put off after being so long on it.

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Ordered

That William Shea be informed the Commissioner cannot give this undertaking, as he is unable to bind his Successors as to what they should do.

Letter from Mr James Murphy Hon Secretary of the New Ross Branch of The Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, dated 21st Inst, applying on behalf of the Council's workmen, who are members of the Union, for the usual sets of Oilclothes, and stating that they had none for the past two years

The Commissioner, on first consideration of the application, was of opinion that it should have come through the Surveyor and accordingly directed that it be referred to that Officer for report.

At a subsequent stage of the sitting the application was brought under the notice of the Surveyor, who was then present, and after further consideration it was decided to grant the application, Tenders to be invited for their supply.

It was also ordered that the Secretary be informed the application has been granted, but the Commissioner is of opinion it should have come through the Town Surveyor, who is the Official in charge of the men

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A letter dated 11th Inst was received from Mrs Saunders Irishtown, one of the Council's tenants drawing attention to the bad state of repair of house occupied by her, the roof of which is leaking badly. The out-offices are also in need of urgent repairs, She asked to have them carried out as soon as possible

Ordered

That the Surveyor furnish a report in reference to the matter.

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The application received from the Dowry Surveyor for an increase in his salary, dated November 1924, as also the letter in support of it received from the Hon Secty of The Institute of Municipal & County Engineers both of which are entered on the Minutes of last meeting, were considered by the Commissioner, and the following order made by him in reference to the application viz:-

See folio 246 1924 for application

"That the salary of Mr Shortall"
"be increased to £200, without Bonus, as from"
"1st January next with annual Increments of £10"
"up to the maximum of £250, subject to the"
"sanction of the Minister of Local Government"

He also directed that a copy of the application received from the Surveyor, as also a copy of the letter received from the Hon Secretary of the Institution of Municipal & County Engineers, which accompanied it, be furnished to the Ministry of Local Government, together with the following copy of a Memorandum prepared by him viz:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner to forward the annexed application from Mr J.J. Shortall, Dowry Surveyor to the New Ross Urban Council, supported by a letter from the Institution of Municipal & County Engineers, Dublin, & to state that his salary including War Bonus is £187.10.0. He is not provided with office accomodation.

It is true that Schemes of Public work have been carried out within the past few years in which he has borne a part, but it is equally true he has received remuneration in connection with such extra work.

The present salary is not, in my opinion, adequate for the responsible work entrusted to this official, on whose efficiency much spending work may be obviated, and while reluctant, at the present time, when the aim is the curtailment of public expenditure, I recommend that Mr Shortall's salary be increased to £200, without bonus, as from 1st January next, with annual increments of £10. up to the maximum of £250"

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The following application dated 22nd November was received from the Clerk of the Council for an increase in his salary viz:-

Urban Council Offices
New Ross
22nd November, 1924.

Dear Sir,

I respectfully ask you to consider my application for an increase of salary as Clerk of the Council.

In order to assist you in doing so I submit herewith the salary and emoluments attached to the position viz:-

Salary as Clerk of Council	£180-0-0
Bonus as Do	35-13-0
Fees for preparation of Voters Jurors Lists, which vary.—about	40-0-0

(of this latter sum £28 is paid by Clerk of Courts & Peace as Registn. Officer)

I am also in receipt of a salary of £25 as Executive Sanitary Officer, £7-10-0 as Registrar under the Dairies Order and £15 as Secretary to the School Attendance Committee.

It is I am sure, unnecessary to enumerate the various duties & responsibilities which attach to the position of Clerk of the Council, and will only refer to the preparation of the Rate Estimates, writing up of the Rate Books, which alone mean nearly three thousand calculations, halving & totting of same, keeping a complete record in the appropriate Books of Account, of the total receipts & Expenditure, Checking the Rate Collector's Books, writing up the Minutes of the meetings, dealing with correspondence, checking the workmen's accounts; and paying them- in fact the Clerk is practically the person responsible for the accuracy of the Receipts & Expenditure of the Urban District, which, I am sure you will agree, carries with it a great deal of care & anxiety

Some years ago I found it practically impossible for one person to efficiently discharge the duties of the position and seriously contemplated making

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application to the Council for an Assistant. I however refrained from doing so, and instead provided one myself which I have had continuously for the past twelve years.

Since my appointment the Water Scheme, Sewerage Scheme, & three Housing Schemes have been carried out, in connection with which, I need hardly say, an enormous amount of extra work devolved on me for which, (with the exception of £25 fees kindly allowed me in connection with the recent Housing Scheme of the Council) I did not receive one penny remuneration, although I freely performed from time to time work which did not at all appertain to my office.

As to the manner in which I have discharged my duties I will only say that no complaint has ever been made by either, Inspector, Auditor, or the Council, but, on the contrary, I have been complimented by Auditors on the satisfactory manner in which the Accounts have been kept, and presented for Audit.

I feel therefore that you will consider the justice of my application and kindly grant me such increase as is reasonably equivalent to half the salary which would be payable to an Assistant.

Although I have stated the salary payable to me as Executive Sanitary Officer, I have not referred to any of the duties of the positions under the Public Health Acts, or Sanitary Orders.

(Signed) H. Finn
Clerk of Council & S. Officer

The Commissioner having considered the application fully made the following order viz:—

"That the Salary"
"of the Clerk be increased to £260 without Bonus,
"as from the first of January next, subject to"
"the sanction of the Ministry."

He also Ordered that the application be forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government, together with the following copy of a Memorandum, in reference to it, prepared by him viz:—

with

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"With reference to the application from the Clerk of the Council for an increased salary, I beg to point out that the work has increased considerably since his salary was fixed, so much so that he has had to avail of the services of his daughter unpaid to enable him to cope with it."

"Recommended in the circumstances that his salary be £260 per annum without bonus as from the first day of January next."

Letter from Colfer & Son Solicitors, dated 14th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 14th Inst. enclosing copy of a letter received from Messrs Buggy & Walsh Solrs. Waterford, demanding payment of £44-5-0 on behalf of Thomas Freeman being the amount alleged to be the difference between the benifits received by him from his Insurance Society & the wages payable by the Council. The Claim appears to be based on the resolutions of the Council dated 26th June, 1923, which was subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

This approval has not been obtained and consequently the Council are not bound by it, nor are they in a position to give it legal effect.

Some payments have been made in pursuance of the resolution and have not been surcharged. They were illegal without the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and the omission of the Auditor to surcharge them does not affect the matter.

They therefore advise that the Claim be repudiated, and they enclose a draft letter which they suggest should be sent Messrs Buggy & Walsh.

Ordered

That Messrs Buggy & Walsh be informed, in reply to their application of the 14th ult on behalf of Thomas Freeman for payment of £44-5-0, that the Commissioners is not aware of any authority enabling him to make the payment requested, & he will be glad if they refer him to any such when he will go into the matter.

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The Surveyor reported that the essential repairs were being carried out to Council's houses in occupation of P. McNamara & Mrs Allen, and he also had the Eave Shutes & Down Pipes of Houghton Place & Abbey View Houses cleaned & painted as ordered, and the matter complained of by Mr Barry rectified. The matter recently complained of by Mr Joseph Roche has reference to a Metal Inspection Cover over Mr Roche's house drain which was constructed by Mr Roche himself about two years ago, & there is no obligation on the Council to repair it.

Ordered

That Mr Roche be informed the Council are not responsible in any way for the repair of the inspection cover.

The following recommendation of the Town Surveyor in reference to the supply of water and other appliances, to the County Council, for use in the steam-rolling of Chems Road, which was approved of by the Commissioners, and a copy forwarded to the County Council, should have been entered on the Minutes of the 8th November viz:-

"That the Wexford County Council be charged at the"
"rate of three shillings per day for the use of water"
"from the Urban Council's Hydrant & for use of"
"our Stand-pipe, hose, & fittings, as long as required"
"by them for road rolling operations, and also"
"that they be responsible for any damage caused"
"by their Employees to the Hydrant or fittings, or for"
"accidents arising through their negligence, this"
"charge to be retrospective since the 23rd October '24"

The Clerk reported that the key of house occupied by Mrs Finn, William St was given up to him on that day, & enquired if any alteration would be made in the present weekly rent of 2/-.

The Commissioner having considered the matter decided not to make any alteration in it.

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The Clerk also reported that the repairs to the Dourlock had been completed by the Contractor and stated that some Ratepayers asked him to suggest to the Commissioner the desirability of having the dial of it illuminated at night.

He however did not decide to do so but stated that any representations received from Ratepayers in reference to the matter would receive his attention

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the name 'ARD NA GRÉINE' painted in Gaelic characters on the pier adjacent to the new houses at Dourlock.

That the special attention of the County Council be drawn to the serious obstruction to traffic caused by the obstruction on the new Ross bridge in connection with the repairs to it, and they be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to have the work completed immediately, and in the meantime that it be lighted properly at night.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing the state of the Collection of the rate for year ending 31st March 1924, which was considered by the Commissioner, & which showed that the total rate outstanding at date was £1300.2.7. He also examined the Rate Book and drew the Collector's special attention to the large number of ratings still unpaid, and by ratepayers whom he considered could pay. He directed the Rate Collector to proceed with the collection energetically, and informed him that he would, in addition, write him on the matter

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The Street Inspector reported that Messrs W. Hutchinson & Son and Repts John Doyle, North Street had machinery on the street since the 13th Inst. which constitutes a serious obstruction to traffic in North St.

The Public Lamps are lighting at night according to contract, and the daily scavenging

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is carried out in a satisfactory manner.

It being understood that the Civic Guards will deal with Street obstructions there was —

No Order made with reference to this matter.

This concluded the business, and,

The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday 29th November, 1924.

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The Commissioner attended at Urban Council Offices on this date at 4 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Dourís Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider applications for the tenancy of a house at William St, lately occupied by Mary A. Linn.

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

Correspondence

The following letter was received from Messrs Colfer & Son in reference to the expiration of the lease of Sheehan's Store, Bridge St viz:-

27th November 1924

Re premises at Bridge St.

Dear Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 27th September we have now read the lease of 28th July 1857, which expired on 25th March, 1922.

On the expiration of the lease the Representatives of James Edward Howlett became yearly tenants of the Urban Council subject to the terms & conditions in the Lease.

The Commissioner is now in a position to determine the tenancy and serve the notice to increase the rent under Section 7 & 8 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Act.

The Policy of legislation between the Landlord & Tenant is to eliminate the middleman, & therefore as a result of the proceedings indicated the rent payable by the Reps Howlett will approximate with the rent payable by the occupying tenant. In other words the middleman's interest will disappear.

We are in communication with Miss Howlett and hope to communicate with you within the next few weeks

Meanwhile we have served the necessary "Notice to Quit" so as to place the Commissioner in a position to take advantage of the recent legislation

(Signed) Colfer & Son.

M. J. Linn Esq

Saturday, 29th November, 1924

Ordered

That Messrs Colfer Son be instructed to take whatever steps may be necessary to protect the interest of the Council in the matter

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The following letter was received by the Commissioner from the District Justice viz:-

Wexford

22.11.24

Dear Sir,

Sometime ago the New Ross Urban Council prosecuted two or three parties for selling fish on the Streets & it was stated in Court by the Council's Solicitor that the Shed on the Quay was the place appointed as a market for fish. The cases were adjourned for a month & it was stated by the Co's Solicitor that steps would meantime be taken to have this shed cleared out and made available as for a considerable time past it had been used as a store by the Council.

Nothing however has been done & recently Six parties were charged & fined by me. Although it is a nuisance to have the roads & paths in the town obstructed it occurs to me that the Fish Vendors can scarcely be blamed when "the market place duly appointed" for their accomodation is not available. It was stated to me in Court on the last day that they were all agreeable to carry on their operations on the Quay provided no one was allowed to go through the town - thus to prevent any-one having an advantage.

I thought I might manage to meet you sometime to discuss the matter with you but it is inconvenient for me to remain after the Mail train time 3.45pm. I would feel obliged if you would, at your convenience, Kindly consider the matter of having the market place on the Quay put in a suitable condition for these fish dealers. The Shed would be, (I am sure) a useful shelter at this time of the year

(Signed) J.V. Tobin

D. Lyne Esq

Saturday, 29th November, 1924

The Commissioner dictated and signed a letter in reply (Copy of which is in Letter Book) pointing out that the Dish house was built originally for the sale of Salmon but had ceased to be used for that purpose for at least twenty-five years, and the statement by the Council's Solicitor that it will be re-opened was not authorised by him. It became necessary to provide a Morgue, a house for Fire Engine and appliances, and a Store for workmen's tools and other property of the Council; and the Dish house was used for the purpose. The prosecutions were not conceived in a spirit to prevent legitimate fish sales, but to prevent possibly dangerous obstructions of the Streets, and as long as they avail of the space opposite the Dish house no interference from the Council will take place

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Letter from the Ministry of Local Government No P.H. S27/28/24 dated 25th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Clerks letter of the 18th Inst relative to the estimated expenditure out of the rates during the year ending 31st March next on the provision of Meals for Children attending National Schools in the District

No Order made.

Letter from the Secty Co Council stating that he has called the attention of the County Surveyor to barricade at New Ross Bridge Thas asked him to have the repairs completed as soon as possible. He also forwarded the letter in reference to water supplied in connection with Steam rolling in Rural District with instructions to deal with the payment. &c

No Order made

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the Collector in reference to the collection of the outstanding rates for year ending 31st March 1924.

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Waterford
24th November 1924

New Ross Urban Council

Dear Mr O'Kennedy

On the examination of the Rate Books for 1923/4 I noticed a good number of outstanding payments for substantial sums in respect of persons whose position warrants the assumption that no reasonable excuse can be advanced for the delay. I have therefore to request you to collect such rates without delay as the payments should have been made in ordinary circumstances before 31st March last

Yours faithfully
(Sgnd) D. Lynch
Commissioner

Dft
Mr M J O'Kennedy,
Rate Collector,
New Ross.

In connection with this letter & previous conversations with the Collector in which the Commissioner pointed out to him that it will be necessary for him to provide a Bond as prescribed by the Public Bodies Order in accordance with the Ministry's letter of the a letter was received from the Collector dated 29th Inst, in which he stated it would be impossible for him to procure Sureties to close his warrant for financial year 1924/25. He can get two business men to sign a Fidelity Bond. His aware of his own knowledge that the Wexford County Council Collectors in this Area are allowed to proceed with the Collection for that year on a Fidelity Bond

The Commissioner, after Considering the matter at some length,

Ordered

That a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Ministry and they be informed the Commissioner, whilst realising the difficulty of the Collector in obtaining a Bond as prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, feels equally the difficulty of carrying on the business of the Council unless the rates are collected promptly & the collection finally closed as heretofore. Before, however making

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a definite order on the matter he wishes to obtain the opinion of the Ministry in view of the statement made by the Collector in his letter - 'that the Waterford County Council Collectors are allowed to proceed with their collections on a Fidelity Bond only

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Letter from the Manager New Ross Gas Electricity Supply Co dated 29th November stating the cost of providing & fixing a suitable reflector outside dial of Dowry Clock, including wiring &c would be £2-15-0 He will also light & Extinguish the lamp at same time as public lamps from 15th December to 1st May for £2-10-0

Ordered

That the proposal of the Gas Electricity Supply Co to fix suitable reflector outside dial of Dowry Clock for £2-15-0 & light & Extinguish same time as Public Lamps from 15th Dec 24 to 1st May 1925 for £2-10-0 be accepted.

Letter from Messrs Bowe Bros. Pig Dealers, Waterford dated 28th Inst asking if any arrangements have been made for holding a Pig Market next month as the day it is usually held upon will be a Church holiday

Ordered

That Messrs Bowe Bros be informed no arrangements have been made, but it is believed that in olden times under similar circumstances, the pig fair was held on the previous Saturday, but it must be clearly understood that no responsibility is accepted for the accuracy of this statement

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The consideration of proposal received from the Gas Co to erect & light a Gas Lamp in the Street outside the houses at Dowrylwall was further adjourned, the Commissioner being of opinion that he would not be justified in having it erected in the absence of a request from some of the Ratepayers

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A letter was received from Mrs John Murphy, Bridge St dated 27th Inst requesting that a range be supplied & fixed in Council's house, occupied by Mrs Keefe, to be paid for on the weekly instalment system.

The Clerk stated that he called on Mr Murphy who informed him he meant his letter to be a guarantee that he would be responsible for the payment of the amount by the tenant, on the Instalment System, of the cost, but pointed out that she should be charged only half the cost, same as that charged to other tenants for similar accomations.

The Clerk submitted a Petty Ledger from which it appeared that all the other tenants in whose houses ranges were fixed were charged only half cost

After considering the matter, the Commissioner Ordered

That the range be supplied & fixed by the Council on the condition that the tenant contribute half the cost at one shilling per week

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A letter was received from Miss Florence Redmond The Quay in reply to a letter addressed to her informing her that the water supply would be cut off if she does not pay rate. In it she stated that she cannot meet the amount of rates due and asked that they be taken in instalments.

The Clerk stated that he wrote asking her the amount of each instalment she is prepared to pay & when each will be paid, but received no reply.

It was previously ordered - that the water be cut off if she does not pay the water Rate, and the Commissioner now directed that it be cut off.

The following applications were received for the tenancy of a house at William St lately occupied by Mrs Mary A. Finn, at a weekly rent of 2/ viz:-

Andrew Kielty, Lady Lane, New Ross, Samuel Gill, Michael St, Thos Pookin, William St, Edw Monohan Quay St & Sylvester Dempsey, Irishtown

Ordered

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Ordered

That Edward Monohan be accepted as tenant of the house.

The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out during the week in a satisfactory manner, also that the public lamps were lighting at night according to contract.

No order made

The Clerk reported that there were no Tenders received for the winding of Town Clock, and the Commissioner directed him to make any temporary arangements that he can locally.

The Clerk reported that the period for which proposal was accepted for tapping of Main, house connections, repairs &c, had expired & he asked for what period tenders for the work would be invited

Order

That tenders be invited for tapping of Main, house connections, repairs &c for one year.

This concluded the business, and

Chairman

The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday 6th Nov 24

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The Commissioner attended at the office of the Urban Council on this day at 4 o'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner & the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:- No 226 Petty Cash £37-3-5

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No P.S15'79/24 dated 29th ult forwarding for the information of the Commissioner, copy of correspondence with the Rate Collector, which consisted of copy of letter received from the Collector pointing out that owing to all the Landlords having refused to pay rates for weekly tenants he considered it would be a great hardship on him to have to lodge the full amount of his warrant & asking for the favour of an interview on the subject, with the Minister, also copy of reply by the Minister stating that he does not see any useful purpose will be served by a personal interview & pointing out that in view of the special facilities provided for the Collection of such rates by Part 3 of the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Acts 1924, and the powers under his Warrant the Minister does not see any reason for not closing his warrant.
No Order made

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 29th ult No P. S1601/24 acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 11th ult asking if the additional cost which will be incurred by the Collector in carrying into effect the necessary provisions of the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers, Act 1924 may be allowed him in cases where such cannot be recovered from the defaulting Ratepayer, & stating that

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that in the circumstances mentioned the Minister would be prepared to sanction a refund to the Collector.
No Order made

Letter from same dated 5th Inst No 9.54, 946/1924 acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of 1st Inst and stating that he sees no reason why the Rate Collector should be relieved of the necessity for entering into a Bond as required by the Public Bodies Order 1904.

The statement made by the Rate Collector in his letter dated 29th November (copy of which is entered on Minutes of that date) regarding the County Wexford Rate Collectors' Bonds is incorrect. The County Council are requiring their Collectors to enter into the required Bond for 1924/25 & subsequent Collections.

The Minister will however be prepared to give favourable consideration to any request by the Collector for an extension of time for closing his warrant for the current year, say to the end of May provided he is satisfied the Collector is making every effort to close his collection

In connection with this letter one received from the Collector, dated 6th Inst was considered by the Commissioner. In this letter the Collector offered Messrs James J. Fleming, Merchant, North St & John Murphy P.C. South St New Ross as his Sureties. He however stated that he was about to sign the bond on the conditions that he would be allowed twelve months to collect same and where Court Proceedings fail to recover rates, he shall be allowed Court expenses.

The Commissioner having considered these two letters requested the attendance of the Collector when he informed that Officer of the contents of the letter received from the Ministry in reference to the Bond & informed him that he could not accept any form of Bond other than that prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, & Ordered him to submit the names

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of two Sureties willing to join with him in such a Bond. He also directed that he be furnished with a copy of the letter received from the Ministry.

The Commissioner approved of the two Sureties named by the Collector, provided they are willing to join with him in a Bond of £550 in the form prescribed by the Public Bodies Order 1904, this being the amount specified in the existing Bond.

He also ordered — that in the event of the Sureties agreeing to join with the Collector, the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prepare the Bond as soon as possible.

Ordered

That the Ministry be asked if, when the necessary Bond is provided by the Collector, he may be permitted to commence the Collection of the rates for the current year and proceed with the collection of them concurrently with those for 1923 and 1924, still outstanding

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A Circular letter dated 3rd Inst was received from the Local Government Ministry drawing attention to the necessity of having preliminary steps taken for the preparation of data covering the entire field of local expenditure in view of the preparation of the forthcoming local Budgets, but its consideration was adjourned to next sitting.

An application was received on behalf of the New Ross Jnr Dancing Class for the use of the two rooms in the Hotel, with Electric light, on the nights of December 29th to January 1st

Ordered

That the use of the rooms be granted for one night only - 31st Dec suggested - on condition of obtaining a guarantee from two responsible Ratepayers that any damage which may occur will be made good.

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A requisition dated 2nd Inst, signed by Eight tenants of the new houses at Dowry Wall asking to have a lamp or lamps erected in front of the houses, was received, and in conjunction with it the Estimated cost of erecting one lamp, furnished by the Manager of the Gas Co at £15, was also considered by the Commissioner who decided that the expenditure which would be involved in the erection & lighting of the lamps could not be incurred in the present financial condition of the Council.

Letter from Thomas Kielthy, Mary St dated 6th Inst stating that he is being proceeded against for rates which he is unable to pay in a lump sum, and asking that he request Mr Kennedy to accept it in weekly instalments

Ordered

That Thomas Kielthy be informed he cannot interfere with the Collector in the discharge of his duty as Rate Collector

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Letter from the Parnell Quarries Ltd dated 3rd Inst agreeing to a deduction of one ton, seventeen cwt of Macadam, being amount short in weight of one wagon load

No order made

Letter from Messrs Buggy Walsh Solrs, dated 4th Inst stating they are not in a position to refer the Clerk to any authority enabling the Commissioner to make the payment requested by them on behalf of Thos Drennan, beyond the fact that the New Ross Urban Council passed a resolution authorising payments such as they have demanded, & they understand several payments have been made in pursuance of this resolution.

Ordered

That Messrs Buggy Walsh be informed the Commissioner has nothing further to add to the Clerk's letter of the 24th ultimo on the Subject.

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There was only one Tender received for the supply of six suits of oil clothes for the Council's workmen viz:-

From Messrs French & Hayden, dated 5th Inst. who proposed to supply Yellow Oil hats @ 2/9 Each & Yellow Oil Suits (double throughout) @ 20/ each.

The sample submitted was examined by the Town Surveyor and approved of, after which the Commissioner Ordered,

"That the Tender of Messrs French & Hayden to supply six suits of oil clothes & six hats for 22/9 each be accepted

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The Surveyor reported that repairs have been completed to house of P. McNamara.

He inspected house in occupation of Mrs Saunders the felt roof of wing portion requires to be re-tarred, and practically all the window glass is broken. He suggested that tar be supplied to Saunders, & also that Mrs Saunders be required to restore the broken glass within two weeks.

He inspected Surface Drap in Sugar House Lane referred to by Mr Doyle, it can be removed further towards the Quay without injury to the thoroughfare. Sometime ago Mr Doyle was informed by the late Council there would be no objection to have it carried out by Mr Doyle at his own expense

Locks & keys were furnished to the Weighmaster for the public weighbridge at Irishtown, but there are none on at present and unless the gates are kept locked the scales will be rendered useless.

Ordered

That Mrs Saunders be supplied with the necessary quantity of tar, and she be informed no further expense will be incurred in connection with the house.

That she be also requested to have the broken panes of glass in the windows restored within two weeks from this date.

That the Weighmaster be directed to keep the gates

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gates of the Weighbridge locked in future.

That Mr Doyle be informed the Commissioner will meet him at the site of the grating referred to by him in Sugar House Lane, on Saturday next after the arrival of the Mail Drain

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A Dividend Warrant for £2-6-11 net, being half-year's Interest on £163-7-0 4½ % Loan Stock, was received and Ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

The Street Inspector reported that the Daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps were lighting at night as per Contract

No Order made

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The Commissioners adjourned to Saturday 13th December 1924.

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Saturday, 13th December, 1924

The Commissioner attended at the Office of the Urban Council on this day at 4 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders Directed to be issued viz:-

No 227	D. Hartrick & Co	£20-3-10	No 228	D & E Ryle	£24-7-2
" 229	J. J Browne	£1-19-0	No 230	J J Browne	£3-14-5
" 231	Timothy Doran	£2-3-4	" 232	Jno Butler	£7-1-8
" 233	D Butler	£9-8-4	" 234	J Shortall	£15-10-6
" 235	M J Dinn	£17-19-5	" 236	Pettyjack	£16-12-6
" 237	National Bank	£69-6-3	" 238	School Ctte	£4-3-4
" 239	J. Freeman	£1-0-5	" 240	H.R. Hamilton	£4-9-9
" 241	D Stanley	£3-16-3	" 242	M Heaney	£2-11-5
" 243	Waterford & New Ross Steam Co	£8-6-0	" 244	D Lyne	£11-10-0
" 245	Alfred Parker	£15-0-0	" 246	J Jealous	£8-15-11
" 247	P Murphy	£10-0-0	" 248	Insp Lo & Measurer	£1-10-0
" 249	M J Kennedy	£8-10-5	" 250	Jas. Hennessy	£2-15-0
" 251	Collector Town	£18-18-0. (Loans)			

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 12th December 1924 enclosing leaflets relating to the Enforcement of Law (Occasional Powers) Act 1924 No Order made.

Letter from the Rate & Rent Collector dated 13th Inst informing the Commissioner that Mrs James Fleming North St New Ross & John Murphy P.C. South St New Ross will sign the Form of Bond prescribed by the Public Bodies Order 1904.

He also asked to let him have the Rate Books as soon as possible, also one thousand six-day & also one thousand ten-day notices

The Commissioner decided to accept these two gentlemen to join with the Collector in a Bond as prescribed by The

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The Public Bodies Order 1904, in the sum of £550, and directed again that the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prepare the Bond at once

He made no order for the present in reference to handing over the Collecting Books to the Collector as requested by that Officer.

Letter from Brother Curtin, Superior of the Christian Brothers, Mount St Joseph, dated 12th Inst drawing attention to a breach in their garden wall adjoining the Quarry in John St which it was suggested the recent quarrying operations carried on by the Council's Employees contributed in some measure to, and asking to what extent the Commissioners will be prepared to contribute to the repairing of the damage.

Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect the place and report upon the matter to next sitting of the Commissioners.

Letter from J Doran Weighmaster dated 10th Inst. stating that he has no locks to put on the weighing Machine premises at Inishtourn as the last ones were broken off, but before they were, he asked that the Civic Guards be requested to prevent Children doing harm to the Machine, he also asked to have the pen and all around it cleaned and a few loads of stones spread around

Ordered

That the Weighmaster be supplied with two locks for Weighbridge Gates, & also a scrub, and that the Surveyor get the place cleaned and some metalling spread around.

Tender of £4-5-0 dated 13th Inst for one heap of manure at Down Wall was received from Maurice Whelan Ripeen & it was ordered to be accepted Mr Whelan to arrange with the Surveyor to have the gates of the field kept closed when he is drawing the manure.

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The following letter was received from Messrs Buggy & Walsh Waterford :-

12th December 1924

Dear Sir,

re Thomas Freeman

We are in receipt of yours of the 9th Inst & are more than surprised to learn that the Commissioner has nothing further to add to his letter of the 24th ult. Perhaps if we enumerated the conditions under which this man was employed, the Commissioner may be able to see his way to sanction not alone the payment but also to fix this man's pension. Our Client was employed about twelve or thirteen years ago as a labourer by the Council. He was a permanent employe & as his office or occupation was terminated he was entitled not alone to the benefits conferred by any resolutions of the Council but also entitled to superannuation for services rendered under the Local Government Board Act of 1919. You are no doubt aware that a resolution was passed by the Council and presumably sanctioned by the Local Government Board by where an employe fell ill he was to be paid the difference between his wages drawn from the Council and the amount paid to him by the National Health Insurance Society. Apparently Freeman's office or occupation was terminated and your Council is, under the Resolution, obliged & can be compelled to pay Freeman the amount due from the time he fell ill until his services were dispensed with.

From the date his services were dispensed with he is entitled to superannuation & we would refer the Commissioner to the Local Government Board Act of 1919 confirmed and adopted by An Dail by the "Application of Enactment Act". Under that Act any Employe of any Council is on the conditions contained therein is entitled to either a Gratuity or superannuation.

We would therefore look forward to having a reply from the Commissioner to the effect that he will settle this man's Superannuation otherwise we must only seek further remedies for our Client.

(Signed) Buggy & Walsh

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Ordered

That Messrs Buggy & Walsh be informed the Commissioner, having carefully considered their letter, has nothing further to add to the one addressed to them on the 24th ult.

Two Tenders were received for the supply of a range to be fitted in Council's house occupied by Michl Keefe viz:- one from Hearn & Son who proposed to supply one according to advertisement for £6.10.0, and one from Repsn John Doyle who proposed to supply the nearest to specification for £5.18.6

As the Tender of M. Hearn & Son was the only one received which was in accordance with the advertisement, the Commissioner

Ordered

That their Tender be accepted

In reference to the Cir. Letter No 9. SS.189/24, dated 3rd Inst, received from the Local Government Ministry, drawing attention to the importance of taking preliminary steps to survey the entire field of local expenditure with a view to the framing of economical & reliable budgets for the coming financial year, the Commissioner directed that the Ministry be informed, it has been carefully considered, and the suggestions contained in it will, as far as possible, be carried out by him. He is satisfied that no reduction can be made in the existing staff. The number of workmen at present engaged are absolutely necessary to cope with the work.

He had however under consideration the necessity of reducing the existing wages paid them & with this end in view caused enquiries to be made as to the rate of wages paid by the Councils of other Urban Districts to their workmen & found it was similar Nevertheless he intends early in the New Year to again consider the matter & take steps to effect a reduction

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Surveyor's Report

re:- Surface Drap - Sugar House Lane.

With reference to application received from Messrs John Doyle, relative to Surface Drap situate at Entrance to their yard in Sugar House Lane - the Commissioners and myself met Mr Vincent Doyle on the Site referred to, this evening, and having fully considered the matter decided that the surface trap be reconstructed in a position about five yards further towards the Quay in the existing water course, and that Messrs Doyle pay half the estimated cost viz:- £6. (three pounds each).

Mr C. Doyle expressed his willingness to contribute this sum. Work to be carried out by the Council

(Signed) J. Shortall
Town Surveyor

The Commissioner approved of the re-construction of the Surface Drap by the Surveyor at an estimated cost of Six pounds, half the amount viz:- three pounds, to be contributed by Mr Doyle

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The Street Inspector reported that the Daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, & the public lamps are lighting at night according to contract

No Order made

The weekly Tenants rental sheets were submitted and examined by the Commissioner but he made No Order in reference to the Collections

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The Clerk reported that Miss Florence Redmond, The Quay called to the office & stated she was unable to pay her rates in one payment & tendered £2 on account with 3/- costs & promised to pay the balance in weekly instalments of 5/-. The Commissioners decided to accept payment of the rates as proposed by her as he considered it more prudent to do so than to take further legal proceedings against her.

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He also agreed to accept payment of rates due by Mrs Wall Cockpit Lane in instalments as proposed by her viz:- 20/- to be paid at Christmas & the balance in weekly instalments of 3/-

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The Commissioner fixed the second Saturday in January, 1925, for the transaction of Quarterly business under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1924

The Clerk submitted a statement shewing that of the rates for financial year ending 31st March '24 £1255 "5" 11 was still outstanding. The Commissioner directed the Collector, who was present; to proceed with the collection of the rate as expeditiously as possible. That officer stated he had issued forty summonses against Rate Defaulters, and they will be held at the next sitting of the District Court

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The list of rates outstanding for financial year ended 31st March, 1923 was also examined by the Commissioner who directed the Collector to take all possible steps to close that collection

This concluded the business and

The Commissioner adjourned to Saturday 20th Dec '24.

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The Commissioner attended at the office of the Council on this date to transact business pursuant to the Dour's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:- No 252 Parnell Quarries £74-6-3

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No P.S38743/1924 dated 13th Inst returning lists of uncollected rates & receipts for year ended 31st March 1923 and requesting that the information required by columns six, seven, & Eleven should be supplied and also asking for an explanation as to why Receipt No 207 bears the Collectors signature if the item has not been collected.

Ordered

That the Collector furnish an explanation in writing for transmission to the Ministry

Column No 11 (reasons for cancellation of rates) was completed by the Commissioner who directed that the columns 6 & 7 be also completed & the Abstracts returned to the Ministry

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Letter from same No P.S6580/24 dated 17th Decr stating that the Minister raises no objection to the proposed arrangement for the collection of the current years rates

Ordered

That the collection of rates for financial year ending 31st March 1925, be proceeded with, and the collecting books given to the Collector as soon as the new Bond, in course of preparation, be signed by him & his Sureties and duly completed.

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Letter from same dated 15th December 1924 returning Bill of Costs of Messrs Colfer & Son in connection with the Housing Scheme and stating that it should be forwarded to the Taxation Officer for taxation in the usual way

Ordered

That the Bill of Costs be returned to Messrs Colfer & Son for taxation in due course

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Letter from same dated 15th Inst stating that it is his intention to postpone the Local Elections to a date subsequent to the 15th January 1925 and that no steps should be taken at present in connection with them

No Order made

Letter from Hibernian Fire & Gen. Insurance Co dated 10th Inst advising that there is a rebate of £3-8-0 due to the Council in respect of the last twelve months.

The Clerk stated that he asked the Company to forward a cheque for the amount, and it was-

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council on receipt.

Letter from the Secretary to Committee of the Gaelic League dated 15th Inst enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Committee asking to have a rate struck by all the Urban Councils of the County for the teaching of Irish

Ordered

That the Secretary be informed a rate of one penny in the £ is included in the Estimate of Rate of this Rural District for year ending 31st March 1925 and that same will be applied in due course for the purpose

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Letter from Messrs Buggy Walsh, dated 17th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Clerks letter of the 15th Inst relative to the claim of Thomas Freeman & stating that it appears

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to be now open to them to institute proceedings which they will do when they see their Client
No order made

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 17th Inst acknowledging receipt of instructions to prepare a new Bond with Mr Okennedy, his Sureties, and the Council in the sum of £550, which is having immediate attention
No Order made

A Tender dated 20th Inst of £4-10-0 was received from Mr E. Browne, Ceaeen, for heap of Manure in Henry St yard at right hand side as you go into yard, and it was ordered to be accepted.

In reference to the letter received from Brother Curtin relative to the breach in the Brothers' garden wall, adjoining the Quarry, the consideration of which was adjourned from last meeting for a report from the Surveyor, that officer who was present reported verbally that in his opinion the breach was due to the excessive rainfall, but that at the same time the blasting carried out by the Council's men in the Quarry a couple of years ago may or may not have shaken the ground somewhat and he recommended Brother Curtin be informed that whilst not admitting any liability whatever in the matter and without prejudice the Commissioner will be prepared to give the necessary instructions to have the existing foundation cleared and prepared for reconstruction.

The Commissioner approved of this recommendation and directed that Bro. Curtin be informed accordingly

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The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and that the public lamps were lighting at night according to contract.
No order made.

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The Surveyor reported under date 20th Inst that in consequence of an outbreak of fire which occured on Sunday evening at Barrs Hotel, Cross Lane three sections of the Municipal Fire hose became injured and were rendered useless. He recommended that they be replaced

Patrick Roche Bullawn states he received injuries in attempting to save some of Mr Barron's property. He also reported verbally that some others rendered assistance in extinguishing the fire and asked to be allowed something for their trouble.

In reference to the claims of those persons the Commissioner decided that the Insurance Company who had the property insured be asked to compensate them and to this end the Surveyor get into communication with the Insurance Co. who had the property insured.

It was also decided to have the Hydrant repaired & that two fifty-foot length of hose be purchased.

A discussion took place as to whether the couplings of the Hose be supplied for fitting on the new Hose, and it was agreed that new couplings be got, the Clerk at the same time to obtain quotations for the Hose with & without couplings.

The Clerk pointed out that the period for which the overdraft of £1000 was sanctioned will expire on the 31st Inst. and suggested that the Minister be asked to extend the time.

Ordered

That the Minister be asked to extend the time to the end of February when it is hoped a good deal of the new rate will be collected

This concluded the business and—

The Commissioner adjourned to 3rd January 1925

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 4 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner & the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz No 253 Petty Cash £5-3-6

Correspondence

A dividend warrant for £7-0-5 net, being one quarter's dividend on 2½% Consolidated Stock, to 5th January was received and it was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No PS/32 Roads Dept. dated 29th ult stating that he does not consider the present an opportune time for granting the increase of salary to the Surveyor proposed by the Commissioner

Ordered

That the Ministry be asked to re-consider their decision in this matter, & also that their special attention be directed to the last paragraph of previous recommendation

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Letter from same dated 1st Inst stating that where road improvement schemes are carried out by a Local Authority with the aid of a Government Grant the expense incurred by the Post Office in respect of alterations to Telegraph Plant rendered necessary by such Schemes, should be charged against the Grant and paid to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

No Order made, as it does not apply to this District.

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Letter from the Wexford County Surveyor enclosing an account amounting to £98-7-0 due County Council for hire of Steam Roller &c, and requesting that Paying Order be forwarded, but there was no action taken pending the receipt of a further instalment of the Grant

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Letter from Hugh R. Hamilton dated 30th ult stating that he had given instructions to have the water supply to the Military Barracks Michael St disconnected from the Main as numerous complaints have been received of injuries to the service pipe
No Order made

Letter from Timothy Doran, Weighmaster dated 3rd Inst. reporting that the new locks which were put on the weighbridge at Inishtown some time ago were broken off during Christmas holidays. The Pen is not yet cleaned.
Ordered
That three new locks be purchased & fixed on them again, and that the Civic Guards be asked to Co-operate in preventing damage to the weighing machines, or breaking the locks.
That the Guards be also asked to assist in keeping the Entrance Hall clear, so that the recent painting of it may not be damaged, Public Notice to be posted up in it that no person will be allowed to loiter there or in the entrance door.
As some of the furniture in the large room (which was left open for the accomodation of persons who wish to avail of it) was broken it was
Ordered
That in future it be kept locked

Letter from the Ministry dated 29th ult acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 22nd ult & stating that further information with regard to the conditions of the Grant will be forwarded with the final approval
No Order made.

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Letter from Thos Cooney, Secretary, New Ross Trades Council, dated 29th ult forwarding the following copy of a resolution passed by that Council viz:

"That we ask the Commissioner representing"
"the Urban Council to supplement the Grant"
"of £750 given by the Ministry L. Govt Department"
"to relieve distress, by £250, making a total of £1,000."

Ordered

That the Secretary be informed the Commissioner does not feel justified at present in doing so.

The Surveyor reported that with reference to communication recently received from Minister for Local Government relative to the Grant of £750 given by the Ministry for the purpose of relieving local unemployment he submitted Scheme of work & detailed Estimate for approval, of which the following is a copy viz:—

Relief of Unemployment

Proposed Scheme of work and Estimate

400 Tons	Quarrying Stones local Quarry & breaking into Macadam for 2nd Class Roads @ 10/- per ton	£200 - 0 - 0
	Carting to various sites for spreading @ 2/- per ton.	40 - 0 - 0
100 Tons	Purchase & Rly Freight Parnell Macadam (Ex Arklow) @ per ton	85 - 0 - 0
	Delivery of same from local Railway Station on site to repair Section New Ross - Wexford Road	10 - 0 - 0
	Purchase of bitumen & treating Macadam	30 - 0 - 0
L.S.	Construction Concrete Water Channel John St	30 - 0 - 0
	Additional helpers to assist Municipal Employees to clear arrears of work D. Scav. Wood work	65 - 0 - 0
L.S.	110. Construction new 9" Sewer Rosbercon School Rd	200 - 0 - 0
	Purchase of necessary tools & Equipment	25 - 0 - 0
	Health & Unemployment Insurances	12 - 0 - 0
	Premium D.P. Risks &c Quarrying operations	38 - 0 - 0
	Contingencies	15 - 0 - 0
		£750 - 0 - 0

Ordered

That the Scheme submitted be approved of, subject to its sanction by the Ministry

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Letter from Messrs Merryweather & Sons Ltd. dated 30th December, 1924, quoting £12-12-6 for two fifty-foot lengths of hose, complete with a pair of gun-metal couplings securely attached, or £9-18-6 for the same fitted with couplings supplied by the Council.

After considering both proposals it was decided to order one-fifty foot length, fitted with couplings by Messrs Merryweather, and one fifty-foot length to be fitted with couplings of the Council.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing that the balance of outstanding rates, at date, for year ended 31st March 1923 is £107-15-3, and for financial year ended 31st March 1924 £1156-16-1, & the Commissioners directed that the Collector be requested to proceed as expeditiously as possible with the Collection of these rates & also that the Collection of the rates for 1925 be commenced as soon as the Bond is completed

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The Street Inspector reported that Mr McKeown, Quay St. had two large empty boxes on the Street outside his premises for the past seven days

Mrs Harney took up her old stand at the Monument on the 2nd Inst & sold fish from a cart unyoked. The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner & the public lamps were lighting at night according to Contract.

Ordered

That Mr McKeown be informed the placing of empty boxes on the streets cannot be permitted as such cause an obstruction, and if not discontinued proceedings will be taken against him without further

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The Clerk stated that Mrs Harney called to the office during the week & complained of the want of some protection from the inclemency of the weather on the Quay & asked that the fish vendors be allowed the

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the Shelter of the inside of the Fish-house.

It was admitted that during the exceptionally severe weather of the past week the Quay was an exposed position. After some consideration the Commissioner directed the Town Surveyor, who was present, to have a "Shelter" constructed adjoining the Fish House for the use of the Fish Vendors only, after which

Agreed

the Commissioner adjourned to Saturday, 10th January '25

Saturday, 10th January, 1925

The Commissioner attended on this date to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, & consider Surveyor's Quarterly Report.

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read & signed

Quarterly Report and Annual Estimate

I submit hereunder my Estimate for Streets & works for ensuing Financial year viz:-

Workmens' wages & maintenance of horses	£460 .. 0 .. 0
250 Tons Parnell Quarry Macadam	206 .. 5 .. 0
100 " Tinishogue Do Do	80 .. 0 .. 0
60 " Gravel & Sand	16 .. 0 .. 0
New works & repairs to existing works	100 .. 0 .. 0
	£862 .. 5 .. 0

During the past quarter the weather was unusually severe on macadamised surfaces & it was difficult to maintain them efficiently.

During the month of October, the section of Road between Chilcomb boundary & the Urban District boundary at Cherry Road was steamrolled. Otherwise no new works were undertaken

The foregoing report & Estimate, having been considered by the Commissioner, was adopted by him — and

The Sitting adjourned

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The Commissioner attended on this date to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 254	J. R French	£1-10-6	No 255	James J. Shortall	£15-10-10
" 256	D. Butler	£7-1-8	" 257	D. Butler	£5-8-4
" 258	D. Doran	£2-3-4	" 259	J.J. Browne	£1-19-0
" 260	J.J Browne	£3-14-5	" 261	M.J Linn	£15-0-5
" 262	M.J Linn	£6-14-3	" 263	Same	£1-19-6
" 264	Same	£5-4-2	" 265	Petty Cash	£16-4-6
" 266	Joseph Lynch	£8-0-0	" 267	M.O Kennedy	£2-16-9
" 268	M. Stephens	£7-10-0	" 269	Technical Committee	£15-0-0
" 270	Tech. Committee	£15-0-0	" 271	D. Lyne	£11-2-6
" 272	Royal Exchange Assurance Co	£2--			

Correspondence

A Paying Order for £4-5-10 was received from the Cashier, Inland Revenue, Somerset House, being refund of Income Tax on Consols, and 4% War Loan and it was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government No G.78/25 dated 8th January sanctioning an extension of the time to the 25th inst for the repayment of an overdraft not exceeding £1,000, already authorised on the account of the Council.
No Order made.

Letter from same No G.59471/1924 dated 8th inst expressing approval of the Ministry of the recommendations of Commissioner respecting the cancellation of uncollectable Down Rate & Poor Rate for year ended 31st March '23. as furnished.
No order made.

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A circular letter dated 8th Inst was also received from the Secretary to the Ministry stating that the Minister for Local Government has issued an Order postponing the Local Elections to 19th March 1925, and also stating that where a Council or Board has been dissolved, & the powers and duties transferred to some other person or body no election of such Council or Body will take place until ordered by the Minister, and the provisions of the previous Order will not apply

No Order made

Letter from Colfer & Son dated 10th Inst intimating that they have received the Collector's Bond duly executed and are forwarding it to Dublin for stamping and registration

Ordered

That the rate collecting books for year ending 31st March 1925 be handed to the Collector that he may proceed, with the collection of the rates for that year, immediately.

A letter dated 5th Inst was received from Thomas Cooney, Secretary of New Ross Trades Council stating that he had been directed by wire from Ald. Corish to ask on what grounds the Commissioner refused to supplement the grant of £750 given by the Ministry towards the relief of unemployment

Ordered

That Mr Cooney be informed the present finances of the Council do not warrant £250 additional expenditure

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A letter dated 8th Inst was also received from Ald. Corish T.D. asking if the Commissioner could manage at all to supplement the Grant by £250 as it might be a lever for him to obtain a further Grant, and the Commissioner directed that a further reply be sent him

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A letter was received from Brother Curtin dated 8th Inst. stating that whilst still of opinion that the collapse of the boundary wall was due, at least in part, to the blasting operations carried on in the Quarry, he agrees to the proposal of the Commissioner, and asked that the work of clearing be started as early as possible as the garden has become a regular thoroughfare

Ordered

That Brother Curtin be informed the clearing of the breach to enable reconstruction to be undertaken will be carried out as promptly as possible.

A proposal dated 10th Inst was received from Messrs Zimber Bros. (Proprietor J. O'Connor) to wind the Down Clock only for the sum of five pounds per year.

Ordered

That the proposal of Mr O'Connor to wind the Down clock for £5 (five pounds) be accepted for one year provided it also includes setting of clock

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Ordered

That the wages of the Council's workmen be reduced by five shillings per week and that a week's notice be given to each of them of the intention of the Commissioner to reduce the wages, same to commence on Wednesday 21st Inst.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing that the amount of rates outstanding at date for financial year ending 31st March 1924 is £1148-16-0, and for year ended 31st March 1923 £107-15-3

The Clerk stated that the Collector informed him the District Justice, at last Court, asked him to convey to the Commissioner the desirability of having the Council represented by a Solicitor when making application for Examination Orders against debtors and also at the examination of the debtor.

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As the Commissioner had already decided that all the expense, subsequent to obtaining the Decrees in rate cases, in connection with the orders will be borne by the Council, same having been sanctioned by the Ministry, he now —

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitor attend at the Examination of Debtors.

The Street Inspector reported that Denis McKeon Quay St, had three large empty boxes outside his shop on five days this week which causes a serious obstruction of the street there.

The Public lamps are lighting at night according to Contract, and the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Ordered

That Mr McKeon be prosecuted for causing an obstruction of the streets by allowing empty boxes to be placed on them for several days.

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The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday 20th January '25

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Tuesday, 20th January 1925

The Commissioner attended on this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & Signed

Correspondence

Letter from the Secretary, Minister for Local Government dated 19th Inst Re R4/109 intimating that the Minister has approved of the Scheme for the various works proposed to be carried out by the Council for the relief of unemployment under the Grant of £750 and stating that the conditions regarding men to be employed, wages &c stated in Circular L9A/201 of the 18th February last govern this Grant also.

The Works number shown on back of letter should appear in correspondence

Ordered

That the Ministry be informed it is proposed to start work under the Scheme on an early date, and they be asked to remit an instalment of the Grant to enable payment to be made of workmen's wages.

That Tenders be also invited for the piping to be used in School House Road Sewer; to be constructed under the Grant.

A letter dated 15th Inst was received from Messrs Colfer & Son enclosing Form of Requisition for Taxation of their Bill of Costs amounting to £ in connection with the transfer of the Housing Site at Dowdstall from Lessors & Lessees to Urban Council

The Commissioner appointed Thomas J Kelly L.L.B. Solicitor to represent the Council at the Taxation and signed the Requisition Form

Letter from Messrs Merryweather & Co dated 9th Inst acknowledging receipt of 2-50ft lengths of Fire Hose to bind in Couplings. — No order made

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Letter from Minister for Local Government dated 17th Inst acknowledging receipt of Clerk's letter asking re-consideration of decision of Ministry relative to Town Surveyor's salary
No Order made.

Letter from Michael O'Brien, Mary St, dated 19th Inst drawing attention to the continuous flow of water by his door for the past couple of years resulting from a broken Sewer grate. This is causing serious injury to his room walls of house.
Ordered
That this letter be referred to the Town Surveyor for report.

Letter from James O'Brien Secretary of the New Ross Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union dated 16th Inst in reference to the reduction of 5/- per week made by the Commissioner in the wages of the Council's workmen, pointing out that the wages paid in New Ross are the same as those payable in Enniscorthy, also the cost of living is higher in New Ross than in many other towns, and asking that the existing wages stand for three months when the new Council will be in operation and they can best judge whether the standard of living gives room for a reduction
Ordered
That the Secretary be informed the reduced wage are very much higher than the wages prevailing in the district, and the Commissioner regrets he cannot alter his decision in the matter. He also desires to state that the reduction is made in the interest of the Ratepayers, and he cannot enter into a comparison as between the wages paid in this and other towns as he considers it more equitable to have regard to the wages paid by other employers of labour in New Ross

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Letter from Colfer & Son dated 16th Inst. enclosing Notice to Quit in respect of the premises occupied by John Sheehan Bridge St, for signature by the Commissioner. When it has been signed it will be necessary to serve it on Mrs Colfer the Attorney for Miss Howlett & On the present lessees.

They also returned the original lease dated 28th July 1851.

The Commissioner signed the Notice to Quit as requested

Letter from the County Surveyor dated 19th Inst. enclosing amended account for hire of steam-rolling machinery, showing number of hours worked as 306.

No order made

With reference to the Notice to Quit served on Thomas Howlett for non-payment of rent of house occupied by him, his wife attended and tendered 2/- on account of rent due and promised to pay 3/- per week regularly, this being sixpence per week above the weekly rent.

The Commissioner decided to accept 2/- on account of rent due, and informed her that if she fails to pay the weekly amount promised, proceedings to obtain possession of the house will be resumed.

The Clerk stated that the tenants of the Council have been charged eightpence per load for manure including delivery of same, and asked if this arrangement will be continued for the present year, in the case of any who may require manure

after some consideration the Commissioner Ordered

That one shilling per Load be charged in future the manure to be removed by the purchasers from the depot, payment to be made to the Clerk when ordered.

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The Clerk drew attention to the defacing of the painting of the outer Hall & asked if the Contractor who painted it will renovate it, as the cost of doing so will be trifling, and it was

Ordered

That the damaged portion of the painting of the hall be re-painted.

The Clerk applied for two loads of chippings for use in the Councils Garden of which he is tenant, and his application was granted.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps were lighting at night according to contract.

No order made

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The Commissioners adjourned to 27th January 1925

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Tuesday, 27th January, 1925.

The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:- No 273 £33-9-6

Correspondence

Letter from Mr C.J. Kavanagh dated 26th Inst drawing attention to the floor of kitchen of house occupied by him at Dowrylwall, which is chipping, and holes appearing here & there in it.

Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect the floor and if the defect is due to faulty construction by the Contractor, he is to be requested to put it right

Letter from D.J. Dunphy dated 27th Inst. asking that the foundation under the flags of his yard gate at Priory St be put right as they have subsided a good deal, and also asking for permission to put a concrete filling in the channel the width of the gateway in which he will have a pipe fixed to carry the water through

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the flags re-set as soon as possible, and also that the necessary permission be given him to fix the concrete filling with pipe in Channel, the work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Council's Surveyor

Letter from the Secretary, Irish Transport & G. Workers Union acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 26th Inst. and stating that they are very much surprised the concession asked for viz:- to postpone the

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the reductions for three months was refused.

They also asked if, since the Commissioner took office, any increase of salaries have been given to any official or officials of the Council, and an immediate reply to this query is requested as they intend to bring the whole question of increases before the proper authority through Ald. Louis J.D.

Ordered

That the Secretary be informed the Commissioner has nothing to add to the Clerk's letter of the 21st Inst.

Letter from Justin Butler dated 22nd Inst in reply to one addressed to him asking him to surrender possession of the house, let to him recently, if he was not going to occupy it. In it he expressed surprise at the letter addressed to him, and assumed that Ross with its reputation of knowing everybody's business came to the conclusion he was giving up the house, but he has no intention of giving up his prospective home as he intends getting married after Lent. The house is kept well aired, and the only reason for its non-occupation is that he is not a success at camping out.

Ordered

That Mr Butler be informed it was not represented to the Commissioner that he contemplated giving up the house, but he was anxious, in view of the shortage of housing accomodation in town, that it should remain indefinitely unoccupied.

A letter dated 20th Inst was received from Jas Rossiter Builder stating that he had in contemplation the building of a house or two under The Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924, & asked what assistance both in finance & building site the Commissioner will be able to give.

Ordered

That a copy of the section of the Act or extracts from it, which authorize the Commissioner to give assistance to builders for the erection of houses under the Act be furnished to Mr Rossiter & he be asked to give particulars of the houses

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he proposes to build, and also the form of assistance prescribed in the Act he would prefer

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A discussion took place respecting the replacement of glass by the tenants, in windows of houses occupied by them, and the Commissioner
Ordered

That the Rate Collector furnish to next sitting a list of tenants in whose houses the window glass is broken with a view to requiring them to have it replaced.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner & the public lamps were lighting according to Contract
No order made

The Commissioner also considered the question of the outstanding rates for financial years ending 31st March 1923 & 31st March, 1924 and directed the Collector to proceed as energetically as possible with the collection of them.

The Commissioner also ordered that the second Tuesday of each month be the day upon which the financial business of the Council will be transacted, instead of the second Saturday.

This concluded the business — Agna —

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday, 3rd February '25.

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Tuesday, 3rd February 1925.

The Commissioner attended on this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health advising that a payment of £300 in respect of the Grant of £750, given for the relief of Unemployment was made to the Treasurer of the Council on the 30th ult.

The Clerk reported receipt of the Draft for £300 payable to the Treasurer of the Council.

Ordered

That the Draft be lodged to the credit of the Council in a No 3 Account.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 24th January No RS/32 stating that he will raise no further objection to the proposal of the Commissioner, acting in place of the New Ross Urban Council, to increase the salary of Mr Shortall, Town Surveyor from £187-10-0 per annum to £200 rising by annual increments of £10 to £250 per annum without bonus.

The Minister understands that in consideration of the increased salary Mr Shortall is prepared to forego any claim for fees on future sewer & water main construction, and to carry out all inspections of the public water supply, bearing his own travelling expenses in the matter.

The increased salary is sanctioned on this understanding

Ordered

That a copy of this letter be furnished to Mr Shortall.

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 28th January No H376/1360/1925 referring to the Clerk's letter of the 17th Inst, & previous correspondence, and stating that he will raise no objection to the proposal to collect the rates in weekly instalments to be added to the tenants present weekly payments in respect of rent, but he would be glad, at the same time, to be informed of the arrangements proposed to be made for the revision of the tenants present agreements and for the lodgement of collected rates & rents to their respective accounts.

Ordered

That a copy of the existing agreements with the tenants be furnished to the Minister by which it will be seen that under it they were only bound to pay Poor Rates, whilst the Commissioner, if he can legally do so, proposes to raise the rents by an amount sufficient to cover existing rents together with both Poor Rate & Dowry Rate. The rates might then be remitted to the extent represented by the amount collected in extra rent or, as an alternative, separate accounts could be kept in the books of the Council of the amount of rates & rents collected each week and be credited to the respective accounts, whilst in the Tenants Pass Books, the combined amounts would appear as rents.

Letter from same dated 31st January forwarding a copy of the Housing (Building Facilities) Amendment Act 1924 — No order made

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There was only one Tender received for the supply of Two Rate Books for year ending 31st March 1926, and that was from Messrs Harvey & Co who proposed to supply them for the sum of 6/- each

Ordered

That the Tender of Messrs Harvey for the supply of two rate books @ 6/- each be accepted.

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A Tender dated 5th Inst received from Messrs Moran Bros for the supply of one hundred weekly Labour Sheets printed as copy for the sum of 24/6 was accepted.

A letter was received from the Transport Union acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of 27th but there was No Order made in reference to it.

Letter from the Manager, Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd dated 28th January stating ~~that~~ they had now a considerable quantity of Macadam chippings in stock and an order for same would be much esteemed

Ordered

That the Managing Director be informed the present price is considered too high, and he be asked to give a reduction for-say- one hundred & fifty tons

A copy of The Local Elections Postponement Act 1925 was received from the Ministry of Local Government

Letter from Mrs Joseph Furlong, Williams St one of the Council's Tenants asking to be supplied with a new range. She is willing to pay the amount in weekly instalments of one shilling until paid for.

It was decided to adjourn the consideration of the application until the total cost, including setting of the one recently fixed in the house of Michael Keefe is ascertained.

With reference to the letter dated 14th ult received from Michael O'Brien complaining of the continuous flow of water by his door resulting from a broken shoe grate, the Surveyor recommended that O'Brien be informed if he furnishes the names of those who deposit refuse in the trap, which causes the trouble, as it prevents water from getting into it, suitable action will be taken against them to prevent a repetition of it.

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He also reported that he inspected the out-offices of garden situate in William St, as ordered, in occupation of Mrs M Finn Portion of the roof is considerably decayed and needs to be renewed. He estimates the cost of restoration to be £11 Part of the front wall of this structure is also in an unstaple condition but it will probably last for some time.

Ordered

That the necessary repairs be carried out, the rent of the holding to be increased by 7½ pc on the cost of repairs.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner and the public lamps were lighted at night according to Contract

No order made

The Clerk submitted Invoice received from Mr Blake, Dublin, in which was included an aquaphone priced at 26/- and explained that the purchase of it was not authorised but the Surveyor added it to the order for Hydrant Fittings & explained that it would cost only ten shillings hence he signed the order

After a short discussion the Commissioner sanctioned the purchase of it at the price invoiced and approved of it having been ordered

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The Clerk submitted a statement showing that of the total warrant of £6082-15-7 of rates for financial year ending 31st March 1925 £693-10-9 was collected since the Collector got his books, also that a sum of £1111-12-0 of the 1924 rate was outstanding and £102-8-7 of that for 1923.

The Collector, who was present, was urged by the Commissioner to proceed as energetically as possible with the collection of the rates and that officer explained he had obtained a number of decrees against

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against defaulting Ratepayers at last District Court, and submitted a number of warrants which were examined when the Commissioner

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to make applications for examination orders in the following cases viz:-

Daniel Nolan, John Culleton, James Fleming, James Culleton, Patrick Power, Daniel Murphy, John Ryan, Robt Power, Michael Moran, Catherine Lockhams, Catherine O'Shea or Husband, Jas Brambley, Peter Walsh, George Reynolds.

Mr Commissioner adjourned to 10th February 1925.

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority Form was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 274 Treas. Wexford Co Council £549-8-11- No 275 J.J.Murphy £24-5-6
" 276 Edw Browne £1-5-0 No 277. Jno O'Kennedy £6-8-0
" 278 Doran Bros £15-11-6 " 279 James Power Co £3-13-8
" 280 D. Doran £2-3-4 " 281 Thos Butler £7-1-8
" 282 Thos Butler £5-8-4 " 283 M Dunn £19-11-8
" 284 Petty Cash £29-17-4 " 285 Gas Coy £162-2-3.
" 286 J.J.Kirkall £13-1-10 " 287 J.J.Browne £1-19-0
" 288 J.J.Browne £3-14-5 " 289 O'Dierney £13-6-6
" 290 Jas Rossiter £5-4-0 " 291 D.W.K.Rly Co £10-4-5
" 292 D Lyne £11-9-4 293 School Attn. Ctte £9-10-8
" 294 People Newspapers Co £-7-6.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government Roads Dept: No R.4/201, dated 9th Inst. reminding the Clerk that an investigation of the expenditure out of the Grant of £950 will be carried out in due course by a Local Govt Auditor & weekly wages sheets should be carefully prepared for this purpose.
No Order made

Letter from Ministry of Local Government dated 6th Inst. stating in reply to the Clerk's letter of the 31st ultimo that the Minister's sanction is not necessary in the case of the reduction of the wages of the Council's workmen.
No order made.

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A Tender dated 10th Inst. was received from James Rossiter Contractor to carry out the repairs on house in garden in occupation of Mrs Hynes, of which the Council are Owners, according to specification for the sum of £11-15-0. This was the only Tender received, and the Surveyor having stated the price was very reasonable, the Commissioner Ordered

That it be accepted

The Surveyor submitted a letter which he had received from Mr Philip Kelly Palace, dated 29th ult asking what about some Rock material from the Cheny Road, as it would make a suitable Rock and by taking some from there it would be a great acquisition for the Corporation for a Depot as well.

The Surveyor stated the place referred to is a long distance from any house, so that in blasting no Injury could be caused, and he considered the stone was practically as good as that in John St Quarry but the distance from where the stones will be carried to is longer than from John St Quarry. The Traffic on the road will be stopped when blasting will be in progress

The Commissioner, after some considerations made the following order, and directed that a copy be sent to Mr Kelly viz:- "Option of using Quarry reserved. If required may be availed of at 4d. per ton as obtains in John St Quarry."

A Tender was received from Messrs Cooke & Co for the supply of 100 Weighbridge Docket Books and 50 Cattle Docket Books, but the number was considered too many and the Commissioner directed that they be asked to quote for 50 & 25 respectively.

The Surveyor stated that in connection with the work to be carried out under the grant it will be necessary to transfer the Council's foreman Patrick Farrell to it, and as his weekly wage is £2-5-0, whilst those employed under the Scheme is only 35/- it will be necessary

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to obtain the sanction of the Ministry. One of the men employed on the Scheme will be transferred to the work as substitute for Pat Carroll.

The Commissioner approved of the transfer of Carroll to work under the Trust and directed that the sanction of the Ministry to the proposal be asked.

The Surveyor also stated he will require a timekeeper in connection with the Scheme as the work will be carrying on in different places, and it would not be possible for him to check the time of the men

After some discussion during which it was considered that the sanction of the Ministry to such an appointment was not necessary, the Commissioner agreed to the appointment by the Surveyor of a timekeeper at the same rate of wages as the other men viz: 35/ weekly.

The Street Inspector reported that during the week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the Public Lamps were lighting at night as per Contract.

John Hand William St is in occupation of five stalls at Meat Market, Mary St, In addition he uses four others for the display of his goods (cheap Jockline) during the day time. I understand he pays rent for two only.

The Travers Brothers who are holders of seven stalls use a portion of the market as a storeroom. This place was always common to all holders of stalls in the Market.

(Signed) Tomás de Búrcéir

P.S. In the case of John Hand above I forgot to state that he has three of the stalls sub-let to James O'Hanlon Mary St.

Ordered

"That"

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"That Mr O'Hanlon be asked to state whether he has rented any of the stalls in the Shambles from Mr Hand, and if so, how many, the date of letting and weekly rent paid by him for them.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing that the amount of rates collected during week ended 7th Inst. for year ended 31st March 1925 was £600-3-0 leaving a balance of £4789-1-10. The amount outstanding for year ended 31st March 1924 is £1099-0-9, and of 1923 rate £102-8-7.

Ordered

That the Collector be directed to proceed with the collection of those rates as expeditiously as possible

The sitting was adjourned to 17th February, 1925.

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The Commissioner attended on this date to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:- No 295 £60

Correspondence

A Paying Order value £5-5-0 was received from the County Council in Payment of a/c for use of Water Hydrant & Hose in connection with the steam-rolling of Cherry Road in the Rural District, and it was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council as was also a cheque valued £3-8-0 received from the Hibernian Fire Insurance Co. being rebate under E.L. Policy No 130487.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 13th Feby '25 relative to the payment of State Duty Grants & Grants under Section 58 of Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

With regard to the former it was ascertained that the amount of arrears of annuities in the County chargable against the Urban District is £276-8-6 whilst the ascertained share of the Council is only £206-10-8 so that the arrears is in excess of the ascertained share of the Council in the Grant.

With regard to the Grants under Sect 58 of the Local Government Act in aid of Sanitary Salaries, an advance on a/c of this has already been made, and in framing the Estimates credit should be taken on the basis of the sums received in respect of the year 1923.

No Order made

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Letter from same dated 11th Inst intimating a further postponment of the Local Election and pointing out that until Senad Amendments to the Local Government Bill have been considered by the Dail it will not be possible to fix an approximate date for the holding of them
No Order made

Letter from same No R1/109 dated 16th Inst stating that he will raise no objection to the employment of one of the permanent employees of the Council as Payer and Timekeeper on the relief work at a wage of 45/- but he does not see the necessity for employing a permanent timekeeper
Ordered "

That this letter be referred to the Town Surveyor for his observations, in writing, same to be forwarded to the Ministry

Letter from the Manager, Hibernian Insurance Co dated 10th Inst in reference to the proposal for a Policy of Insurance covering D.P. risks in blasting Sewer construction. In it they acknowledged receipt of Proposal together with statement of the Town Surveyor from which it appeared that some houses are or possibly may be within ten yards from the scene of blasting operations and in his opinion it would be impossible to prevent damage to such houses.

The Company is not therefore prepared to quote for the damage to property section of the risk, but are prepared, subject to all possible precautions being taken, to quote a rate of £5-5-0 to cover risk of personal injury.

The Commissioner decided to accept a Policy covering the risk of personal injury only, at the premium quoted viz £5-5-0, and directed that they be instructed to prepare it.

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Letter from same dated 14th Inst quoting a premium of £15-4-5 for a Policy covering full legal liability of the Council to the workmen engaged at work under the Scheme, including Sewer construction quarrying & blasting
Ordered

That the proposal of the Company be accepted and they be instructed to issue a Policy covering the risk at the premium quoted.

Letter from the Co. Surveyor dated 12th Inst stating that in December last he fowarded a bill for hire of Steam Roller plant the will be obliged for payment of it as he is anxious to square up Machinery a/c without delay. As the payment is to be made out of the grant there should be no difficulty in dealing with it now
Ordered

That the Co Surveyor be informed, that owing to the non-completion of the work of spraying due to unfavourable weather the remaining 20% of the Grant has not yet been applied for & consequently no funds are available at present to pay the a/c furnished by him

Letter from Very Rev L. Coghlan P.P. dated 17th Inst. stating that he had got the necessary documents for a Grant of £200 for two five-roomed houses in Rosbercon-area of Newross - & the would be obliged & facilitated very much if the Commissioners would grant him a like or near like amount towards same.

A letter dated 16th Inst was received from Jas Rossiter informing the Commissioner that he proposes to build two five-roomed houses to comply with all the Statutory requirements of the Building Facilities Act & he will be glad to learn what Grant the Commissioner would be prepared to give him per house under Section 6 (a) in accordance with.

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with his vested powers.
Ordered

That Very Rev Dr Coghlan P.P. & Mr Rossiter be informed the Commissioner regrets that owing to the financial position of the Council it is not possible for him to make a Grant, out of the funds, for the purpose. He will however be pleased to make a Loan equivalent to twice the amount of the Government Grant same to be repayable by instalments or otherwise within a period not exceeding fifteen years from the making of the Loan with interest at a rate not more than ten shillings above the rate at which the money can be borrowed by the Council, the loan to be secured by a mortgage or charge on the houses.

Letter from Michael O'Byrne South St dated 12th Inst guaranteeing the payment by Mr Joseph Durlong of half the cost of a new range (in instalments of one shilling per week) to be fixed in his house at William St.
Ordered

That a new range be purchased & fitted in house of the Council at William St occupied by Joseph Durlong, he having undertaken to pay half the cost of same in weekly instalments.

The Commissioner decided to order the range from M Hearn & Son if they are willing to supply one similar to one recently purchased from them for house occupied by Michael Keefe at same price viz £6-10-0 including piping &c.

Letter from Philip Kelly Palace dated 12th Feby stating that on 16th Sept last he sent a note to the Council asking to have macadam &c removed from space of ground alongside the carriage way on Cherry Rd. but got no reply. He now asked that this be done.

The Clerk & Surveyor stated that neither of them had heard of the letter referred to by Mr Kelly.
Ordered

That Mr Kelly be informed the Commissioner cannot.

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cannot understand precisely what is referred to in his letter and he will be glad if he state more fully & explicitly the subject matter of it.

An application received from Messrs M Ryan & P Brady for use of large room for holding of a dance on 2nd Inst. was granted subject to an undertaking being given by an approved Ratepayer that any damage which may be done to the premises whilst in their occupation may be made good.

Letter from James Hanlon, Mary St dated 12th Inst stating, in reply to the Clerk's letter, that he had no stall in the shambles taken from John Hand who only obliged him to allow him to put a few joints of meat in the stall from time to time. He meant to take a stall from the Council but was not certain how he would get on at the business in the Shop. He now applies for a stall & trusts his application will be granted.

Mr Hand attended at the Council Office in connection with the Report previously received from the Street Inspector in which that Officer stated that Mr Hand had let stalls to Mr Hanlon, and the Commissioner having decided to hear his explanation, he stated that he believed four stalls were originally let to Daniel Murphy and himself as these were limewashed by an employe of the Council when they were getting possession of them, and to oblige Mr Hanlon he allowed him to store his meat in it occasionally. He also admitted that he exhibited goods consisting of articles of harness and other small things but stated if the Commissioner wished he would discontinue doing so. He also alleged that some boxes and ladders belonging to other persons were stored in the stalls.

The Commissioner in the course of discussion pointed

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pointed out to him that apparently he was using nine stalls whilst he was paying rent for only two, which, of course, could not be tolerated.

After some further discussion Mr Hand retired and the Commissioner having carefully considered the Report of the Street Inspector, the letter received from Mr Haulon and his statement to Mr Butler "that he was paying rent to Mr Hand for the stalls" - was satisfied that one or more of the stalls was sub-let by the latter to Mr Haulon and accordingly Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to advise him, as soon as possible, if there is any legal way of proving by means of Mr Haulon (having regard to his admission to Mr Butler that he was paying rent for the stalls) that he rented the stalls from Mr Hand, and also the amount of rent paid by him, with a view to proceeding against Mr Hand for a refund of the amount of rent paid to him.

That Mr Haulon be informed the Commissioner is not prepared to let him a stall in the Shambles.

An application was received from D.J. Morrissey Collector of Income Tax for payment of first Instalment of Tax on Council's property for year 1924/25 amounting to £43-9-9 but it was deferred for examination.

Tenders were received from Messrs W Harvey & Co for the supply of 1000 Memo Forms Printed, the Council to supply Block of Coat of Arms @ 16/6
50 Weighbridge Docket Books & 25 Cattle Books @ 1/6 each
From Cooke & Co Waterford to supply:-
1000 Memo Forms at 24/.
1000 Envelopes @ 17/. & 250 smaller size @ 6/.
50 Weighbridge Docket Books & 25 Cattle Do @ 11¼ each
From Moran Bros
Weighbridge & Cattle Docket Books @ 1/ each
1000 Memo Forms printed @ 16/6 & 500 envelopes @ 6/9
Ordered
That.

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That the Tender of Messrs Moran Bros be accepted for all Tendered for.

The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner & that the Public Lamps were lighting according to Contract.
No order made

With reference to the conveyance of blasting material from the Military Barracks at Wexford to NewRoss the Clerk stated that it may be necessary to engage a motor to convey it, as according to the letter received from the Military Authorities it is to be called for at Wexford & the Railway Co will hardly undertake the carriage of it.

The Commissioner whilst of opinion that the Military ought to deliver the explosives at NewRoss where they were originally stored, and from where they were removed by them, he —
Ordered

That a Motor Car be engaged to convey them from ~~NewRoss~~ Wexford to NewRoss

Tyrrell

The Commissioner adjourned to 24th February 25.

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The Commissioner attended on this date to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last sitting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz :-
No 296 Petty Cash No 3 a/c £43-18-9 - No 297 Petty Cash £29-13-8

Correspondence

An application dated 21st Inst was received from John Murphy Conduit Lane on behalf of Royal Liver Friendly Society for the use of the Large Room on 11th March next for the purpose of holding a meeting of the members.
Ordered
That the use of the room be granted at the usual fee of 5/.

Letter from the Managing Director of the Parnell Quarries Arklow, dated 20th Inst in reference to the reduction in price of Macadam asked for. In it he pointed out that he had got the Railway Company to agree to a special rate of 6/. per ton in wagon loads Arklow to New Ross, which he trusted will enable the Commissioner to place further business with them.
This meant a reduction of 1/6 per ton in the cost of Macadam at New Ross which was considered satisfactory and there was therefore
No order made on the letter

Letters dated 17th & 18th Inst were received from the Hibernian Insurance Co enclosing Cover Notes - indemnifying the Council against D.P.W.E.L. Liability in connection with work under the Grant of £750 pending preparation of Policies. The

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The Clerk also submitted the Policies since received, the indemnity in the Third Party one being £300 for one accident and £1,000, in the year.
No order made

Messrs Croker & Co Waterford tendered under date 18th Inst: to supply 100 rent pass books for £5-10-0, whilst Messrs Harvey & Co Waterford offered to supply them @ 8½ each
Ordered
That the Tender of Messrs Harvey & Co Waterford, dated 16th Inst: to supply one hundred Rent Pass Books as sample one furnished them @ 8½d. each be accepted.

Letter from the Hon Secretaries of the Tramore Club dated 20th Inst thanking the Commissioner for the use of the large room for the holding of a dance and stating that the latter had been cancelled.
No Order made

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health (Roads Dept) dated 23rd Inst stating that he does not see the necessity for employing an independant Timekeeper in connection with work being carried out under the Grant of £750. The Town Surveyor should be in a position to look after the accounts &c & generally supervise the work.
The letter was submitted to the Town Surveyor for his information, and the Commissioner pointed out that a Timekeeper should not be appointed.

A letter dated 21st Inst was received from Mr Philip Kelly, Palace, declining to accept fourpence per ton for stones from the Quarry on Cherry's Road.
The Clerk stated Mr Kelly called to the Office last evening & informed him he was prepared to accept eight pence per ton for the stones.
The Commissioner was of opinion that the price quoted by Mr Kelly was reasonable, and that it would be far safer to get the stones there rather than in

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in the John St Quarry and accordingly he decided to accept the offer and

Ordered

That Mr Kelly be informed his offer to permit stones to be taken from the Quarry at Kenny's Road, he to be paid eightpence per ton for them has been accepted, and that he also be asked to confirm his offer in writing, and that if nothing to the contrary is received from him by Friday next the Commissioner will assume that his verbal offer holds good

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The Clerk submitted the permit received from the Sergeant of the Civic Guard authorising the removal from Wexford Military Barracks to New Ross of a sufficient quantity of explosives to be used in one day for blasting purposes in connection with the work to be carried out under the Relief of Distress Scheme

In reply to the Commissioner the County Surveyor explained that he could not possibly have all the necessary blasting carried out in one day. It will therefore be necessary for him to proceed to Wexford each time explosives are required, which will prove very expensive

The Commissioner pointed out that the authority given at last sitting to engage a motor car to convey the explosives from Wexford only applied to one journey and he considered it was only reasonable that the Military Authorities should deliver the explosives to the Council at New Ross having regard to the fact that they were originally stored in the Barracks here, and removed from there by the Military.

He accordingly directed the Clerk to communicate with the Civic Guard Sergeant, from whom the permit was obtained, and ascertain if the Military will convey the explosives to New Ross.

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The Clerk submitted a statement showing the amount of rates outstanding on 21st Inst. for the following years :-

Year 31/3/23 £102-3-4, 31/3/24 £1084-0-1, 31/3/25 £3979-8-3

The Commissioner, with the Collector, examined in detail the Rate Book for year ending 31/3/24 and found that there are only a few fairly large amounts outstanding, and considered that, on the whole, the Collector was doing well. He however urged him to proceed as energetically as possible with the collection of all the outstanding rates for the three years.

The Clerk pointed out that there was a sum of £3-0-1½ due the Council on foot of a yearly rent of 4/7½ out of premises on Quay, which was formerly paid by Mrs Rutledge of Enniscorthy whose address is at present unknown. Also £1-8-6 on a yearly rental of 4/9 due by Repts of Thos Brehon, and suggested that the collection of these two items be placed in the hands of the Council's Solicitors

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to collect these two amounts.

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday, 3rd March '25.

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner & the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz :-

No 298 £59-13"2. No 3 a/c.

Correspondence

Letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Associated of Municipal Authorities, dated 27th ult. stating that some of the associated Councils have written asking if any joint action has been taken with regard to the combined Purchase Bill now passing through the Dail in which they state that it deprives Local Bodies of the right to decide their own Contracts, and also deprives Traders of any genuine opportunities for securing Contracts for local supplies, and suggesting that the views of the Council might be communicated to the Ministry of Local Government & local members of Dail Eireann

No Order made

Letter from Parnell Quarries Ltd dated 24th Feby quoting 8/6 per ton for stone in 50 ton lots and 9/- per ton for chippings if taken within three months, after which the chippings will be 1/- more per ton

Ordered

That the Manager be informed the price is considered too high & he be requested to reduce it

Letter from the Hibernian Insurance Co. dated 27th ult. stating that it will be quite in order to have premiums on D.P.E.L. Policies covering risks under the Grant of £750 paid on the 9th prox.

Ordered - That premiums be paid at Finance Sitting on that day

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Letter from Colfer & Son dated 27th Feby reporting an interview with Mr Butler in reference to the Clerk's letter of the 19th Inst relative to the letting of stalls in the shambles to Messrs Hand & Murphy, when he informed them that he believed they were handed over by Mr Shortall and directing the Clerk to arrange to have Mr Shortall to call upon them with all the informations in his possession relative to the matter.

The Clerk stated that Mr Shortall attended as requested

Letter from Mr P Kelly, Palace, dated 25th ult agreeing to accept 8d per ton for stones to be taken from the Quarry on Cherry's Road subject to agreeing with the Dowry Surveyor's terms, whom he proposed to meet on the Site next morning at 11 o'clock. He also reserves the right that should fences be tampered with they will be made good by replanting the white thorn stocks so that trespass or accident may not occur, and also that the cutting go down four feet if not more and be filled up as the work proceeds.

The Commissioner decided to accept the stones at 8d per ton.

In connection with this letter the Surveyor reported verbally that he met Mr Kelly on the site on the 26th ultimo and it was mutually agreed, for the present, to confine operations to the South East corner of the depot adjoining Cherry Road to an extent of about four perches on the face adjoining public road and two perches in depth.

He had since received a letter from Mr Kelly in confirmation of this arrangement

The This was considered satisfactory by the Commissioner.

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In connection with the obtaining of Explosives from Wexford Military Barracks the Surveyor also reported that he motored to Wexford on the 2nd Inst for the purpose of getting the quantity of Pelignite Detonators & Fuse mentioned in the permit given by the Superintendent of the Civic Guards, but was informed by the Commanding Officer that there were no Explosives of any kind credited to the Council in the Wexford Magazine,

He then called upon Mr Barry Co Surveyor who very kindly gave his written authority to the Military Officer to release to him the quantity mentioned in the Permit the value of which is £2

The Clerk submitted the letter dated 4th February last, received from Captain O'Neill, Kilkenny Brks stating that if the Clerk or his authorized Agent called at Wexford Barracks the explosives would be handed over to the Council.

Ordered

That the Commanding Officer at Kilkenny be informed of the Surveyor's visit to Wexford for the explosives when he was told there was none there the property of the Council, & also the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept, be asked to take the matter up with the Military Authorities with a view to obtaining definite information as to where the explosives are stored.

A bill for £2 was received from William Ryan for hire of Motor to Wexford for the explosives, and it was decided to pay it at next Finance sitting.

The Clerk stated that he communicated on the 27th ult. with the Secretary of the Civic Guards, from whom the Permit for the removal of the explosives was received, pointing out that the Commissioner is of opinion the explosives should be delivered at New Ross by the Military Authorities as they were removed from there by them, and also that it will be very expensive

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on the Council if the Surveyor has to travel to Wexford each time they are required, since only the quantity to be (removed) used each day will be released at a time, and requesting to be informed if the Military will do so— but no reply has been received up to the present.

A Proposal dated 3rd Inst was received from Edwd Neville, Dayhouse, to purchase a heap of Manure at Dowrswall for £4 and it was accepted subject to the Manure being available for sale.

A letter was received, through the Surveyor, from Mr John Ryan, Redhouse, dated 10th December 1924 stating that he owed the Council some rates & he would be glad if they would have what mangolds are required, at market price, as it would suit him better.

This arrangement was approved of by the Commissioners

The Street Inspector reported that all the untenanted Stalls at Meat Market have been cleared, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, & the Public Lamps were lighting at night according to Contract.

No order made

The Clerk drew attention to some outstanding accounts for ranges fixed in the Houses of the Council's tenants by agreement with the latter by which half the cost of the ranges was to be repaid by weekly instalments, but only a small portion of same was paid by some of the tenants

Ordered

That the Accounts outstanding be furnished to the tenants by whom they are due & they be informed that a weekly instalment of at least one shilling must be paid regularly until the amount is cleared off.

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The Commissioner also ordered that an account be furnished to Mr John Flood amounting to £3-3-1 for repairs to water Pipe, with a request that it be paid, and to Mr John Hand for £1-8-8, with a like request.

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday, 10th March, 1925

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed & the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

(No 298. Petty Cash No 3 a/c (Duplicate) £59-13-2) No 299 W Ryan No 39 £2—
" 301 Hibyle No 3 a/c £5-5-0 " 302 Hibs Co No 39 £15-4-5
" 303 Jas Ryan Drumk Road a/c £9-16-0 " 304 J J Browne £1-19-0
" 305 J J Browne £3-14-5 " 306 D Butler £7-1-8
" 307 D. Butler £5-8-4 " 308 D. Doran £2-3-4
" 309 N J Dinn £19-11-8 " 310 J. J. Shortall £16-9-9
" 311 E Monahan £5-12-0 " 312 French & Hayden £6-12-6
" 313 Dr S E Rly Co £22-5-6 " 314 Tech. Committee £10-0-0
" 315 Tech Committee £10-0-0 " 316 J. Rossiter £2-18-1
" 317 M J O'Kennedy £8-11-1 " 318 Jas Kelly £25-10-0
" 319 P M Gorman £3-15-5 " 320 N J Moran £3-0-4
" 321 Secty S.A.H. Committee £4-3-4 " 322 D. Lyne £11-9-4
" 323 R. Murphy £10— " 324 Hibs Insce Co £9-0-6
" 325 Treas. Co Council £1098-17-10 " 326 Petty Cash £30-1-10

Correspondence

Letter from the Military Authorities at Kilkenny acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 7th Inst. (informing them that the Authorities at Wexford told the Town Surveyor; when he called, that there are no explosives belonging to the Council in the Magazine) and stating that there were 70 lbs of Peligrite, 150 Detonators and 20 Coils of Fuse there

The Clerk stated that Captain O'Neill and another Officer called on him when returning from Wexford, where they went for the purpose of making inquiries respecting the explosives, and reported the quantity specified in his letter was there.

They also stated that the Peligrite was frozen and great

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great care should be taken in using it.

In view of the risk attaching to the using of it the Clerk suggested to the Town Surveyor to ask the County Surveyor if he could let him have the quantity of Seligrite he would require, and he accordingly wired Mr Barry, County Surveyor, who very kindly wired in reply as follows:- "Can let you have Seligrite"

Ordered

That the required quantity of Seligrite be purchased from the County Surveyor, & that the Clerk write thanking him for his kind offer.

With reference to the conveyance of the explosives from Wexford the Clerk stated that he wrote the Civic Guard Sergeant, as directed at previous sitting, asking him if the explosives will be taken over from Wexford by the Military or the Guards as it was considered expensive to be sending for them by Motor, but the Sergeant informed him verbally that his Superior Officer directed him to state that the Guards could not undertake the conveyance of them.

As the time was running out for completing the work under the Scheme it was decided to authorise the hiring of a Motor Car to proceed to Wexford for the explosives, and also convey the Civic Guard Escort without which the explosives will not be released.

A Tender was received from Messrs French & Hayden dated 10th Inst. offering 30/- for one heap of manure at Cherry's Road, & it was ordered to be accepted.

An application received from the Secty of the New Ross Agricultural Society, dated 9th March, for use of Large Room, Tholsel, for the purpose of holding a meeting in it was granted

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An application received from the Registration Officer, Wexford for the use of the room on the 2nd April next for the revision of Voters & Jurors Lists was also granted.

Letter from the Managing Director, Parnell Quarries dated 4th Inst quoting 7/9 per ton for 100 ton lots of stones D.O.R. Arklow, and 7/9 per ton for chippings
Ordered
That this Tender be accepted.

A circular letter was received from the Ministry of Local Government dated 3rd Inst adverting to his letter of the 5th September relative to officials of Local Authorities in receipt of scales of remuneration, carrying Bonuses, and pointing out that the half-yearly review for the period commencing on the 1st Inst is based on an average cost of living figure of 95.
No order made, as the scale did not apply to the Council's Officials.

Mr James Connolly applied for permission to erect a scaffolding in Cross Lane, and it was granted, the erection to be subject to the approval of the Surveyor.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 4th Inst pointing out that at the January Session in 1922 Peter Higgins was awarded £12, on foot of a claim for malicious injury to his fences & gates, against which the Urban Council appealed on the ground of excessive award.
The appeal will be heard this spring, & although the award may be considerably reduced, Higgins will be entitled to his expenses from England, where he now resides. These will probably amount to £10-10-0, this sum being allowed him on a similar case in October last, so that it does not seem any useful purpose will

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will be served in endeavouring to reduce the award.
Ordered
That no further action be taken in the matter.

The Clerk pointed out that no definite reply had yet been received from the Minister of Local Government in reference to the proposal of the Commissioner to increase the rents of the weekly tenants to cover the rates, and submitted the correspondence which had passed between the Minister & the Commissioner
Ordered
That the Minister be referred to the Clerk's letter of the 15th Febry. relative to this proposal, and he be asked to state whether the Commissioner can legally do so, and if he can, will the Minister sanction it, also to kindly state whether payment of the Down Rate can be legally enclosed having regard to the existing agreement between the Council & the tenants, copy of which has already been forwarded.
That the Clerk also furnish the Ministry with a copy of the letter received from the Council's Solicitors in reference to this matter.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner and the Public Lamps were lighting at night according to contract.
No Order made

As next Tuesday will be St Patricks Day, which is a Bank holiday the Commissioner decided not to attend on that day but to adjourn to 24th Inst.
This concluded the business, and

The Commissioner adjourned to 24th March, 1925.

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The Commissioner held a special sitting on above date at 12 o'clock noon - to make arangements for payment of weekly wages to workmen engaged on the unemployment Scheme, and also to transact the following special business.

The weekly labour sheets of those workmen were examined by the Commissioner and the Treasurer's Authority Dorm was signed authorising payment of Petty Cash out of No 3 a/c amounting to No 327 £149-5-6

Letter from the Rate Collector dated 20th Inst. asking for an extension of at least two months to close his collection for financial year ending 31st Inst as he had only three months to collect the rates it is impossible for him to close his collection within the prescribed time.
Ordered
That the time allowed the collector for closing the rate collection viz 31st Inst. be extended to 31st May subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health.

The following letter was received from Messrs Colfer & Son viz:-

13th March, 1925

re:- Shambles

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 19th ult. we have now had an interview with Mr J. Shortall, Mr Thos Butler, & Mr James Hanlon in reference thereto.

It appears that shortly after the 28th November, '22 Mr Shortall attended at the shambles & handed over possession of the two stalls to Messrs Hand & Murphy they to pay a weekly rent of one shilling per stall.

One of the Council's workmen subsequently attended and repairs were carried out on the two stalls in question and on three adjoining stalls.

Mr.

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Mr Hand went into possession of the two original stalls where he stored his goods, but in the day time he displayed a quantity of his goods in the three adjoining stalls. Although Mr Hand had been doing this for more than two years no objection was made to it by the Council. Further we are informed that certain other persons have been in the habit of unpacking goods in other stalls at the shambles & leaving cases & empties there until such time as it was convenient to remove them. There appears to have been a certain amount of laxity by whoever was in charge of the Shambles in this respect.

Mr Hanlon informed us that he asked Hand for permission to allow him to hang meat in one of the three adjoining stalls during the summer months. Hanlon was under the impression that Hand was the tenant of these. Hanlon occupies the stalls from July '24 until 7th December, 1924. He gave Hand in odd payments from time to time amounting in all to 22/- (twenty-two Shillings) Hanlon is not clear whether this was rent or whether it was solatium to Hand for obliging him.

We are of opinion that owing to the laxity of the Council's servants and the doubt as to whether the money paid by Hanlon was rent or a present, that a prosecution would lie against Hand. We think the furthest to which the matter may be pushed is by instituting proceedings for trespass against Hand. This will have the effect of confining Hand to the original two stalls. We doubt however if the Magistrate would grant any damages.

We would advise that a letter be written to Hand requesting him to remove his goods & effects from the three adjoining stalls & to confine himself strictly to the two stalls originally let to him.

(Signed) Colfer & Son

P.S. Since writing the above Mr Hand called here stating he had heard that there was an objection to his using the

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the three adjoining stalls. He stated at great length his reasons for occupying them & ultimately offered to refund the amount received by him from Hanlon viz:- 22/-

We look it on ourselves to accept this amount from him for which we now enclose a cheque. We trust you will consider this satisfactory.

L Tobin.

Ordered

That the cheque for 22/- be lodged to the credit of the Council and no further action be taken in the matter.

Letter from the Weighmaster, J. Doran dated 13th Inst stating that he understood the Mechanic who repaired the Weighbridges last time - now nearly two years ago - is to be in town shortly and he suggested that he be engaged to overhaul the Machines; as it will be cheaper to get them done then than to get him to come specially from Enniscorthy

He also wants to get some repairs done to the cage on the scales for weighing Pigs, and some filling put in the pen in the Kilntown as it is very muddy

Ordered

That the Clerk ascertain from Mr P. Kenny Enniscorthy if he will be in the vicinity of New Ross soon, and if so that he be employed to adjust the two public weighbridges and effect any repairs that may be necessary on them.

That the Surveyor get the cage of the scales repaired by Edward Lawlor, and filling put in the pen at Kilntown as requested by the Weighmaster.

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Letter from the Hibernian Fire Insurance Co dated 10th Inst. relative to D.P. Insurance in connection with blasting on Cherry Road Quarry stating that the risk is a heavy one, but they are prepared to issue a Policy on the condition that every precaution will be adopted to prevent accidents, including personal warnings, posting of men with red flags and temporary stoppage of traffic, and that light charges only will be used.

The Clerk stated that he meant the existing D.P. Policy to cover this risk in addition to that attached to the Quarrying in Johnst Quarry, and it was decided not to take any action in reference to this matter for the present.

The Clerk pointed out that Tuesday last being St Patricks day the men engaged on the unemployment Scheme did not work on that day, and he asked if they be allowed a half-holiday.

According to the letter of the Minister for Local Government the same conditions applied to these men as to the Council's ordinary workmen and also to the conditions of the previous Scheme workmen but according to an order of the Commissioners made in connection with the previous Scheme no man was to be allowed a half-holiday who did not work 54 hours per week including the half-holiday, which was not possible during this week.

The Commissioner, after some considerations, Ordered

That any man who worked five full days for this week be allowed the half holiday in addition.

The Clerk drew attention to the desirability of having an Agreement with Mr Kelly Palace, as to the future price of the stones which the Council may require to get from the Quarry at Cherry's Road, as portion of the field from which the earth was removed

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removed for the purpose of Quarrying is to be enclosed by railing.

The Surveyor stated he had received a letter from Mr Kelly authorising him to depart somewhat from the original arrangement as to the portion of the field in which quarrying is to be carried on, which will save the cost of removing more of the surface of the ground.

After considering the matter the Commissioners considered it better not to approach Mr Kelly for the purpose suggested, and therefore made,—
No Order on the matter.

The Dowry Surveyor reported verbally that he went to Wexford on Monday last for the explosives the County Surveyor had given him an order for but found that all the Stock of the County Council had just been removed by an official of the County Council for use.

The Borough Surveyor, Mr Hanrahan, kindly gave him some, which has been used during the past two days.
No order made

This concluded the business of the special sitting

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Tuesday, 24th March 1925

The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
(No 3 a/c) No 328 £93-15-6 Petty Cash. No 329 Petty Cash £27-5-5
No 330 Jas Traynor £1-1-7 - No 331 D.S.E.Rly Co £15-9-3
" 332 Parnell Quarries £57-14-11 - No 333 Trust & Chimes £6-16-1

Correspondence

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 12th Inst. acknowledging receipt of a communication relative to valuation of premises occupied by Mrs M.J. Moran, Johnstown, stating that as the valuation was not under consideration at the recent annual revision no appeal now lies.
No order made

Letter from the Secty, Ministry of Local Govt. Roads Department, dated 19th Inst intimating that a sum of £450, the balance of Relief Grant of £750, had been paid to the Treasurer of the Council
The Clerk stated that the Order payable to the Treasurer was forwarded to him (Clerk) & was lodged to the credit of the Council's No 3 a/c, & there was therefore No order made in reference to it

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Letter from the Hibernian Insurance Company dated 23rd Inst. stating that with regard to the last paragraph in their letter of the 10th Inst they are not issuing a new Policy as the risk will be covered under Policy No 251040
No Order made.

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An application was received from Patrick Murphy, one of the Council's tenants, dated 21st Inst, for a new range, as the old one is practically useless and the oven cannot be used.

Ordered

That the consideration of the application be adjourned for four months.

Thomas Pantley, Secretary, New Ross Boat Club applied for the use of the Large room in which to hold a meeting of the Club on this date, and the application was granted.

A letter was received from the O/C Ordnance Branch Island Bridge Barrack dated 16th Inst. in reply to a letter addressed to the Minister of Defence on the 4th Inst: relative to the explosives of the Council in Military custody. In it the Officer enquired from whom the explosives were purchased & other particulars, and the amount claimed to be still in deposit:

As the Military Authorities at Kilkenny, through Captain O'Neill had, after a visit to the Military at Wexford, given particulars of the amount belonging to the Council, which was found to be stored in the Wexford Magazine it was

Ordered

That the Commanding Officer of the Ordnance Branch be informed it has been definitely ascertained the explosives are Stored at Wexford Barracks and no further action is necessary in reference to them.

In connection with this matter the Clerk reported that a Military Representative of Capt O'Neill, Kilkenny Military Barracks called to the Council Office on Friday, 20th Inst for the purpose of obtaining a statement in writing that the explosives had been traced to Wexford Military Barracks, as he

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he required this for transmission to his Authorities who had forwarded him a copy of the letter which the Clerk addressed to the Minister of Defence.

This man stated that the Gelignite stored in Wexford Military Barracks, the property of the Council, was in a highly dangerous condition.

After considering the matter at length the Commissioner Ordered

That the Clerk acknowledge with thanks, receipt of Captain O'Neills letter advising particulars of the quantity of explosives belonging to the Council which are stored in Wexford Barracks, & he inform that Officer the Commissioner is not satisfied it would be safe to use the Gelignite for blasting purposes in its present condition, and he is therefore prepared to relinquish all claim to it, and request the Military Authorities to dispose of it as to them may seem proper.

The Detonators & fuse will be applied for as required

A Tender of £2-10-0 for one heap of Manure in Council's yard at Henry St was received from Mr Tyndall Oaklands but being considered too low was not accepted.

Messrs Hely's Ltd, tendered to supply a Stock Financial Book of Expenditure, containing sixty leaves, half-bound leather back &c for £4-4-0, (Specimen leaf enclosed)

The Clerk stated that he also asked Messrs Dollard for a quotation for a similar book but they did not quote.

Ordered

That the Financial statement Book, as quoted at 84/- be purchased from Messrs Hely's Ltd.

A letter dated 11th Inst was received from Mrs O'Neill, Lowe St complaining of the condition of the range in her house, which is completely out of order, the oven cannot be used. The roof of the house also

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also requires to be repaired

Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect & report upon the matter complained of.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing the amount of outstanding rates as follows:-

For year ended 31st March 1924 - £1058 . 6 . 1

" " " 31st March 1925 £3442 . 13 . 9.

With reference to the rates due by the Council's Tenants the Commissioner

Ordered

That the Collector be directed to proceed at once with the collection of the Poor Rate due by them, without prejudice to the collection of the Town Rate subsequently if the Commissioner so decides.

Ordered

That D.J. Morrissey, Collector of Taxes be asked for a reply to the letters addressed to him relative to the account furnished by him for Income Tax for year 1923/24, as the Commissioner wishes to have that year's Tax disposed of before dealing with that for 1924/25.

The Steet Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner and the public lamps were lighting at night according to contract.

No Order made.

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday 31st March '25

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Tuesday, 31st March, 1925.

The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 334 Petty Cash No 3 a/c £4 - 3 - 6.

Correspondence.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health No A376/7833/1925, dated 27th March, intimating that it is open to the Commissioner to make arrangements for the payment by the Council's tenants, of Poor Rate in weekly instalments, but these instalments should be kept in a separate account, and lodged to the credit of the Poor Rate Account. They should not be included in the rent, but it is open to the Commissioner to fix the weekly rents so as to include rates other than Poor Rate.

After fully considering the question the Commissioner Ordered

That the Rate Collector be directed to demand payment of the Town Rate from the Council's tenants in addition to the Poor Rate which he was ordered at last meeting to collect

Letter from the Minister No P. 13504/1925, dated 26th Inst expressing sanction to an extension of time for closing the collection to 31st May

Ordered

That the Collector & his Sureties be notified of the extension by the Commissioner, of the time, and of its sanction by the Minister

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Letter from same dated 28th Inst. transmitting copy of an order made by him fixing dates for the holding of the forthcoming Local Elections viz 23rd June next
No Order made

Letter from the Collector of Income Tax, dated 28th Inst. stating that the Clerks letters in reference to adjustment of Income Tax claimed for 1923/24 were forwarded to the Inspector of Taxes for attention.
No Order made

Letter from the County Surveyor dated 26th Inst in reference to the maintenence of the New Ross Bridge for 1925/26. In it he pointed out that the Agreement between the Council & Mr Kelly, the approved Contractor expires on the 31st Inst, and he is in a position to make a new agreement with the Urban Council for the coming year, and he will be glad to have an offer for undertaking the maintenence of it, which will be light, as it has been rolled & sprayed.
He may also be in a position to agree with the Council to have the footpath gravelled and tar surfaced, and he will be glad to have a quotation for the extra cost of this.
The County Surveyor suggested that he should confer with Mr Barry on the matter before submitting a proposal for the work & undertook to call on him at Wexford. The Commissioner agreed to this proposal and there was no further action taken in the matter for the present

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 27th Inst asking to be informed as to the number of Petrol Pumps erected with the permission of the local Authority and the fees charged to each person.
Ordered
That the Clerk furnish the information

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A Tender dated 30th Inst was received from Mr R. Tyndall of Oaklands, in which he offered £5-10-0 for one heap of manure in Henry St yard which was pointed out to him by the Surveyor as not having been sold to anyone else

Ordered

That Mr Tyndall's Tender of £5-10-0 for heap of manure be accepted

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The adjourned circular letter dated March 1925 received from the Irish Tourist Association pointing out that under the Local Government Act 1924 Councils have power to contribute to the funds of any association formed for the purpose of advertising the advantages of their District and suggesting that a rate be struck

The Commissioner, after consideration, decided not to include a rate for the purpose in the Estimate of Poor Rate for 1925/26.

The Clerk submitted a letter received ~~from~~ by the Hon Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce from the Supt. of the Civic Guards in reference to the placing of Guards on Point duty at The Tholsel, Charles St & Royal Hotel. In it the Superintendent pointed out that if a Bye Law was made regulating the speed limit of Motors through the town there would be no necessity of Point duty at Royal Hotel & Charles St. He also stated that he was of opinion the Commissioner had power to make the Bye Law

The Commissioner expressed himself in favour of such a Bye-Law, and directed the Clerk to obtain any information he could as to the powers of the Commissioners in the matter

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The Clerk submitted a statement showing that approximately there was £40 of the Grant of £750 unexpended at the close of the financial year, 31st March, and pointed out that the Minister for

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Local Government & Public Health, in his original letter notifying the giving of the Grant, stated that any portion of it not expended by 31st March will lapse.

Under the circumstances the Commissioner directed that the Ministry be asked to approve of the continuance of the work until the balance of the Grant is expended, and at the same time point out that owing to the delay in obtaining explosives the progress of the work was somewhat retarded.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner and the Public Lamps were lighted according to Contract.

No Order made.

The Commissioner adjourned to 7th April 1924.

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant for £7-0-5 was received from the Bank of Ireland being net amount of interest on Consolidated Stock of the Council for Quarter ending 5th Inst, and it was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

A Circular letter was received from the Minister of Local Government & Public Health drawing attention to the alteration in the law affecting the Pension rights of Officers of Local Authorities, which is made in the Local Government Act which has just become law. A copy of the Act was also enclosed

Ordered

That the circular letter be submitted to Officials of this Council for consideration

Letter from P. J. Kelly, Weighing Machine Contractor Enniscorthy, dated 6th Inst. in reply to the Clerk's letter of the 21st ult. In it he stated that he is at present engaged with the Inspector adjusting weights & Scales but he will advise the Commissioner when he will be going to New Ross. The probable cost of over-hauling the two weighbridges of the Council will be about £3-10-0 each.

Ordered

That the proposal of P. Kenny to over haul the two weighing Machines of the Council for £3-10-0 each be accepted subject to the condition that he supply any new parts that may be required and supply all skilled labour that may be necessary.

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A Tender was received from Mr John Roche Ballyanne dated 6th Inst for the supply of gravel delivered on the Quay, New Ross @ 5/9 per ton.

This was the only proposal received and the price being considered very reasonable the Commissioners Ordered

That the Tender be accepted.

With reference to the letter dated 25th ult received from the County Surveyor relative to the maintenence of the New Ross Bridge for year ending 31st March, 1926, the Dowy Surveyor reported that as directed he had an interview with the County Surveyor and they agreed that £40 would be a reasonable price for the maintenence of it. He also suggested £10 for tar-surfacing the footpaths, which the County Surveyor promised to consider.

Ordered

That the Clerk tender for the maintenence of the New Ross Bridge for year ending 31st March 1926 for the sum of £40, and tarring of footpaths for £10.

A letter dated 6th Inst was received from the Secretary Carnegie Library Service Wexford, enquiring what steps are being taken by the Council in regard to taking over the library scheme in the District

Ordered

That the Secretary be asked to furnish some particulars respecting the Scheme referred to in her letter.

Letter from the Secretary County Council dated 6th Inst enclosing a letter received from the Local Government Department sanctioning ~~soda~~ departure from the Terms of the Public Bodies Order 1904 as will enable the County Council to determine their rates for year 1925/26 not later than the 30th Inst. and agreeing to a corresponding extension of time in the case

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of Urban District Councils.
No order made

The Commissioner of Valuation acknowledged receipt of valuation appeals received on behalf of Rev. Mother, Convent of Mercy, New Ross, Mrs Mary Hennessy & Brother Curtin, but there was No Order made in reference to it.

A circular letter dated 31st March was received from the Minister of Local Government & Public Health, suggesting a revision in the existing scale of charges for hackney carriages, but as no hackney carriages are employed in the District the Scale did not apply

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The Clerk reported that the Secretary of the Ex-service men's club called upon him and stated that his Committee were of opinion the Club was not liable for the rates assessed on the valuation of the premises for the months of April, May and June 1924, as they only went into occupation of the premises on the 10th July. They were willing to pay rates for the nine months they were in occupation for the financial year ending 31st March 1925.

The Commissioner, after considering the matter, Ordered

That the Committee be only charged rates for the nine months the Club was in occupation of the premises

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Michael Saunders, Irishtown, attended the sitting, on behalf of his wife who is a tenant of a house at Irishtown, of which the Council are owners, and urged that some repairs be carried out to the roof of it, but the Commissioner after hearing him, and the Town Surveyor in reference to Saunder's complaint declined to incur any further expense in repairing it.

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The Commissioner directed that a sum equivalent to one penny in the pound be included in the Rate Estimate for 1925/6, one penny in the pound for the purpose of the Irish Language, and two-pence in the pound for Technical Instruction Act purposes, also one penny in the pound under the Public Libraries' Acts.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the Daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, also that the Public lamps were lighting at night according to Contract.

No Order made

The Commissioner adjourned to 14th April, 1925.

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Tuesday, 14th April, 1925

The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 1	National Bank Ltd	£13-19-5	No 2	J J Browne	£1-19-0
" 3	John J Browne	£3-14-5.			
" 4	Thos Butler	£7-5-4	No 5	D Butler	£5-4-10
" 6	Timothy Doran	£2-3-4	" 7	J J Shatall	£16-12-0
" 8	M J Dinn	£19 11 8	" 9	M J Dinn	£6-5-0
" 10	Same	£1-17-6	" 11	Same	£1-17-6
" 12	Petty Cash	£41-10-2	" 13	J Lynch	£7-10-0
" 14	Dr J O'Regan	£3-8-0	" 15	Dr J O'Regan	£7-10-0
" 16	L. D Sinnott	£1-10-0	" 17	Revs J Doyle	£13-3-4
" 18	Colfer & Son	£12-0-0	" 19	Colfer & Son	£11 —
" 20	P Dooley	£5-2-4	No	21 M Hearn & Son	£16-10-0
" 22	Pus Kennedy	£13-7-2	" 23	Pack Lacy	£2-3-6
" 24	Ed. Monahan	£7-8-0	" 25	Alex Nolan	£1-14-6
" 26	Merryweather & Sons	£9-18-6	" 27	L. Lyne	£11-9-4
" 28	P. Blake	£10-13-3	" 29	Cashiers Bk of Ireland	£24-16-4
" 30	Cashiers Bk of Ireland	£121-13-6	" 31	Same	£340-5-2
" 32	Treasurer Wexford Co Col.	£530-5-11.	" 33	G S & W Rly Co	£7-17-6
" 34	P. Dierney	£9-3-0	" 35	Revs J Doyle (No 34/c)	10/-
" 36	G S & W Railway Co (No 34)	£35-15-0	" 37	Graves & Co (No 34/c)	£38-10-11
" 38	Frank Doyle (No 34/c)	£1-16-0	" 39	Shell Mex (No 34/c)	£21-3-9
" 40	Parnell Quarries (No 34/c)	£39-9-9.			

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No 9 14183/1925 dated 9th April 1925 assenting to an extension of time for striking of the rates for year ending 31st March, 1926, and stating that they should be done as soon as possible.

Ordered

That the Clerk take the necessary steps to have the rates made as soon as possible.

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Letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health No. S. 2/25 dated 6th Inst, addressed to the Commissioner, forwarding the following copy of a letter which has been transmitted to Alderman Louis D. D. by the Department:-

4th April, 1925

A. Chara,

With reference to your representations to this Department concerning the administration of New Ross Urban District Council I am to say that the Elections for this Council will be held in the ordinary course in June next.

As regards the complaints made concerning the wages of the Municipal Employes this matter is not one within the functions of this Department and we have no privity with the action taken by the Commissioner. It is noted, however, from documents submitted that the wages appear to be regulated by adherence to prevailing rates in similar employments in the town and this would not appear to be an inappropriate or unreasonable course.

It is also understood that local ratepayers had made representations to the Commissioner in the matter.

As regards any increases which have taken place in officials' salaries - these have occured in only, I think, two cases. In the matter of officials we have a direct responsibility as regards approval or withholding sanction and these cases were very carefully considered. The small increases allowed were fully merited and are justifiable in the public interest.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Commissioner.

(Signed) E. P. McCarron
Runaidhe

Ordered

That a copy be given to the press.

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A Circular (No 1) was received from the Minister summarizing the different portions of the Local Government Act 1925 which came into operation on the passing of the Act.
No Order made.

A Memorial dated 7th April 1924 was received from the tenants of the Council's houses at Ard-na-greena asking to have the heaps of stones in front removed, and also complaining of the trespass on the field at the rere of the houses, which causes considerable annoyance to the tenants, by interfering with their privacy.
They wished also to have the necessary steps taken to prevent tinkers from carrying on their trade as at present in proximity to the houses.
The Surveyor having stated that the stones could not be conveniently removed, the Commissioner considered the Memorial at some length, but, made no order upon the matter.

The Collector submitted the following statement of rates collected by him to date in instalments on a/c of full amount payable by ratepayers viz:-

Florence Redmond,	The Quay,	£4 . 3 . 0
Joseph White,	Marys St	5 . 0 . 0
John Walsh,	do	7 . 10 . 0
M.K. Brewer,	Irishtown	8 . 0 . 0
Peter Warner,	The Quay	7 . 0 . 0
Julia Teall,	Cockpit Lane	2 . 10 . 0
Wm. McCabe,	Marys St.	15 . 0 . 0
		£49 . 3 . 0

In connection with the collection of rates in instalments the Commissioner was of opinion that some system should be adopted whereby the rates collected would be lodged by the Collector instead of being held over by him until the total amount of a rating is collected, but for the present, made No order upon the matter.

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The Commissioner considered at length the necessity of taking steps to have the Town Rate for 1923/24 & 1924/25, assessed on the houses of the Council, collected, and

Ordered

That the Rate Collector be directed to proceed with the collection of Poor Rates & Town Rates, due by the tenants of the Council for financial years ending 1923/24 & 1924/25.

That Mr Coghlan, Solicitor be informed, in reply to his letter of 9th September last, that the Commissioners cannot remit the Town Rates for 1923/24 and 1924/25 assessed on the houses occupied by the Council's tenants, and he has accordingly given instructions to the Rate Collector to proceed to collect them.

With reference to the Council's house of which the late Annie Black was tenant the Clerk pointed out that no reply had been received from her husband, in whom her interest in the tenancy became vested on her death, to letters addressed to him on the subject of the tenancy whilst the house is at present occupied by deceased's father who is paying the rent. The position may in future lead to litigation as both may claim to be tenants and he suggested that steps should be taken to regularize the tenancy

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain, on behalf of the Council, possession of the house occupied by the late Annie Black, or otherwise have a proper legal letting of it carried out.

That in the event of the tenants refusing to pay the Town Rates for these years proceedings be taken against the following tenants in the first instance viz:- Thos Dunne, John Hand, Martin Kiely, Michael Fullerton Thomas

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Kehoe, James Grace, Richard Power and James Steacy. 24

The Commissioner also Ordered That Edward Moynihan Junr. be employed to limewash, and if necessary carry out repairs to plastering of the walls of the Shambles, and also the Fish house on Quay

That the Stalls of the Shambles be numbered correspondingly with the numbers shown on the map of the place prepared by the Dorey Surveyor, and that the necessary numbering plates be purchased and fixed to the different stalls.

That the old range removed from the house of the Council occupied by Joseph Furlong, be given to Mrs Merrigan, another of the Council's tenants, provided she pays the expense of having it set in the house occupied by her.

The Street Inspector reported the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, the Public lamps were also lighting at night according to Contract.

On this date (14th Inst) the following persons are offering goods for sale on the Quay viz:—

Carroll Carrick-on-Suir, Doran, Carlow, and Lipsett, Dublin

As the Commissioner was not satisfied that he had power to compel these people to desist from offering goods for sale on the Quay.
Made no Order on the report.

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday 21st April 1925.

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Tuesday, 21st April 1925

The Commissioner attended at the Council Office on this day at 12 O'Clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

Correspondence

Letter from the Collector of Taxes at Waterford dated 15th Inst, making final application for payment of £3 Income Tax due by Weighbridge &c
Ordered

That Mr Morrissey be informed the amount will be paid at next Finance sitting

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, Roads Department, dated 15th stating that the work under the Relief Grant of £750 may be continued until the balance of £40 approximately, is expended.
No Order made

A Proposal dated 21st April, of 1/6 per load, for five loads of manure at Ivy Street Stables was received from James Kelly, Michael St, and it was Ordered to be accepted.

Letter from the Librarian & Secretary of the Carnegie Library Service to Wexford, dated 16th Inst. enclosing particulars of Scheme and also a memorandum dealing with the procedure to be adopted in the establishment of local Centres.

The Clerk having pointed out that there is no record of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act 1855 having been adopted in the District, the Commissioner decided not to take any further action in the matter.

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An application dated 15th Inst was received from James O'Haulon, Mary St., for the use of one of the Stalls in the Meat Market at Mary St.

Ordered

That one of the Stalls in the Shambles (that numbered 8) be let to James Haulon on a weekly tenancy, at a weekly rent of one shilling, the tenancy to commence on Monday, 27th April, 1925

Letter from J. P. Coghlan Solr. dated 16th inst. acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 15th Inst. informing him that the Commissioner has instructed the Rate Collector to proceed with the collection of the Town Rates assessed on the houses of the Council occupied by their weekly tenants, and stating that the tenants have decided not to pay these rates and also stating that he has been instructed to defend any proceedings that may be taken for their recovery.

He also expressed regret that the Commissioner could not see his way to have them dealt with by the public representatives shortly to be elected as has been the custom for years.

Ordered

That Mr. Coghlan be informed after lengthened correspondence with the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health the action taken by the Commissioner, in respect of the collection of these rates has been decided upon.

The following letter was received from Messrs Colfer & Son in respect of the tenancy of the store at Bridge St occupied by John Sheehan, the lease of which has expired viz:-

14th April 1925.

re:- Store at Bridge St

Dear Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence herein we have now looked into this matter and have been in

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in communication with Miss Howlett in respect of the expiration of the lease.

Having regard to the recent legislation Miss Howlett's interest in the premises is now negligible and under the circumstances she does not desire to renew the lease

We have therefore considered the question of raising the rent on the present occupier John J. Sheehan in accordance with the increase of rent and Mortgage Act; and in our opinion the most rent obtainable from the occupier would be £30. We have therefore prepared a Lease in duplicate for this figure.

We will be glad if you will have the lease and the counterpart executed by the Commissioner and return to us for stamping registration.

(Signed) Colfer & Son

The Commissioner decided to agree to the amount of yearly rent specified in the letter of the Solicitors, and fixed the future annual rent of the store at £30 He also signed & sealed the lease and counterpart, both of which were witnessed by the Clerk

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The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner & the public lamps were lighting according to Contract.

No order made.

With reference to the Clerk's application for two loads of Chippings to repair portion of the Council's garden at William Street, of which he is tenant, the Commissioner decided not to make any charge for the chippings as they were used in repairs to the property of the Council.

The Commissioner adjourned to Monday, 27th April 1925.

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 42 Petty Cash £27-4-9, No 43 Petty Cash (Drunk Roads &c) £7-6-4
" 44 Same (No 3 &c) £16-0-6.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 9th Inst drawing attention to his letter of 4th February last in regard to Local Taxation Grants and stating that the share of each County in the State Duty Grant absorbed in the Guarantee Fund in respect of Land Purchase Areas has been ascertained up to February, 1925.

From the statement which accompanied the letter it appeared there was a net Debit Balance of £14-18-7 against the Urban District share of the Grant at February 1925 which means that for the present at least, the Council will not receive any portion of the Grant.

No Order made

The Clerk pointed out that at last sitting Mr James Hanlon was accepted as tenant for one of the stalls in the shambles at Main St, and he wished to have a particular one alloted.

The Surveyor submitted a Plan of the Stalls, and after examining it the Commissioner directed that Mr Hanlon be alloted Stall No 14 at the rent of one shilling per week, as fixed at last sitting, the tenancy to commence on Monday, 4th May 25.

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The Commissioner also fixed Tuesday, 5th May as the date of the Quarterly meeting for Quarter ending 31st March, 1925.

The Clerk submitted his Estimate of Poor Rate for year ending 31st March, 1926, amounting to 7/- in the £. being one shilling less than that for last year, and after examining it the Commissioner

Ordered

That it be adopted and the necessary steps be taken by the Clerk to have the rate made.

The Annual Demand not having been yet received from the County Council no steps can be taken in reference to the Poor Rate Estimate

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A statement was submitted showing the amount already expended in connection with the Drunk Road Grant, as also the balance of the £1200 not yet received, and the Commissioner —

Ordered

That Application be made to the Ministry for the balance.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps were lighting at night according to contract.

No Order made.

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday, 5th May '25.

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The Commissioner attended at the Office of the Council on this date to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, for Quarter ending 31st March.

The Minutes of last Quarterly sitting were read & signed.

The following report of the Surveyor for the Quarter was read viz:—

5th. May, 1925.

A Chara,

I have to report that no special works were initiated during the past quarter. A Section of Drunk Road No D.Y. (Enniscorthy to Waterford) was surface sprayed with bituminous compound but owing to the inclemency of the weather and an accident to the boiler, which had been loaned from the Wexford County Council, operations have had to be suspended.

The cost of this work however, is chargeable to the £1,100 Drunk Road Grant and also to the £4,950 Relief of Unemployment Grant.

The increased Motor Traffic is injuriously affecting the condition of the thoroughfares generally but every effort is made with the means at our disposal to restore the damage caused thereby.

I do not propose to submit any recommendation for new works to be undertaken during the ensuing quarter.

(Signed) J.J. Shortall.
Town Surveyor

No order made,

after which —

The Commissioner adjourned.

Pádraig Ó Lonargáin

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The Commissioner attended on this date to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

Correspondence

Letter from the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health dated 2nd Inst. relative to the Grant of £950, requesting to have certificates of completion of the work filled up and returned to the Department when arrangements will be made to have the expenditure audited.

Ordered

That the Ministry be informed the certificates will be completed and returned after the next Finance sitting of the Commissioner.

Letter from the County Surveyor dated 25th Inst. stating that the Clerk's proposal for the maintenence of the New Ross Bridge for one year for £40 (forty pounds) was approved of, and also the tar surfacing of the footpaths.

The Clerk pointed out that he tendered for the Tar-surfacing at £10.

No order made

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son, dated 28th April reporting the following proceedings under the Law Occasional Powers Act 1924 in respect of the following cases:-

Name	Amount	Costs	Order
Arthur Connor, Mary St.			£1. per month 1st instalment on 1st May, 1925
Danl. Nolan, High Hill.	£2-7-3	15/-	Adjourned for one week by Rate Collr's instructions
John Sullivan, Rushtown	£1-16-0	15/-	6/- per month 1st Instalment on 22nd May.

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Name	Amount	Costs	Order
Jas Fleming Inishtown	£2-3-6	15/-	10/- per week 1st Instalment 29th April '25.
Jas Tulleton Do	£2-3-6	15/-	Settled with Rate Collector.
Patk Power Do	£1-12-3	15/-	7/- per week, 1st Instalment 24th April, 1925
Danl. Murphy Maryst	£7-7-2	15/-	£1 per week 1st Instalment on 2nd May.
John Ryan, Chapel Lane	£1-19-9	15/-	Adjourned for seven days pending enquiries.
Robt. Power, Do	£1-19-9	15/-	Settled with Rate Collector.
Michael Moran Maryst	£3-2-3	15/-	Settled with Rate Collector
Cathn Lockham Do	£3-6-0	15/-	8/- per month 1st Instalment on 1st June
Catherine Shea Maiden Lane	£1-16-9	15/-	10/- per week 1st Instalment on 2nd May.
Jas Brambley Inishtown	£1-8-0	15/-	4/- per week, 1st Instalment on 29th April.
Peter Walsh Bewley St	£1-16-0	15/-	6/- per month 1st Instalment on 1st May.
Jno Reynolds Ballaun	£1-16-0	15/-	6/- per week 1st Instalment on 2nd May.

They suggested that the Commissioner authorise them to communicate with each defendant and inform them of the heavy penalties under the Act in case of their failing to pay the instalments, they also asked to be informed whether they, or the Collector were to collect the amounts.

The Commissioner after some consideration decided that he did not consider it necessary the defendants in those cases should be informed of the penalties under the Act if they fail to pay their Instalments He also directed the Rate Collector, who was present, to collect the Instalments.

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Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 28th Inst. stating that they attended at the hearing of adjourned summonses in the cases against Daniel Nolan & John Ryan for Instalment Orders for payment of arrears of Rates. Proceedings in the case of Daniel Nolan were struck out on instructions of the Rate Collector Defendant agreeing to pay a weekly instalment of 5/, & costs. In the case of John Ryan the Magistrate made an order for payment of 2/6 per week, first instalment to be payable on 1st May

No order made

With reference to the order recently made by the Commissioner directing the Rate Collector to take proceedings against the tenants of the Council for Poor Rate & Town Rate due by them for financial years ending 31st March 1924 & 1925; he now-

Ordered

That the following tenants be summoned by the Collector for any rates due by them for those years and also that the Council's Solicitors be instructed to appear on behalf of the Council at the hearing of the summonses.

Name of Tenants to be summoned

Messrs James Grace; Richard Power; & Thos Kehoe, Cockpit Lane, James Sleacy; & Patrick Kehoe, Irishtown, John Hand; Thomas Dunne; & Martin Kiely William St & Michael Culleton, (Stoughton Place) Cockpit Lane.

An application dated 4th Inst was received from Messrs Travers Bros. Bewley St, for the tenancy of the vacant Stall (Lumber) west side of Meat Market, for which they proposed to pay a weekly rent of one shilling.

Ordered

That the vacant stall in Meat Market, numbered five on Map, be let to Messrs Travers Bros on a weekly tenancy at a weekly rent of one Shilling, from 11th May, 1925.

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A letter dated 29th ult was received from the Parnell Quarries Ltd quoting 3/6 per ton for crushed fine stones.
D.O.R. Arklow
Ordered
That one wagon load be ordered.

A letter was received from Jas Brizelle Cockpit Lane, one of the Council's Tenants, asking to have a Lock fitted on door of house occupied by him as it is open by night, and also some glass which is broken.
Ordered
That the Surveyor have the Lock fixed on the door and the glass replaced.

Letters were received from the Weighmaster and Mr P.J. Delaney drawing attention to the urgent necessity of having the weighbridge at Rathtowns repaired as soon as possible. Mr Delaney pointed out that he wanted to have a lot of cattle weighed next week
Ordered
That Mr P.J Kenny, the Mechanic with whom arrangements have been made for the repair of it, be informed that if he does not attend to it immediately another tradesman will have to be employed.
That in the event of Mr Kenny being unable to attend to it immediately, the Clerk be authorised to engage one of Messrs Powley's (the Manufacturers) Mechanics.

The Draft Annual Demand was received from the County Council for year ending 31st March, 1926 amounting to £2243-4-9, being £122-0-11 more than that for previous year and the Commissioner
Ordered
That the Poor Rate Estimate for the financial year to 31st March, 1926 be prepared by the Clerk as soon as possible.

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The Surveyor in a Memorandum requisitioned for two 2½" Screw-down Hydrants with bolts, washers, &c, and the Clerk reported that he had invited proposals for their supply - in anticipation of the purchase of them being authorised - from Messrs Blakeborough & Sons, and Patrick Blake, but no reply had yet been received from either.

The Commissioner, after considering the requisition, decided that two Hydrants be purchased, and that they be ordered by the Clerk from whichever of the two firms Tenders the lowest, when the Tenders are received.

He also ordered that eight keys be got for Lock of gate of Carway entrance to new houses at Down-wall which is common to the tenants of all the houses, and that each tenant be supplied with a key.

The Street Inspector reported that up to and including the 30th ult. the public lamps were lighting according to Contract. The lighting during the winter season was, on the whole, satisfactory

The Daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

No order made

The Clerk pointed out that the cost of the Housing Scheme will exceed the original amount estimated and provided, viz £6,000 by about £200, and stated that it is very desirable to have provision made for payment of this amount as soon as possible

Ordered

That a statement showing the liabilities, actual, and estimated, in connection with the Scheme, which are outstanding, be submitted to the Minister and he be asked to approve of the borrowing from the National Bank a sum of £200 for the unexpired period for which the Loan of £1500 was obtained as

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as the Commissioner is of opinion it would not be fair to discharge those liabilities out of the revenue of the Council for the present year.

This concluded the business, and

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last sitting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 45	D.J. Morrissey	£3-0-0	No 46	D. Lyne	£11-9-4
" 47	Dreadnought Co Ltd.	£530-5-11	" 48	J.B. Roche	£5-16-4
" 49	School Attd Ette	£8-10-2	" 50	Dr. J.A Hickey	£7-10-0
" 51	J.J. Shortall	£16-12-0	" 52	J. O'Regan	£7-10-0
" 53	M Dinn	£19-11-8	" 54	Petty Cash	£29-8-4
" 55	Thos Butler	£7-10-0	" 56	D. Butler	£5-8-4
" 57	D. Doran	£2-3-4	" 58	J.J Browne	1-19-0
" 59	J.J Browne	£3-14-5	" 60	Ellams Duplicators	14/-
" 61	Blakeborough Sons	6-5	" 62	Jas. Rossiter	£13-2-0
" 63	M Hutchinson & Son	£4-2-2	" 64	M.J Kennedy	£30-19-10
" 65	J.B. Hearne	£7-1-2	" 66	Do	£28-14-3
" 67	Do No 3a/c	£14-1-0	" 68	Jas Co No 39/c	£2-2-8
" 69	Govr John Ivory School No 3a/c	£4-3-4	" 70	M Hearn & Son No 3a/c	£9-6-2
" 71	M Hutchinson & Son Do	£9-15-4	" 72	P.N. Gorman Do	14/3.
" 73	Jas Rossiter Do	£5-17-7	" 74	Philip Kelly Do	£3-14-8
" 75	Doyle & Jaggard Do	£14-0-0	" 76	Dreadnought Co Ltd Do	20/0
" 77	Wexford Corporation Do	£1-11-3	" 78	G.S. & W. Rlys Do	£9-12-0

Correspondence

Letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government No D.14596/25 dated 8th May, 1925 enclosing copy of an Order under Seal addressed to the Commissioner and all other whom it may concern, made under Section 72 of the Local Government Act 1925, directing that a new election of members of the New Ross Urban Council shall be held on the 23rd Prox.

No Order made

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Letter Same (Roads Dept) dated 9th Inst stating that in future before any commitment is entered into for the purchase of Road Plant, particulars should be furnished to the Department.
No order made

Letter from the County Surveyor dated 7th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letters of the 5th & 6th Inst and expressing agreement that the price for tarring footpaths of New Ross Bridge is £10.
No Order made

The Clerk reported that P. J Kenny attended to the Scales at Fishtown since last sitting and it was Ordered

That the Inspector of Weights & Measures Sergt Somers - be asked to have it tested as soon as possible

The Surveyor reported verbally that one of the Council's horses got a serious wound in one of his legs, and according to the Veterinary Surgeon, who is treating him he will not be able to work for one month.

He (Surveyor) engaged a temporary man and horse on yesterday, and he now asked that a temporary man and horse be employed as a substitute for the Council's horse until he is fit to resume work
Ordered

That a temporary man & horse be employed at a hire not exceeding 10/- per day until the Council's horse is fit to work

The Commissioner ordered that John Hearne be employed for two weeks at 5/- per week to prevent trespass on the Council's field at Dowlwall.

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He also ordered that the Surveyor have the gates at both ends of Cook's Lane painted.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner

Chairman

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday, 19th May '25.

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Dwellings Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of last sitting were read and signed

Correspondence

Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council dated 16th Inst stating that the resolution of the Council to take over the Carnegie Library for the County Library Service has been accepted by the United Kingdom Trust, and if residents of the Urban District are to participate in the Library Service the Council should raise a rate of one half-penny or agree to contribute towards the expenses of the Library an equivalent sum.

Ordered

That an amount equivalent to a rate of one half-penny in the £ on the valuation of the District be contributed to the County Council towards the expense of the library subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health

Letter from P. J. Kenny dated 18th Inst stating that if the Commissioner would like to have the Weighbridge at Inishtown tested & stamped, after recent repairs, the expense of doing so, including carting of weights from Enniscorthy to New Ross & back, must be borne by the Council. He does not think this is necessary as it was recently stamped.

A letter was also received from Sergt Somers, dated 18th Inst, stating that he had forwarded the Clerk's letter of the 16th Inst, in which he asked to have the Weighbridge tested, to Sergt Lyons who is responsible for Weighbridges for this year

Ordered

That a copy of the letter received from Mr Kenny be forwarded to Sergt Lyons and he be asked to state whether, in

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in his opinion, it is necessary that the weighbridge should be tested again.

Letter from the Collector dated 15th Inst stating that only two defendants had paid total amount of Instalments made against them by the District Justice. He is writing to the others.

Mr Long, tenant of one of the new houses, has withheld payment of this week's rent and future rents until his fire place in the living room is put into proper repair

Ordered

That Mr Long be informed if he does not pay his rent possession of the house will be taken up without further notice.

The Clerk submitted his Estimate of Poor Rate for year ending 31st March 1926, amounting to 6/- in the £.

Ordered

That the Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for year ending 31st March, 1926, be adopted, and that he publish the necessary notices, and take the necessary steps to have said rate made.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing the amount of rates outstanding for year ending 31st March 1926 to be £1542-17-9.

No order made

The Clerk stated that Mrs Merrigan, one of the Council's tenants, asked to have the old range taken from the house of Joseph Durlong, which the Commissioner granted her - re-set in her house, as the bars of the grate have fallen out.

The Surveyor estimated the cost of re-setting to be 25/-, and the Commissioner Ordered - That Mrs Merrigan be informed the range will be re-set in her house if she is prepared to pay half the cost of same, the amount for which she would be liable being estimated at 12/-.

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With reference to removal and re-setting of surface grating or trap in Sugar-House Lane at entrance to Mr Doyles yard, which the Commissioner decided to have removed - Mr Doyle having agreed to contribute £3. towards the cost of same - the Surveyor stated that a new trap is required, one manufactured by Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy No 246

Ordered

That a Cast Iron Gully Grate, trapped as Fig No 246 in their catalogue be ordered from Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy Kilmarnock

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The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

No order made

Mr Fitzgerald attended the sitting of the Commissioner & complained that Mrs Furlong was occupying the space adjoining the monument for the sale of vegetables & fruit, with the result that he was prevented from drawing up his cars or hearse opposite his premises, or leaving his motor car there whilst waiting for a passenger or passengers.

The Commissioner having considered the matter at length

Ordered — That the sale of vegetables be not permitted except in the place provided for the sale of them under the Bye Laws viz:- The Quay, also that Mrs Furlong be required when offering apples for sale on Quay St to keep somewhat farther down from the position she occupies so as to leave sufficient space to Mr Fitzgerald to draw up his cars opposite his premises in Quay St & that he be allowed to occupy that space for a reasonable time to enable him to convey from his shop to his cars any goods &c he may require, or whilst he is waiting for any passengers.

The Clerk was directed to ask the Civic Guard Authority to prevent the sale of vegetables in Quay St as they did in the case of fish.

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday 26th May, 1925.

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Dorris Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last sitting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Commissioner and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 79 Petty Cash No 3 a/c £11-18-8, No 80 Petty Cash £29-4-4

Correspondence

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son enclosing Cheque £3-3-1, received from Mrs John Flood for repairs to water pipe service
Ordered

That the Cheque be handed to the Collector for lodgement.

A Paying Order for £29 was received from the Wexford County Council being balance of Contract or Agreement for metalling Roadway over Newtons Bridge
Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from Colfer & Son enclosing Counterpart of Lease of Store in Bridge St from the Commissioner to John Sheehan
No order made

Letter from Sergt Lyons dated 22nd Inst. stating that it is not necessary to go to the expense of having weighing Machine at Rathtown tested again so soon after recent verification
Ordered

That no further action be taken in reference to testing it.

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Letter from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Dept.) dated 23rd Inst enclosing copy of regulations made by the Minister under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1925 with regard to the closing of roads temporarily.

No order made

A copy of a resolution passed by the Dublin County Council condemning the Treason Bill was received from the Secretary of the Council but the Commissioners took no action in reference to it

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The following letter was received from the Collector in reference to the closing of his collection for financial year ending 31st March 1925 viz:—

22nd May '25.

Dear Sir,

In reference to my collection for year 1924/25 I am going to lay the whole matter before my Sureties. I am unable to lodge monies which will be repayable to me by instalments such as those recent examination orders results. In several of those cases it will be nine & ten months before the 1923/24 rates are cleared off, and I expect when cases go forward for the 1924/25 rates the results will be somewhat the same, if not worse.

I am sure I need not point out to you that the Public Bodies Order 1904 (re my Bond) did not see such changes in Court Proceedings. Heretofore it was sufficient to have a decree returned 'No goods'; which there & then pronounced the debt bad; but now it is far different. I think the question of lodging monies, which I am only to receive back in small amounts, and at enormous expense to me should be waived, or else you should see your way to accept decrees in lieu of money. A loan will cost me 6% Interest, my commission is only 3¾% which would mean a dead loss to me of 2¼%. I am sure the Local Government Dept. would take a very broad view of the matter if the results of the recent cases were laid before them. Kindly let me hear from you on the matter at

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at your earliest convenience

(Signed) Michael J. Kennedy
Rate Collector.

The Commissioner discussed the matter very fully with the Collector, who was present, and expressed his readiness to attend at the Council Office immediately after the close of the collection for the purpose of dealing with the rates which might be cancelled, so as to expidite a refund of same to the Collector, & also to endeavour to obtain sanction of the Minister to a refund of those payable by Instalments, same to be collected by this means by the Collector.

He also pointed out that a large amount of the outstanding rates could be collected during the present week - possibly £400.

The Collector stated that he could not undertake to lodge the large amount of rates outstanding as they would only be paid to him in Instalments, & in addition he could not get the necessary security to enable him to borrow the money from the Banks, nor did he think the Banks would advance the money to him.

In reply to a definite question asked him "whether he will close the collection on the 30th Inst" he replied verbally that he was unable to close his collection and would not close on Saturday.

The Commissioner then —

Ordered

That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Minister for his observations

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With reference to Instalment Orders obtained by the Collector against defaulting Ratepayers, the Commissioner directed that a statement of same be furnished to the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health, and they be also informed of the total amount (10/-) received on foot of them by the Collector to date.

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Letter from the Secretary, County Council, dated, 22nd Inst. acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter informing him that the Commissioner had agreed to contribute a sum equivalent to the rate of one-half-penny in the £. for the purpose of the Carnegie Library Scheme.
No order made.

Letter from same informing the Clerk that the address of Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst will after 1st June next be 12 Dawson St, Dublin.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner
No Order made

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday 2nd June 1925.

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Tuesday, 2nd June, 1925.

The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last sitting were read and signed

A Dividend Warrant for £2-11-6 on £163-7-0 of 4½ % War Stock was received from the Bank of Ireland and it was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

A Paying Order for £240 being balance of £1200 Drink Road Grant was received from the Minister for Local Government

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 28th Inst stating that the lease of premises in Bridge St recently granted to T. Sheehan & Sons has been lodged in the National Bank and they have been called upon to furnish a Report of the Lessor's title to the property, and they will be glad to have a loan of the title deeds

Ordered

That the Clerk furnish all the information possible in reference to Council's title to property.

Letter from the Town Surveyor, Wexford dated 25th Inst returning Paying Order for £1-11-3 issued to the Treasurer of the Wexford Corporation for Delignite supplied and asking that the Paying Order be made payable to Messrs Halpin & Sons Dublin who supplied the Delignite to replace what they supplied to the Town Surveyor

Ordered

That the Paying Order issued to the Wexford Corporation be cancelled, and at duplicate one payable to Halpin & Sons be issued at next Finance Sitting.

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Letter from James S. Barry, Hon Secretary of the Cumann-na-Saidheal, Special Committee, asking for the use of the Large Room in which to hold meetings in connection with the Local Elections

Ordered

That the use of the Room be granted for the purpose asked for, and that the Clerk be empowered to grant the use of it to other persons who might require it for the same purpose.

An application was received from M Hutchinson & Sons dated 1st June for permission to have water supplied to his house at 105 North St

Ordered

That the application be granted

The Dowy Surveyor applied for his usual Annual leave of three weeks holidays.

Ordered

That the Dowy Surveyor be granted three weeks' holidays, the Sanitary Sub Officer to perform his duties as far as possible

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The Clerk suggested that a special sitting be held on Wednesday 10th Inst for the purpose of making the rate for year ending 31st March, 1926, as Tuesday will be a Finance day at which a good deal of business will be transacted

The Commissioner decided to hold a special sitting on Wednesday 10th June for the purpose of making the rates for year ending 31st March 19x.

The Clerk stated that John Bailey South St asked permission to store a long ladder in the shambles on the railings over the meat stalls as it has been stored there for years

Ordered

That Mr Bailey be permitted to store the ladder over the railings of the vacant Stalls at a rent of

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of one penny per months, subject to the provision that if these stalls are let in future to a tenant who objects to the ladder being placed there, it shall be removed, and also if for any other reason the Council desire its removal, it shall be removed by Mr Bailey.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

No Order made

The Clerk reported that some chairs were required for the office as there were not enough at present in it to seat the new Councillors.

The Commissioner, after some consideration, decided that whilst anxious to provide any furniture that might be necessary to accomodate the new Council, it was better to leave the selection of the furniture to the members of that Council.

Ordered

That a brush for the office be purchased

The Rate Collector submitted a detailed list amounting to £372-14-9 of portion of the outstanding rate, which in his opinion might be collected in instalments.

The Commissioner considered each item and directed the Collector to take legal proceedings against several of the persons shown on the list.

This concluded the business of the sitting, and

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday, 9th June, 1925.

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The Commissioner attended on this date at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Dourís Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

The Minutes of last sitting were read & signed

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, No 9. 25836/1925 dated 3rd June acknowledging receipt of a communication from the Rate Collector regarding the state of the Rate Collection & requesting to be furnished with Returns on Form 66 showing the state of the collection at 31st ult, together with the amounts of any previous rates outstanding.

The Arrears sheets should also be submitted to the Commissioner for his rulings & forwarded to the Department for the Minister's approval. Where the Collector has obtained Decrees and is collecting the rates by instalments the Minister will be prepared to sanction an immediate refund and carry over of the balances for future collection with other collectable Arrears. In the circumstances the Minister does not see why there should be difficulty in closing the Warrants for 1924/25 but he will be prepared to extend the time for closing to the end of this month if required.

The Clerk stated that the Returns on Form 66 asked for, had been furnished previous to the Receipt of the letter.

Ordered

That the Collector furnish on Form 58, to next sitting of the Commissioner, arrears of uncollectable rate, and of rate which he considers may be collected in instalments, so that the amounts may be dealt with by the Commissioner, and afterwards forwarded to the Minister for his approval.

The letter received from the Minister was submitted to the Collector for his information, and

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a letter dated 9th Inst was subsequently received from that Officer in which he asked the Commissioner to defer the closing of his collection for year 1924/25 until the last day of this month (June)

The Commissioner having considered the matter fully —

Ordered

That the Collector be granted an extension of time to the 30th Inst. to close his collection for year 1924/25

The Clerk stated that on receipt of the letter from the Ministry he wrote asking if the making of the rate for 1925-26 is to be deferred so that the Arrears, referred to in the letter, might be carried into the Rate Book for that financial year. He submitted a Telegram stating that the rate for 1925/26 is to be made, as the arrears can be collected on old warrants.

No order made

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation enclosing a list of cases requiring revision which have come under the notice of the Department.

No Order made

An application was received from James Connolly for permission to erect a scaffolding in Priory St as he is about to renew roofing of three houses

Ordered

That Mr Connolly's application be granted, the scaffolding to be erected to the satisfaction of the Dowry Surveyor.

Michael Saunders, Irishtown, a yearly tenant of the Council, applied for three Pecks of Lime for white-washing.

Ordered

That he be supplied with the lime.

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A Memo was received from the Town Surveyor stating that Messrs Purlong & Carroll worked from 2 Pm to 6 Pm on Wednesday 24th May (half holiday) assisting at repairs to Water Main, Valves &c. Question of remuneration to be submitted to the Commissioners

It was pointed out that in order not to inconvenience Traders by shutting off the water during business hours the work of repairs was carried out on the half-holiday when all the shops were closed

Ordered

That under the circumstances payment be made for work performed on the half-holiday as overtime.

The Surveyor reported verbally that James Haulon had enclosed three stalls in the Shambles with wire netting whilst he only got possession of one as applied for by him

Ordered

That Mr Haulon be requested to furnish an explanation as to why he occupied the three stalls, and he be also informed he will be charged a weekly rent of one shilling per week for each stall since the date upon which he got possession of the one rented to him

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Ordered

That the transaction of the financial business be adjourned to Wednesday, 10th Inst.
Accordingly ——

The sitting was adjourned to 10th June, 1925.

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Wednesday, 10th June 1925

The Commissioner held a special sitting on this day at 12 o'clock noon to make a Poor Rate, Down Rate & Domestic Water Rate for financial year ending 31st March, 1926.

The Clerk submitted the Rate Books containing the apploturent of the several ratings to which was attached the usual certificate signed by him that they were in accordance with the valuations now in force.

The Commissioner having inspected same the following Orders or resolutions were made by him viz:—

"That we raise the sum of two thousand,
"six hundred, & seventy pounds, two shillings
"and seven pence as & for Poor Rate and for
"the purpose aforesaid make a rate of six shillings
"in the £ for the financial year ending on the
"31st day of March 1926 upon the property
"situate within the Urban District of New Ross
"pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland)
"Act 1898 and other Acts incorporated therewith,
"and that same be collected in two Moieties
"on or before 31st day of March 1926. That Public
"Notice be given of said rates having been made,
"by printed placards duly posted.

"That the Poor Rate Books and
"the resolution making the Poor Rate endorsed
"thereon, and the Collectors warrants be
"signed by me, and the Common Seal of
"the Council be affixed to said Poor Rate
"Books & Documents.

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Resolved —

"That we raise the sum of two thousand"
"nine hundred & fifty-four pounds, eleven shillings"
"and eight pence, as and for Down Rate and for"
"that purpose make a Down Rate of seven shillings"
"in the £ for the financial year ending on the 31st"
"day of March 1926 upon the property situate"
"within the Urban District of New Ross rateable"
"under the undermentioned Acts for the purpose"
"therein mentioned Of which Down Rate of seven"
"shillings in the £ the sum of one shilling is for"
"General purposes under the Provisions of the"
"Towns Improvement (Ireland) Acts 1854, and the"
"sum of two shillings & tenpence is for special"
"purposes under the Local Government (Ireland)"
"Act 1898, and the sum of three shillings & two-"
"pence is for Sanitary purposes under the provisions"
"of the Public Health (Ireland) Act which Sanitary"
"Rate includes one penny in the £ under the"
"Technical Instruction Act 1889 & one penny in the"
"£ under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction"
"Act 1899 for the purpose of Technical Instruction"
"and one penny in the £ under Section 16 of the"
"Local Government (Temporary) Provisions Act"
"1923 1923 for the purpose of providing Instruction"
"in the Irish Language, in the Urban District, and"
"two pence in the £ under the Education (Provision)"
"of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 & 1916 and we hereby"
"make a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling &"
"three pence in the £ on the valuation of premises"
"supplied with water for the financial year",
"commencing on the first day of April 1925,"
"and ending on the 31st day of March, 1926 &"
"we hereby fix that said rates shall be payable"
"on Monday the 13th day of July 1925 and shall be"
"collected in two moieties on or before the 31st day of"
"March 1926"

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"That the books in which the Down Rate"
"and Domestic Water Rate are made out, and"
"the resolutions making the Down Rate & Domestic"
"Water Rate, and the adoption of the Down Rate"
"endorsed on said books, and endorsements,"
"and the Collector's Warrants affixed to said"
"Rate Books be signed by me, and countersigned"
"by the Clerk, and sealed with the Common"
"Seal of the Council."

In pursuance of these, the Resolutions making the rates, as also the Collector's Warrants, were signed by the Commissioner, countersigned by the Clerk and duly sealed with the Official Seal of the Council.

This concluded the business of the Special Sitting 1925. June 16. Lyra Comm".

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The Commissioner held an adjourned sitting in the Council Office at 12.30 Oclock on this date to transact financial and other business

The following Accounts were submitted by the Clerk and examined by the Commissioner, after which the Treasurer's Authority for making payment of them was signed by him viz:—

No 81 R Murphy	£10-0-0	No 82 Hibn. Insurance Co	£12-11-5
" 83 Glenfield & Kennedy	12-10	No 84 Parnell Quarries	£9-14-1
" 85 Harvey & Co	£9-10-10	No 86 D. Lyne	£11-9-4
" 87 National Bank	£69-6-3	" 88 J.J. Browne	£1-19-0
" 89 J.J. Browne	£3-14-5	" 90 D. Doran	£2-3-4
" 91 D. Butler	£7-10-0	" 92 D. Butler	£5-8-4
" 93 J.J. Shortall	£16-11-8	" 94 P.J. Linn	£19-11-8
" 95 Petty Cash	£41-17-5	" 96 L. Barron	£17-1-0
" 97 G.S. & W. Railways	£12-15-5	" 98 School Attendance	£4-3-4
" 99 P.J. O'Kennedy	£13-7-8	" 100 Technical Committee	£14-7-0
" 101 Technical Clerk	£3-1-8	" 102 Same	£17-1-8
" 103 Blakeborough Sons	£7-0-0	" 104 Halpin Sons No 3/c	£1-11-3
" 105 Parnell Quarries No 3 4/c	£10-3-5	" 106 Shell Mex No 3 4/c	£14-2-6
" 107 G.S. & W. Railways No 3 4/c	£3-7-0		

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 9th Inst No G. 26464/25 acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter relative to the contribution towards the expense of the Carnegie Library, also drawing attention to Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1925 and requesting to be furnished with any terms of Agreement between the Commissioner & the Wexford Co Council.

Ordered

That the Ministry be informed no Agreement has been entered into between the Commissioner & the Wexford Co Council, but in anticipation of an Agreement being entered into the Commissioner decided to contribute a sum equivalent to a rate of one half-penny in the £ it having been pointed out by the Secretary of the Co Council that this contribution is necessary if the residents of the

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the Urban District are to participate in the benefits of the Library Scheme

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With reference to the report received from the Down Surveyor (copy of which is entered on the Sanitary Minutes) relative to the damage of the Council's water Main which is fixed to one of the supporting Columns of the Bridge, the Commissioner

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to take legal proceedings against whoever they consider responsible for payment of the cost of repairing the water Main

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A letter was received from Mrs W. L. Doherty, Cross Lane, dated 10th Inst stating that he is informed the Council's house No 18 William St is becoming vacant, and he will be glad if the Commissioner will make him the new tenant.

As no notification of the surrender of the tenancy of the house had been received from the occupying tenant there was no action taken in the matter.

The Commissioner adjourned to Tuesday 16th June 25.

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Tuesday, 16th June 1925.

The Commissioner attended on this date to transact business pursuant to the Dwellings Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

The Minutes of previous meetings were read & Signed.

Correspondence

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 10th Inst. stating that Orders for payment of rates by Instalments were made on the 28th April last against Arthur O'Connor, James Fleming, Patrick Power Daniel Murphy, Cathr O'Shea, Georgs Reynolds, James Brambley, Cathr Wickham, and, John Tulleton, and that all these parties have made default. The next steps will be to summons them to show cause why they should not be committed to Prison, but in view of the expense, which must be all borne by the Council, they did not like to take further action without having instructions

Ordered

That Messrs Colfer & Son be instructed to take the proceedings indicated in his letter against the defaulters mentioned in it

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Letter from James Hanlon dated 10th Inst. stating that he used only one stall No 14 which was allotted to him, but owing to damage to meat every night by cats he had to put up a wire netting protection as there are no partitions between the stalls.

He regrets having trespassed, and if the Commissioner is of opinion that he did so intentionally he will pay from the time he took the stalls

Ordered

That under the circumstances explained in Mr Hanlon's letter he be not charged the additional rent fixed at last sitting, and that the order directing payment of it be cancelled.

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The Clerk submitted the list of Tenements requiring revision as furnished by the Collector for transmission to the Commissioner of Valuation but there was no order made in reference to them.

The Rate Collector submitted a statement showing sums collected by Instalments from some ratepayers, of the rates for years 1923/24 and 1924/25 amounting to £45-4-0 which he had on hands.

The Commissioner expressed the opinion that (the opinion) some means should be adopted - such as a subsidiary account - by which such amounts could be lodged to the credit of the Council, but in view of his retirement from office he did not make any order on the matter.

For the same reason he decided not to rule on the Arrears Sheets which the Collector had prepared but referred them to the new Council.

The Clerk submitted a Statement showing that the amount of rate for year 1924/25 out-standing at date is £1092-1-10

This concluded the business of the Sitting.

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Tuesday. 23rd. June 1925.

An election of Urban District Councillors for the Electoral Areas comprised in the Urban District of New Ross was held on this date.

The following candidates were duly nominated Vz:-

North East Urban Electoral Area. Seven Councillors to be elected.

Austin A Butler Crosslane. New Ross; Andrew Cullen Burrineen Lane, New Ross
Michael Culleton, Cock Pit Lane do ; Patrick J Dunne, South Street do
Andrew R French, North Street do ; James Furniss, Bewley Street do
John McDonald, Priory Street do ; Daniel Murphy William Street do
John Murphy (Draper) John Street Do ; Martin O'Brien High Hill Street Do
Richard Power, Cock-Pit Lane do ; Michael Roche North Street Do
Dr Michael Walsh, Airmount House, New Ross.

South West Urban Electoral Area - Eight Councillors to be elected.

Thomas Cooney - Robert Street, New Ross; Patrick Donohoe, William St, New Ross
George Dooley, Woodsgrove do ; Laurence Dooley, Road to Thomastown
Vincent Doyle Southknock do ; John French Mount Elliott New Ross
John Hand William Street Do ; James Howlett, William St Do
Charles D Hearn, Pawyames Do ; Martin Murphy, Michael St Do
Peter R. O'Gorman - Priory Street Do ; Joseph Roche, Quay Street Do
James E. Walsh, Arnestown. Do ; Michael White Quay Street Do

The Result of the Poll is as follows:-

Name of Candidate	Electoral Area	Number of First Preference Votes
Austin A Butler	North East Urban	101
Andrew Cullen	Do	56
Michael Culleton	Do	20
Patrick J Dunne	Do	24
Andrew R. French	Do	24
James Furniss	Do	10
John McDonald	Do	46
Daniel Murphy	Do	47
John Murphy	Do	37
Martin O'Brien	Do	13
Richard Power	Do	11
Michael Roche	Do	34
Dr Michael Walsh	Do	80

Total Valid Votes - 503 - Quota 63.

After the Transfer of the various Surplus Votes of the elected Candidates and the re-distribution of excluded Candidate's Votes the following were

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declared duly elected members of the Council for this Electoral Area in the Order here shown Viz:-

Austin A Butler. (1); Dr Michael Walsh (2) Andrew Cullen (3)
Daniel Murphy (4) John Murphy (5) Michael Roche (6) John McDonald (7)

Name of Candidate	Electoral Area	No of First Preference Votes.
Thomas Cooney	South West Urban	101
Patrick Dowlbe	Do	6
George Dooley	Do	53
Laurence Dooley	Do	22
Vincent Doyle	Do	35
John French	Do	21
John Hand	Do	80
Charles D Hearn	Do	28
James Howlett	Do	2
Martin Murphy	Do	4
Peter A Ogorman	Do	98
Joseph Roche	Do	16
James E Walsh	Do	44
Michael White	Do	1
	Total Valid Votes	524 Quota 59

After the transfer of the various Surplus Votes of the elected Candidates, and the re-distribution of the votes of the excluded candidates the following were declared elected Members of the Council for this Electoral Area in the Order here shown Viz:-

Thomas Cooney (1) Peter A Ogorman (2) John Hand (3) James E. Walsh (4)
George Dooley (5) Charles D Hearn (6) Vincent Doyle (7) Laurence Dooley (8)

North East Urban Electoral Area:- No of Votes Polled 559 - No of Votes Spoiled (Ballot Papers Rejected) 54
South West Urban Do :- " " " " 562 " " " 35

Matthew J Finn
Returning Officer

24th June 1925.

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Tuesday, 30th June 1925

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held at 12 Oclock, Noon, on above date, in the Council Office, to elect a Chairman, and, if deemed advisable, a Vice-Chairman

Present Messrs George Dooley
John Murphy
John Hand
Michael Roche
James Walsh
John McDonald.
Charles D'Arcy
Vincent Doyle
Austin A Butler
Thomas Cooney
Daniel Murphy
Peter K Ogorman
and
Dr Michael Walsh.

On the proposal of Mr John Murphy seconded by Mr Michael Roche Mr George Dooley Presided.

Proposed by Mr George Dooley. and
Seconded by Dr Walsh

"That Mr Peter K Ogorman be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year."

Mr Dooley in proposing the election of Mr Ogorman as Chairman pointed out that from his previous experience of him in that position, he would discharge the duties of Chairman with efficiency, impartiality, and expedition.

Dr Walsh in Seconding proposal endorsed the remarks of the proposer. Mr Hand in supporting the proposition referred to the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties of the position during a previous term of office.

The Chairman put the resolution to the meeting and it was passed unanimously.

Mr Ogorman then took the Chair and having Signed his declaration accepting office, thanked all the Members for electing him. He also referred to the death, under such tragic circumstances, of Mr Andrew Cullen, Dunneen Lane, who was elected a Member of the Council, and proposed the following resolution of Sympathy with his widow.

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widow viz:- "That we tender to Mrs Cullen Abbey View our sincere Sympathy and condolence in her great bereavement caused by the death of her husband under such tragic circumstances, and to assure her that we deeply regret his untimely death and we pray God will console her in the great affliction which He has been pleased to send her.

The resolution was seconded by Mr Cooney in very feeling terms, and unanimously passed in Silence, all the Members standing

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The Meeting next proceeded to consider the advisability of appointing a Vice Chairman and, on the proposal of Mr John Murphy seconded by Mr Hand it was decided not to appoint one.

The Clerk pointed out that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will not be held until the 14th July, and suggested that a Special Meeting be held on the 7th July for the purpose of appointing the various Committees, and transacting any business of a very urgent nature. The Members were of Opinion that it was desirable to hold a Special Meeting as suggested, and accordingly a requisition was signed by five Members, directing that it be held.

This concluded the business and

The Members Separated

P. A. Gorman.

Monday, 6th July, 1925

The Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member attended. and ——

The Meeting adjourned

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Tuesday, 7th July, 1925.

A Special meeting of the Council was held on this date at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to elect the various Committees for the ensuing year, and transact such urgent business as may be necessary.

Present —

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, Presiding
George Dooley
Vincent Doyle
John Hand
Michael Roche
Laurence Dooley
John McDonald
Justin J. Butler
Daniel Murphy
John Murphy
and
Thomas Cooney

The Minutes of the annual meeting were read and signed.

The Council proceeded to deal with the election of the various Committees first, and Mr Murphy referred at some length to the desirability of amalgamating some of them so that the necessity of summoning meetings of each Committee frequently, might be avoided. After a brief discussion it was:—

Proposed by Mr Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr McDonald

"That the Sanitary"
"Street & Water Committee be amalgamated"
"and form one Committee to consist of four"
"members. Also that the Finance & Housing"
"Committee be amalgamated and form one"
"Committee to consist of four members, two"
"to form a Quorum of each Committee"

Passed unanimously

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Proposed by Mr T. Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Doyle

"That the following be"
"elected a Technical Committee for the"
"Urban District of New Ross for the ensuing"
"year viz:-

Members of the Council

Messrs John Murphy, Austin A. Butler, Peter N. O'Gorman, Charles D. Hearn, Laurence Dooley, and Michael Roche

Non-Members of the Council

Rev Andrew O'Brien C.C. Rev Brother Curtin, Messrs H Kirkham, John O'Neill, Ivyford St, and William Drennan, Mary Street.

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Butler,

"That the Finance"
"and Housing Committee consist of the"
"following members of the Council viz:-"
"Messrs Thomas Cooney, Charles D. Hearn, John"
"McDonald, and John Murphy, with the"
"Chairman of the Council as an Ex-Officio"
"Member."

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr McDonald and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That Messrs John"
"Hand, George Dooley, Vincent Doyle, and"
"Michael Roche, be appointed a Street,"
"Water & Sanitary Committee, with the"
"Chairman of the Council as Ex-officio"
"member."

Passed unanimously

On the proposal of Mr Murphy, Seconded by Mr Hand it was decided that the meetings of the Committees be held at 7.30 p.m.

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Proposed by Mr J. Dooley and
Seconded by Mr McDonald

"That the following"
"constitute the School Meals Committee of the"
"Urban District of NewRoss for the ensuing"
"year viz:-
"As Managers of the Schools- Very Rev Canon Rossiter"
"P.P. V.G., Very Rev L. Coghlan P.P., Rev W. Canon"
"Gibson B.A. L.L.D., Rev Patrick Murphy C.C.,"
"Rev John Kelly C.C., Rev Andrew O'Brien C.C."
"Members of the Council - Messrs Michael Roche"
"Justin J. Butler, and John Murphy."
"Representatives of the Schools - Miss Hughes, Mercy"
"Convent, Miss Shaw, Carmelite Convent, and"
"Mrs O'Reilly Michael Street N.S."

Passed Unanimously

The following business being considered of an urgent nature was dealt with viz:-

Rate Collection

The Clerk reported that the collection of the rate for financial year ending 31st March 1925 should have been closed on the 30th ult. and submitted a letter received from the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health, dated 3rd June, 1925, No 25836/1925 extending the time of closing to that date, and stating that the Ministry will be prepared, in any case where the Collector has obtained decree and is collecting the rates by Instalments, to sanction an immediate refund, and the carrying over of the balances for future collection. Under these circumstances he does not see why the Collector should have any difficulty in closing his warrants for that year.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing that the total amount of rates for that year, outstanding at 30th June, including irrecoverable rate is £1063-13-0

After some discussion it was decided to refer the

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the matter to a meeting of the Finance & Housing Committee to be held at 7. 30 o'clock on Monday, the Collector to attend same and submit a statement showing, as far as possible, the various items of outstanding rates for that financial year.

Proposed by Mr Dooley, and,
Seconded by Mr McDonald

"That the Collector be"
"directed to close his collection for the financial"
"year ending 31st March, 1925.

Passed unanimously

The Clerk also drew attention to, and quoted Article 87 of "The Public Bodies Order 1904" which specifies amongst other things, that the Council shall call upon the Rate Collector to provide a fresh Surety in place of any surety who may become a member of the Council.

He reported that Mr John Murphy, who has become a member of the Council, is one of the Collector's Sureties.

Proposed by Mr T. Dooley and
Seconded by Mr M^c Donald.

"That the"
"Collector be required to provide"
"another Surety in place of Mr John"
"Murphy who has become a member"
"of the Council."

Passed unanimously

A discussion took place respecting the present condition of the streets, and in connection with the matter a letter dated 25th June, received from the County Surveyor in which he stated that he will be prepared to recommend the allocation of £100 out of current year's Grant towards the direct road from Kilmeaden to Waterford in the Urban District, and he considers

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I the Council will be safe in going ahead with the work, but they will have to await payment until the County Council get the Cash from the Local Government Department. There will also be allocated to the Urban Council portion of the Grant which will be laid out on the road from New Ross to Wexford.

Some doubt having been expressed as to whether the County Council would approve of the £100 to be allocated, as mentioned in the letter received from the County Surveyor, it was -
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the County Council"
"be requested to sanction the recommendation"
"of the County Surveyor that the sum of £100 be"
"allocated out of the current year's Road Grant"
"towards the repair of the direct road from"
"Enniscorthy to Waterford, situate within the Urban"
"District Boundary of New Ross."

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the work of"
"completing the repairing of the road"
"between Inchross and Chilcomb be undertaken"
"at once by the County Surveyor, and he be"
"authorized to employ a few additional"
"men for the purpose, the cost to be defrayed"
"out of the Grant of £100 referred to in the"
"Co Surveyor's letter."

Passed unanimously.

The Surveyor estimated that about 7½ tons of Spawls will be required to complete the work of repair,
Proposed by Mr Doyle and
Seconded by Mr P. Dooley

That:

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"That seven and one half tons of Spramex"
"be purchased for use on this road, the"
"cost to be defrayed out of the Grant of"
"£100 referred to in the letter of the County"
"Surveyor."

Passed unanimously

This concluded the business regarded as urgent, and ——

The Members separated.

P. N. O'Gorman

Monday 13th July 1925.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to deal with outstanding rates for year ending 31st March '25 & also transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council.

Present — Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding. J. Murphy. J. McDonald, C. O'Beam and Thos Cooney. — The Collector was also present and submitted list of outstanding Poor & Town Rate for year ending 31/3/25 & Town 58

The Committee examined each item of Poor Rate in the list - the time occupied in doing so being three & one half hours - and decided to cancel those they regarded as absolutely irrecoverable & to carry forward the remainder, some of which they regarded as possibly irrecoverable, or at least collectable only in instalments spread over a lengthened period.

It being eleven o'clock p.m when the examination of the Poor Rate list was concluded, the Committee were unable to deal with the outstanding Town Rate, or with the Accounts to be submitted for payment at Finance meeting of Council to be held on following day. It was however agreed that the Committee meet on next evening at 7 o'clock, to rule on the accounts, and on another evening later to examine Town Rate items outstanding.

The Committee adjourned. P. W. Gorman

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Tuesday 14th July, 1925.

An adjourned monthly, and ordinary meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, including that in connection with the collection of the outstanding rates.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Charles D'Hearn
Daniel Murphy
John Murphy P.C.
Justin J. Butler
Michael Roche
Vincent Doyle
John McDonald
John Hand
Laurence Dooley
and
Thomas Cooney

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs V. Doyle and C. D'Hearn, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 108	P. Tierney	£6-9-6	No 109	Gas Co	£167-6-9
" 110	Edwd Monahan	£3-0-0	" 111	James Casey	£6-19-0
" 112	P. J. Kennedy	£1-4-0	" 113	J. Lynch P.C.	£8-11-0
" 114	J. J. Browne	£1-19-0	" 115	J. J. Browne	£3-14-5
" 116	P. J. Dinn	£19-11-8	" 117	P. J. Dinn	£6-5-0
" 118	Same	£1-17-6	" 119	J. Shortall	£16-12-0
" 120	J. O'Kennedy	£2-6-6	" 121	E. Browne	£19-8-6
" 122	Petty Cash	£82-0-1	" 123	Fawlors Sons	£5-18-0
" 124	John Hanlon	£1-0-0	" 125	Thos Butler	£7-10-0
" 126	Thos Butler	£5-8-4	" 127	D. Doran	£2-3-4
" 128	Kellys Ltd	£3-7-6	" 129	Moran Bros	£15-1-5
" 130	P. J. Dinn	£46-18-7	" 131	Treas Lex & Co Co	£93-11-0 Drunk Roads
" 132	Petty Cash	£4-13-0. Drunk Roads a/c.			

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A Dividend Warrant was received from the Bank of Ireland for £7.14.3 being net amount payable on Consols for Quarter ending 5th Inst. and it was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister of Local Government, Roads Department No D.G.B/32, dated 13th July, 1925, relative to the allocation of £100 out of the Trunk Road Grant of £15,660 to Wexford County Council requesting to be furnished with a brief specification and tracing of the proposed work— Form No 11 is enclosed and should be completed and returned to the Department through the County Surveyor.

Ordered

That the Surveyor furnish the Ministry with the necessary information, through the Clerk.

Letter from the Secretary County Council dated 9th Inst. acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Urban Council in reference to the allocation of the £100 Grant and stating that same will be brought before the next meeting of the County Council.

On the suggestion of Mr John Murphy- it was—

Ordered

That Mr Walsh, a member of the Council, and also of the County Council (who was not present at this meeting) be asked to support the allocation of the £100 referred to, to New Ross, Mr Cooney, who was present at the meeting, promised to support it at the meeting of the County Council.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 10th July No D. 32082/1925, acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 2nd Inst. and stating that the Collector should be called on to close his collection forthwith. The arrears outstanding amount to over £2,000 extending over the last three years and Council should seriously consider whether they would be justified in continuing Mr O'Kennedy's services.

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In order that the position may be made as clear as possible it is suggested that a small Committee should be appointed to thoroughly examine the situation and deal with cases of rates regarded as irrecoverable properly submitted to them on Form 58.

The Chairman explained that a meeting of the Finance Committee was held last evening which sat from 7.30 to 11 p.m. and examined in detail the list of outstanding Poor Rate for year ending 31st March '25 submitted by the Collector on Form 58.

They cancelled a considerable number of items shown which they regarded as absolutely irrecoverable and carried forward for collection those which they considered there was any possible chance of collecting, even by instalments spread over a considerable period. The Committee intend to resume consideration of the remainder, and also of the Town Rate, as soon as possible when the lists, with the recommendations of the Committee, will be submitted to the Council for consideration.

Ordered

That the Minister be informed, in reply to his letter, that the list of outstanding rates for year ending 31st March 1925 is being dealt with by the Finance Committee, who will also deal with those outstanding for years ending 31st March 1923 & 1924, and report the result of their investigation to the Council when the whole question of the collection of the rates will be considered by the Council

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No 2945/1925, dated 23rd June 1925 drawing attention again to Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1925 with special reference to sub-sections 4 and 6.

The Clerk explained that this letter referred to an order made by the Commissioner in which he agreed to contribute to the Wexford to Council as Library Authority for the County (exclusive of Urban Districts) a sum equivalent to a rate of one half-penny

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in the £ (The County Council having agreed by resolution to take over the Carnegie Library Service) so that the Urban District of New Ross might get the benefit of the Library Scheme. Under the Sections of the Local Government Act of 1925 - referred to in Minister's letter, the Urban Council can relinquish their Powers under the Public Libraries Act's to the County Council on such terms as may be agreed upon, subject to the sanction of the Minister

After a short discussion Mr Butler gave notice verbally that he will move at next meeting of the Council "that the order made by the Commissioner agreeing to contribute an amount equivalent to a rate of one halfpenny in the £ be rescinded and that no contribution be made for the purpose."

A letter was also received from the Secretary of the County Council dated 8th Inst. enclosing copy of a letter received from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees agreeing to hand over the assets & transfer the entire administration of the Library Service to the County Council, they having undertaken responsibility for the Wexford Rural Library Service

No Order made

Letter from the Minister for Local Government (Roads Dept) dated 6th Inst enclosing copy of the Petrol Pumps (Fees) Regulations 1925 prescribing the amount of a Fee to be paid to a Council for the granting of a Licence under Section 35 of the Local Government Act 1925, and stating that all fees are, under the Act, to be paid into the Road Fund in accordance with the directions of the Minister of Finance

In reply to a member the Clerk stated there were no fees charged by the Council to the persons who got permission to erect Petrol Pumps in the Urban District. They merely applied to the Council for permission to erect the pumps, & it was granted subject to them being erected to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

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It was agreed to defer the further consideration of the matter to next meeting.

Letter from the Co Surveyor dated 25th June stating that he was satisfied the wet time during the period which the Council had the Steam-roller is not to be charged for and the total amount of the account is now £93-11-0. He has not charged for the Sprayer as he is waiting until the Job is finished but wishes to point out that the Council will be liable for any damage done to the sprayer when it went on fire. The new pressure Gauge cost 18/6 and the thermometer £3. and there may be some other charges also.

As the account will be paid at this Finance meeting there was No order made on the matter for the present.

A Notice, dated 4th Inst was received from Wm Caulfield, Solicitor, Wexford, on behalf of Peter Higgins that a duplicate of the decree awarding him compensation will be applied for at the Circuit Court to be held at Wexford on the 17th Inst., but the meeting decided not to take any action in reference to it.

Letter from Mr Lungley, Principal Secretary of The Technical School, dated 27th June asking when the special penny rate for Irish will be paid over to the Committee

Ordered

That Mr Lungley be informed the matter will be dealt with at next Finance meeting.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son, dated 8th Inst reporting that they attended at the adjourned hearing of the summonses against some of the Council's tenants for the recovery of Doron Rate in respect of the years 1923-24 and 1924-25.

After a lengthened hearing the Justice granted decrees against the defendants for the amounts due by

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by them, but he mentioned that the Town Rate, ~~the~~ Poor Rate had been paid by the Council for these Tenants since the beginning of their tenancy the Council should consider a reduction in their rents.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr McDonald
"That this letter be"
"referred to the Finance & Housing Committee"
"for consideration and report."
Passed unanimously

Letter from same dated 16th Inst stating that they had written to the Captain of the Motor Schooner "Uncle Ned" informing him that the Commissioners will hold the owners responsible for the damage to the water pipe of the Bridge Crossing.

They will also be glad to have particulars of the damage.

The Clerk stated that he furnished the particulars asked for by Mr Colfer, and, there was
No order made

Letter from Ald. Lonish D.D. dated 8th July, 1925 stating that he had made an application for a Grant towards the relief of unemployment in the Urban District, and he would be glad if the Council will instruct the Town Surveyor to prepare a Scheme of Road work covering about £2,000. It would help him also to be informed of the number who are unemployed in New Ross. He also asked the Surveyor to deal with the matter immediately

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he consulted with the Surveyor who considered it best that he would call on Ald. Lonish at Wexford and ascertain more details.

The Surveyor submitted a detailed report in the course of which he stated that from enquiries made at the Local Labour Exchange and elsewhere there are about four hundred & fifty men unemployed in New Ross

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Of whom one Hundred & fifty are in receipt of unemployment benefit.

There would be no difficulty in formulating a Scheme to provide employment on such works of public utility as Street maintenence, Domestic Scavenging &c, and he will be only too glad to prepare a Scheme & Estimate on receipt of instructions.

After a short discussion it was

Ordered

That a copy of this report be forwarded to Alderman Corish

In connection with this Mr Butler proposed "That we tender to Alderman Corish our sincere" "appreciation of his kind efforts on behalf of the" "town in obtaining Grants"

Mr Hand Seconded the propositions, and Mr John Murphy proposed

"That the thanks of the" "Council be also tendered to Mr Doyle T.D. who," "he was aware, co-operated in obtaining the" "Grants."

Mr Butler dissented from the inclusion of Mr Doyle's name in the resolution, and requested that his original resolution be voted on.

This was seconded by Mr Cooney.

Mr Murphy again proposed that the Council thank Mr Doyle for the interest he took in every Scheme

This was seconded by the Chairman.

Eventually Mr Butler's resolution amended by the inclusion of Mr Doyle's name in it was — Passed Unanimously

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Letter from Mr James Hanlon, Main St, dated 17th June, asking to have the stall next Mr Delaney's (No 12) substituted for No 14 already let to him.
Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Mr James Hanlon"
"be accepted as tenant of Stall No 12 instead"
"of No 14 already let to him

Passed unanimously

A Tender dated 14th July, 1925 was received from Messrs Moran Bros for the supply of Rate Receipts and Demand Notes for year ending 31st March 1926 viz:-

14 Books of Town Rate Receipts & Demand Note		@ 2/3 per Book
14 " " Poor Rate	(First Moiety)	@ 3/- " "
14 " " Town Do	(Second Moiety)	@ 2/- " "

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That the Tender of Messrs"
"Moran Bros for the supply of Poor Rate Receipts"
"and Demand Notes, also Town Rate Receipts & Demand"
"Notes be accepted."

Passed unanimously.

Letter from Dr M. Walsh dated 9th Inst. tendering his resignation as a member of the Urban Council owing to conditions in the Local Government Act of 1925
He also enclosed fine of one shilling.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy,
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy and Resolved

"That"
"we hereby declare a vacancy exists on the"
"Council of the Urban District of New Ross"
"owing to the resignation of Dr Michael Walsh"

Passed unanimously

The resolution was signed by the Chairman & Messrs V.A. Doyle and John McDonald, two members of the Council & countersigned by.

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by the Clerk.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy & resolved

"That we"
"hereby declare a vacancy exists on the Council"
"of the Urban District of NewRoss owing to the"
"death of Mr Andrew Cullen"

Passed Unanimously

The resolution was signed by the Chairman, Messrs T.J. Doyle & J. McDonald, and countersigned by the Clerk.

Ordered

That notice of the vacancies be published by posting a copy of each resolution duly signed on the outer door of the Tholsel

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to co-opt two members in the room of the two members mentioned in the resolutions.

The Clerk stated that the liabilities of the Council on 6th May 1924, when the Commissioners took office (exclusive of an unascertained Bill of Costs due the Council's Solrs) was £6483-1-5; whilst the assets, including balance of outstanding rates for financial year ending 31st March 1923, and total for 1924, collected to date was £6247-14-9.

The total liabilities on the 30th June (exclusive of Loans & Solicitors' Costs already referred to) were £1846-13-8 which included two Quarter's Demands due the Co Council to 31st March 1925, whilst the estimated Assets were :- balance of outstanding rates for 1923 £85-19-4, 1924- £933-3-9; and 1925 £1007-5-5 estimated to produce £626-8-6; Cash in Bank £397-9-10; Sundry Other receipts £30 - Total £1053-18-4.

The Total amount due on Loans for all purposes is £14,265-2-0

No Order made.

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The Clerk submitted a number of Accounts (as entered at commencement of minutes) which had been recommended for payment by the Finance Committee, and on the Proposal of Mr Roche, Seconded by Mr Hand – It was ordered that they be paid.

The following notices were received viz:–

New Ross

14th July 1925

To the Chairman & Members of the Urban Council.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1925 I desire to notify you that I do not intend to avail myself of all the Provisions of the Act for the purpose of my superannuation

(Signed) Matthew J. Dunn
Clerk of the Council, Executive Sanitary Officer & Registrar under Dairies Order.

No Order made

New Ross

14th July '25

To The Chairman & Members
New Ross Urban District Council

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Section 43 of the Local Government Act 1925, I desire to notify you that I do not intend to avail myself of all the Provisions of the Act for the purpose of my superannuation.

(Signed) Thomas Butler
Sanitary Sub-Officer, and Street & Water Inspector.

No Order made.

The Surveyor stated that three tons of hay will be required for fodder for the horses during the winter

Ordered

That advertisements be issued inviting proposals for

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for three tons of first crop hay, delivered in the Council's yard at William St, Tenders to be considered at next meeting.

The Clerk stated that no reply had been received from the Collector to the order made by the Council directing him to provide another Surety in place of Mr Murphy who has become a member of the Council.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That a special meeting of the"
"Council be held to consider the matter, the"
"Collector to be notified of same, and requested"
"to attend the special meeting."

Passed unanimously

This concluded the business and

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 28th July 1925.

D. O'Gorman

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Monday, 20th July, 1925

A Special meeting of the Council was held in above office at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to consider what action, if any, should be taken relative to the order made by the Council at their special meeting, held on the 7th Inst. requiring the Collector to provide another Surety in place of Mr John Murphy, who has become a member of the Council.

Present

Messrs P. N. Gorman, Presiding
George Dooley
Laurence Dooley
Daniel Murphy
Austin J. Butler
John Hand
John McDonald
Thomas Cooney
and
Vincent Doyle.

The Rate Collector was also present.

A discussion took place as to whether the Surety who succeeds Mr Murphy will be responsible for his (Mr Murphy's) liability under the existing Bond in respect of the Rate Collection for financial year ending 31st March, 1925, and it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that he would not, and that Mr Murphy was not released from his liability as Surety for that financial year.

The Collector submitted the name of his brother, Mr Philip Augustus O'Kennedy as surety instead of Mr Murphy

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Austin J. Butler,

"That Mr Philip"
"Augustus O'Kennedy be accepted as Surety for"
"the Rate Collector in place of Mr John Murphy"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

"That the Collector be required to provide a new Bond as prescribed by the Public Bodies Order 1904,

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the question as to whether the cost of same will be borne by the Council or Collector, to be decided later on, the Bond to be approved of by the Council's Solicitors.

This concluded the business and —

The Members separated.

T. O'Gorman

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Friday, 24th July 1925

A meeting of the Finance & Housing Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock for the purpose of resuming consideration of the outstanding rates for financial years ending 31st March 1924 & 1925, also to consider letter received from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to the payment of Down Rate by the Council's tenants.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman - Presiding
John McDonald
John Murphy
~~Vincent Doyle~~ C. D. Hearn
and
Thomas Cooney

The Collector was also present.

The Committee considered in detail the different items included in the list of outstanding Down Rate for year ended 31st March, 1925 submitted on Down 58, and decided to recommend the cancellation of those considered absolutely irrecoverable.

A long discussion took place as to the best way of dealing with the collection of all the outstanding rates so that the collection for the three years might be closed as soon as possible

With regard to the Instalment Orders already obtained against Ratepayers, and which appeared to be in abeyance at present, the Clerk was directed to call on the Council's Solicitors on the following morning an urge upon them to have the cases before the District Court on Tuesday next, otherwise they cannot be dealt with before 25th August.

With reference to the Minister's letter of 3rd June there seemed to be difference of opinion as to the interpretation of that portion of it dealing with the refund of rates to the Collector, and the Committee directed that the Clerk write the Ministry, and ask him to state (1) whether in any case where the Collector has obtained Decrees only but not Instalment Orders,

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(2) where Instalment orders have been obtained; but Instalments are not being collected, owing to default of Ratepayer, the Minister will be prepared to sanction an immediate refund to the Collector of the amounts of such Decrees & Instalment Orders, and the carrying over of them for future collection; which it is assumed means that he shall resume the collection of these as soon as the amounts are refunded to him. Also the Minister be asked to state if the sentence in his letter "together with any other collectable arrears" means that he will be prepared to sanction an immediate refund to the Collector of such arrears as the Council considers collectable & are accordingly carried forward by them.

The Committee considered briefly the letter received from the Council's Solicitors relative to the payment of Down Rate by the Council's tenants, and adjourned its further consideration, together with the Lists of outstanding rates for financial year ending 31st March 1924 to Monday evening, 27th Inst.

The Committee adjourned to Monday, 27th July 1925.

M. O'Gorman

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Monday, 27th July, 1925.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock, to resume consideration of outstanding rates, and letter from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to payment of Down Rate by the Council's tenants

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Mr J Murphy was the only member who attended

The Rate Collector was also present.

A Quorum not being in attendance

The meeting adjourned to Friday, 31st July, 1925.

P W Forman

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Tuesday, 28th July, 1925

A meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening in the Council Office at ½ 30 o'clock p. m to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider Notice Of Motion by Mr Butler "That he will move at next meeting of the Council that the Order made by the Commissioner on the 19th May last "That an amount equivalent to a rate of one Halfpenny in the £ on the valuation of the Urban District be contributed to the Wexford County Council towards the expense of the Carnegie County Library Service" be rescinded, and that no contribution be made by the Council for that purpose, also to co-opt a member of the Council in the room of the late Andrew Cullen, and a member in the room of Dr. Michael Walsh who has resigned the office of Councillor.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
C. D. Hearn
D. Murphy.
John Hand
Laurence Dooley
Thos Cooney
Michael Roche
P. A. Butler
J. Murphy
J. McDonald
Geo. Dooley
Vincent Doyle.

The Minutes of last meetings were read & Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman Messrs C D Hearn and C. Doyle, and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:— No 133 Petty Cash £31-2-6.

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The following letter was received from the Co Surveyor:-

17th July, 1925

£450,000, Grant - 1925-26

A. Chara

As already arranged with you and Mr Shortall I have allocated £100 out of this Grant to complete the work on last year's Grant in the Urban Area, this is on Drunk Road D.7.

Later I met Mr Shortall and arranged with him to allocate £1,300 for Road Improvement in the Urban Area under the present Grant as above on Drunk Road D.12., this will be the road from Wexford to Newtoss. I have notified the Local Government Department about this allocation and you should get your Surveyor to make out details of the expenditure with tracing of Maps and specification and furnish these particulars on Form 11 to the Local Government Department. The sooner this is done the quicker you can get ahead with the work.

(Signed) W. D. Barry.

In connection with this the Council considered the Minutes of the Street Committe, held on the 23rd Inst, the Report of the Estimated expenditure, and the proposal of the Chairman to interview, with the Town Surveyor, the County Surveyor at Wexford in reference to the amount allocated, and to the purchase of stone from some of the Co Council's local Quarries, of which they approved.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read viz:-

A. Chairdhe,

In diference to the wishes of your Street, Sanitary, and Water Committee as expressed at their meeting held on 23rd Inst. your Chairman and myself proceeded to Wexford on the 24th Inst and had a brief interview with Mr Barry, County Surveyor, regarding the

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the proposed Trunk Road Grant of £1300 for Section D12 in the Urban District.

Mr Barry could give no undertaking to supply any road Material from Ballinabola Quarry as there was not sufficient Macadam available there to meet the County Council's own requirements for the roads in that area. He, however, kindly undertook to supply the necessary tonnage from Ballybrennan Quarry, free on rail at Sparrowsland at the rate of 16/9 per cubic yard for prepared Macadam, and 12/9 per yard cube for rubble. This is about 2/ per yard less than the last price paid by you for the Parnell Quarry Material. It is understood that in the figures quoted, the sum of 4/7 per ton is included for rail charges to New Ross. It is possible however, that for large quantities, the Railway Company would be prepared to reduce their ordinary charges.

In answer to our representations for an increased monetary allowance for our part of the Scheme, Mr Barry pointed out that all the Grant money had already been allocated and regretted that he was not in a position to accede to our suggestions in this connection.

Granulated chippings for gritting the Spraying material cannot be obtained at Ballybrennan, they will have to be obtained from the Parnell Quarries.

T. Shortall
Dour Surveyor.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this report, during which it was pointed out that the material would cost the entire amount of money available under the Grant. Mr Cooney enquired why the material could not be got locally, he was, he stated, informed that there was a quantity of suitable material available at Park Quarry, and he submitted a sample of same to the Dour Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr J Hand and
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy

"That the County Surveyor be informed

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"informed the Urban Council are aware that a"
"large quantity of stones are available in Park Quarry"
"suitable for our Scheme, and he be asked to make"
"provision for a sufficient supply out of that Quarry"
"for our needs."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health (Roads Dept) No R/41, dated 27th July requesting that all communications for that Department be addressed to the Secretary, and that correspondence in connection with the various matters of Road Administration should be made the subject of separate communications

Ordered

That this be noted.

Letter from the Secretary, Wexford County Council dated 18th Inst printing out that if the Council does not agree to their contribution for the maintenance &c of the County Carnegie Library the people of the Urban District will not obtain any benefit from it.

Arising out of the reading of this letter Mr Butler referred to the Notice of Motion given by him, as entered on Minutes of last meeting, and stated that at the time Ministry's communication was read he was under the impression that a further Grant from the Council was required.

He now withdrew the notice of Motion, and it was-

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That we adhere to"
"the order of the Commissioner agreeing"
"to contribute an amount equivalent to one"
"halfpenny in the £ to the County Council in"
"aid of the Carnegie Library Trust."

Passed Unanimously

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Proposed by Mr D Murphy and
Seconded by Mr McDonald

"That the Members of the Council
"who are also members of the Technical Committee, be
"appointed a Committee to draft a Scheme, to be
"submitted to the County Council, and approved of
"by the Minister for Local Government."

Passed Unanimously.

The meeting next proceeded to co-opt a member on the Council in room of the late Andrew Cullen, and a member in room of Dr Michael Walsh, who has resigned.

Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr D Corney

"That Mr Richard Power be
"co-opted a member of the Council in room of
"the late Mr Andrew Cullen"

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr J Murphy and
Seconded by Mr L. Dooley

"That Mr Patrick J Dunne
"be co-opted a member of the Council in room
"of Dr. Michael Walsh resigned.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from Mr Barry, Co Surveyor, dated 18th Inst acknowledging Pay Order £93-11-0 in settlement of account for hire of Machinery, excluding charge for Sprayer
No Order made

Letter dated 14th Inst from Mrs Cullen Abbey View acknowledging resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of her husband.
No Order made

Letter from Bridget Carroll, Dair Date, complaining of the conduct of some of her neighbours.
No order made.

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The following Tenders were received for a heap of Manure at Town Wall viz:-

From Edward Neville Tawhouse who offered £3.10.0 for one heap.

From Maurice Whelan, Rylees, who offered £3.

From Timothy Doran, The Quay, who offered £2.10.0

The Surveyor having stated there were two heaps for sale it was

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Tender of Mr Neville"
"of £3.10.0, and that of Mr Whelan of £3, being"
"the two Highest, be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

Tenders for Hay.

A Tender dated 21st Inst was received from Thomas Whitty, Fisherstown, offering first Crop Clover hay at £3 per ton he would also supply a better quality coarse horse hay at same price, either to be delivered free at Council's premises.

A Tender dated 28th Inst was received from Mr Tyng Jerry Mc Garrett offering three tons first crop hay at £3.15.0 per ton.

Proposed by Mr Cooney, and,
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy

"That the Tender of"
"Mr Whitty to supply 3 tons First Crop hay at £3"
"(three pounds) per ton, delivered at the Councils"
"premises be accepted"

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr J Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr McDonnell

"That the Ministry's letter in reference to erection of Petrol Pumps be referred to the Street Committee

Passed Unanimously.

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The Council next considered the letter, dated 8th Inst; from Messrs Colfer & Son in reference to the payment of Down Rate by the Council's Tenants, which had been referred by them to the Finance Committee, and adjourned, no meeting of that Committee having been held on 27th Inst.

After a long discussion, it was
Proposed by Mr J. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr McDonald
"That it be referred again"
"to the Finance Committee for report.

On this the following amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr Butler and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy
"That the old arrangement"
"with the Tenants be allowed to stand"

The Chairman put the amendment to a vote when there voted:-
For - Messrs D. Murphy, John Hand, L. Dooley, T Cooney and Austin A. Butler 5.
Against - Messrs V. Doyle, C.D Hearn, M. Roche, J Murphy J McDonald, T. Dooley and The Chairman 7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.
He then put the resolution, when the voting was the same and he declared it carried.

Letter from James Flynn dated 28th Inst, giving one weeks notice as he is not able to continue in Council's employment owing his ill health. He has been in their employment since 1899, and he asked that the Council give him some assistance

After some discussion it was:-
Ordered
"That the consideration of J Flynn's resignation be referred to the Street, Sanitary & Water Committee.

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A letter dated 28th Inst was received from Thos Fitzgerald, Quay St, complaining of an obstruction outside his premises caused by cars from which vegetables are sold

Ordered

That the Street Inspector see the Bye Laws are carried out."

The Town Surveyor reported that the Stairway leading to the Clock Tower was in a dangerous condition. Portion of the Chain had also become detached from the monument and needed repairs.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out in both cases.

On the proposal of the Chairman - Seconded by Mr McDonald Tuesday, 11th August was the date fixed for holding of next Quarterly meeting.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 11th August 1925.

P W Gorman

Friday, 31st July '25.

An adjourned meeting of the Finance & Housing Committee was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to resume consideration of outstanding rates & letter from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants

No Member attended, and,

The Meeting adjourned

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Tuesday, 4th August 1925

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening in the Council Office at 7.30 o'clock to resume consideration of the Lists of outstanding rates, and letter from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to the payment of Down Rate by the Council's tenants

Present

Messrs C. D. Hearn Presiding
J. McDonald
and
J. Murphy.

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Committee went carefully into the remaining items of Down Rate outstanding for year ending 31st March 1925, included in Down 58, together with the various items of Poor Rate for same period. They also examined the Lists of Poor Rate & Down Rate outstanding for years ended 31/3/23 & 31/3/24, and for each year decided to recommend the cancellation of those which they regarded as absolutely irrecoverable, and carried forward for future collection those which they considered doubtful or possibly payable by Instalments.

They deferred making any definite order regarding the closing of the collection, pending a reply from the Ministry to their letter of the 29th ultimo, and directed the Acting Clerk to write the Ministry again, so that they might have the reply before them on the 10th inst

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They considered at length the letter from Messrs Colfer & Son in reference to the payment of Down Rate by the Councils tenants, and the suggestion of the District Justice that the Council reduce the tenants rents in view of the fact that they will in future have to pay the amount of the Rates, and after a long discussion decided to recommend the Council not to make any adjustment in the existing rents of their tenants, in view of the low rents at which the houses are let, and of the risk of the Council's members incurring personal liability.

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The Committee prepared a report, which was signed by the members present, and they recommended that a copy of it be forward to the Council's Solicitors for transmission to the District Justice, after which

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The members separated.

Friday, 7th August, 1925

A meeting of the Committee appointed to consider Draft Scheme for the Urban District under the Carnegie County Library Service was held in the Council Office this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present

Messrs P. D Hearn Presiding
John Murphy
Laurence Dooley
and
Austin J. Butler.

The Chairman having explained the object for which the Meting was called read the particulars of the Scheme drawn up, Copy of which was submitted, and after some discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Butler, and
Seconded by Mr Murphy,

"That we recommend"
"the adoption, by the Council, of the Scheme"
"under the Carnegie Library Service."

Passed unanimously

The Members then separated

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Monday, 10th August, 1925.

A meeting of the Finance & Housing Committee was held this evening in the Urban Council Office at 7.30 o'clock, to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council, including any in connection with the Rate Collections, and consider letter received from the Minister for Local Government (Housing Dept) in reference to Grants &c available for future Housing Schemes

Present Messrs J B McDonnell Presiding
and
John Murphy.

The Rate Collector & Town Surveyor were also present.

The Acting Clerk submitted a number of bills (a list of which is entered at the commencement of the Municipal Minutes) which were examined by the Committee and recommended for payment.

A number of Bills, amounting to £262.4.8, being for commission on Poor Rate & Town Rates collected for years ending 31st March, 1923, 1924 & 1925, were received from the Collector and the Committee recommended that a copy of the Account be furnished to the Minister of Local Government for his observations.

A letter dated 4th inst. No F. 35/914/15 was received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, stating, in reply to the queries forwarded after the meeting of the Committee on the 24th ultimo, that provided the Rate Collector has lodged the full amount of his warrant, no objection would be raised to the refund to him and the carrying forward for subsequent collection such items as the Council deem to be recoverable, and where they are satisfied he has taken all reasonable steps to recover but has been unable to do so for causes beyond his control.

After considering this letter, and discussing the matter at length the Committee decided to recommend that, in view of the fact that the lists of outstanding rates have only now been completed by the Finance Committee and the Collector's Solicitor has Committal Orders before the next.

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next Court; together with summonses numbering about fifty, the whole matter should come before the Finance Committee at the end of the present month, when the result of such proceedings can be ascertained, in the meantime the Ministry be asked to extend the time for the closing of the collections, and at the same time permit the Council to hand over to the Collector the Receipt Books for 1925/26 so that he may proceed without delay to collect the rate for that year concurrently with those already in the course of collection.

In the meantime the Council, and Collector will take the necessary steps to see that the collection will be closed with as little delay as possible.

The Committee had before them the Ministry's Circular Letter No H501/20808/1925. in reference to Housing Schemes to be carried out under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, which they considered very fully. They also examined Plans submitted by the Town Surveyor which showed dwellings of four & five roomed type, the latter which the Committee considered more suitable & economical.

They recommended the Council to adopt a Scheme for the building of six five roomed houses at an approximate cost of £400 each, towards which the Government would give a Grant of £100 for each one erected, the Bank to be requested to give a loan, to cover a period of 15 years at a rate of interest not exceeding 4%, the Committee being of opinion that the houses could be let at a weekly rent of 6/- (Six Shillings) and would, after about ten years be a source of revenue to the Council. In the event of the Scheme being adopted they recommended that the Architect receive fees in accordance with the Ministry's Circular Letter No 50.089/1919, he in the meantime to prepare a Plan.

This concluded the business, and

The Members separated

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A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.
Present

Messrs P. N. Gorman Chairman
George Dooley
Chas D. Hearn
J. E. Walsh
M. Roche
J. Hand
R. Power
L. Dooley
D. Murphy
J. A. Butler
J. Murphy
J. M. Donnell and Thomas Cooney

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read & signed

The following Quarterly report of the Down Surveyor was read viz:-

11th August 1925.

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

During the past Quarter your thoroughfares have been fairly well maintained. No new improvements were undertaken.

Preparations have been made to complete surface spraying operations to Section of Drunk Road 2.7. The surface and water courses have been cleaned and I am awaiting favourable weather to start the spraying.

Having regard to the fact that the sum of £1,200 is about to be expended on improvements to North Street, South Street and Priory St. I do not propose to lay any recommendation for new works before you on the present occasion

J. J. Shortall
Down Surveyor.

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A member having drawn attention to the condition of some of the Streets in the upper parts of the town; a long discussion took place, when it was

Ordered

That the Street Committee inspect the Streets.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 27th 13th October, 1925.

P W Gowran

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Tuesday, 11th August 1925.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in the Council Office at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Dowris Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854:- Financial and other business that might be brought forward including that in connection with the collection of the rates.

Present

Messrs P. N. Gorman Chairman
Jas Dooley
C. O'Hearn
J. E. Walsh
M. Roche
J Hand
R Power
L. Dooley
D Murphy
A. A. Butler
J. Murphy
J McDonnell
and
Thos Cooney

The Minutes of previous meetings were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs D Dooley & J Murphy and the following Pay Order directed to be issued viz:-

No 134	D. Lyne	£11-9-4		No 135	Waterford & New Ross Port San	£11-19-5	
" 136	People Printing Co	£3-8-0		" 137	Hibn Insurance Co	£3-0-0	
" 138	J J Browne	£1-19-0		" 139	J J Browne	£3-14-8	
" 140	D. Doran	£2-3-4		" 141	M Dunn	£19-11-8	
" 142	Thos Butler	£7-10-0		" 143	Thos Butler	£5-8-4	
" 144	J J Shortall	£16-12-0		" 145	Dick Brothers Ltd	£35-0-0	
" 146	P Dooley	£1-11-6		" 147	John Bailey	£1-17-0	
" 148	A R. French	9/6		" 149	John Ryan	£6-1-10	
" 150	Petty Cash	£29-10-5		" 151	Petty Cash (Junk Roads)	£17-13-6	
" 152	G. Southern Rlys	£7-0-0 (Junk Roads).					

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Mr Musgrave, representing The Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, who had interviewed the Surveyor, attended the meeting with the Object of explaining to them the advantages of concrete roads, he gave instances of roads that had been constructed in many parts of Ireland with good results, and assured the Council that if at any time they would wish to construct such roads or streets he would give assistance as far as possible.

Having thanked the Chairman & members he withdrew and there was no further action taken in the matter.

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant for £1-3-5 was received from the Bank of Ireland being dividend 6% Stock for half year ended 30th June 1925.

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council

A Warrant for 11/6, balance of State Duty Grant for year ended 31st March 1925 was received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, and it was ordered to be lodged to Council's credit.

A sum of three shillings in Postage Stamps was received by registered post "for unpaid rates" but there was no senders name.

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

A Notification was received from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 10th Inst. that Mr W.E. Murphy would commence the annual revision of the valuation of the Urban District about the 10th Inst.

No order made.

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Letter from same No 2508025 dated 6th Inst enclosing list of appeals in the Urban District.

The Acting Clerk having stated that the necessary notices were duly posted, there was now

No order made.

A Notice dated 29th ultimo was received from John Healy Esq Local Government Auditor notifying his intention to open the audit of the Council's accounts for financial year ended 31st March 1925.

No Order made

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health No S9B/32 dated 5th Inst advising the Council that he has approved of their proposal to expend the sum of £100 out of their portion of the Drunk Road Grant £450,000 for the purchase of Spranes to be used on Section of Drunk Road 2.7. already improved under the £1,000,000 Grant.

Works No. E.855 has been assigned to the work and the conditions regarding wages, selection of men to be employed &c, arranged in connection with the Grant notified in February 1924 apply to this work.

A separate account of expenditure should be kept & Requisitions (Form No.97) are enclosed.

No order made

Letter from the County Surveyor dated 1st Inst acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution in reference to supply of material from Meylers Park Quarry to be used under the Drunk Road Grant, and informing the Council that the matter was before the Roads Committee.

He stated there was not a large quantity of materials at Meylers Park Quarry, and all that was there would be required for the needs of the Co Council during the coming year. Do provide the large quantity of stones the Urban Council will require would entail heavy preliminary work and taking the outlay for this purpose into

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into consideration there would be very little difference in the price. The quality of material at Neylers-park is not equal to that at Ballybrennan, and in view of this he could not approve of the purchase of the former.

The Roads Committee has approved of the ~~purchase~~ use of the Ballybrennan material as already provisionally arranged.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter during which the Surveyor stated that he had an enquiry from a business man re the supply of the best quality stones from Glensinsaw Quarry, and he undertook to supply whatever quantity the Council would require, at a lower price than the Ballybrennan material, It having been stated that this material might not be approved of by the Roads Committee, Mr J.E. Walsh, a member of the Council, who is also a member of the County Council undertook to interview Mr Barry, during the coming week, in reference to the purchase of the Glensinsaw material and it was-

Ordered

That the matter be adjourned to next meeting.

The Ministry's letter of the 4th Inst No G. 35914/25 in reference to the collection of the rates, and the one from Messrs Colfer & Son in reference to the payment of Down Rate by the Council's Tenants, which were referred to the Finance Committee, were before the meeting, and the following report of the Finance Committee respecting them was read viz:-

"Your Finance Committee met this evening to resume consideration of the lists of outstanding rates, and letter from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to the payment of Down Rate by the Council's tenants

They went carefully into the items of Down Rate outstanding for year ending 31st March 1925 included in Form 38, together with the various items of Poor Rate for same. They also considered in detail the items of

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of Poor Rate & Town Rate for years ended 31st March 1923 and '24 and for each year decided to recommend the cancellation of those which they regarded as absolutely irrecoverable, the items they considered doubtful, or possibly payable by instalments, they carried forward for future collection.

They deferred making any definite order regarding the closing of the collection pending a reply from the Ministry to their letter of the 27th ultimo, and directed the Acting Clerk to write the Ministry again so that they might have the reply before them on the 10th Inst.

They considered fully letter from Messrs Alfer Bros intimating the decision of the District Justice in the recent prosecutions for the non-payment of Town Rates by the Councils tenants and his recommendation that the Tenants be granted a reduction in the rents equivalent to the amount of the assessments in respect of Town Rate as if by way of recoupment for their liability for payment of the latter, and considered that to accede to this suggestion would negative the effect of the legal decision which is binding upon them (the Council), and having regard to the possibility of the members incurring personal liability they regret they could not recommend the Council to consider any re-adjustment of the existing rentals.

Recognising that the rents are not remunerative or economical and that a considerable deficiency on all the Housing Schemes has to be discharged by the ordinary Taxpayer we think it would be unjust to expect the already over burdened rate-payer to shoulder the future responsibility of paying the equivalent of the Town Rate for each of your tenants numbering about 100. They would also refer to the low rents charged for the tenements ranging from 1/9 to 2/6 per week. That the accomodation they provide is appreciated by the citizens is evidenced by the fact of the large number of applicants when any

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any vacancy arises, and from many occupants of houses under other property owners, who are all, without exception, liable for the payment of rates. It is observed that included in the Town Rate is a rate for Technical Instruction, The Provision of School meals, and the Public Water supply &c, and having regard to the usefulness of these services, of which the Council's tenants enjoy their own share, and of all the facts set out in the report they regret they cannot incur the risk of recommending any adjustment in the rents of the Council's tenants.

They further recommend that a copy of this report be sent to the Council's Solicitors for transmission to the District Justice."

That portion of the Comittee's report in reference to the collection of the rates, and the Ministry's letter Of the 4th Inst, was further dealt with by them at the Finance committee meting, held on the 10th Inst when they made a recommendation on it, as entered in the minutes of that meeting.

It was now:—

Proposed by Mr J. E. Walsh and
Seconded by Mr T. Dooley

"That the recommendation"
"of the Finance Committee, at their meeting on the"
"10th Inst, in reference to the collection of the rates"
"be adopted"

Passed

Proposed by Mr Walsh and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

"That the report of the"
"Committee dealing with the letter from"
"Messrs Colfer & Son be adopted."

Do this the following amendment was
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr J. Butler

"That"

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"That the full facts relating to the matter re Down Rate i.e. the Finance Committee's Report, and voting thereon, the Tenant's case, and District Justice's decision and recommendation in reference thereto be forwarded to Local Government Department and suggest the old relations between the Council and Tenants be continued."

The Chairman then put the amendment to a vote when their voted:—

For — Messrs D Murphy, L Dooley, R Power, J Carey A.J. Butler and J. Hand 6.

Against — Messrs J McDonald, M. Roche, J.E. Walsh, C O'Hearn Geo. Dooley, J. Murphy, & the Chairman 7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

He then put the resolution when the voting was the same viz:- those who voted against the Amendment voted for the resolution, and the Chairman declared the Resolution Carried.

At this stage Mr Hand gave Notice

"That he will move at next meeting of the Council that the recommendation and resolution of the Finance Committee re Tenants' Down Rate be rescinded."

Letter from Thomas Murphy, William St, one of the Council's tenants, applying for a new ramp.

Ordered

That its consideration be adjourned to next meeting.

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Letter from Messrs Moran Bros. North St, dated 10th Inst. offering to supply 50 Treasurer's Advice Notes at 16/-

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy

"That the Tender of Messrs
"Moran Bros for the supply of Treasurer's
"advice Notes be accepted

Passed Unanimously

The meeting had before them the letter dated 28th ultimo, from James Flynn, one of the Councils workmen, giving one weeks Notice, which was referred back to the Council by the Street Committee.

A long discussion took place during which the Down Surveyor stated, in reply to a member, that Flynn was willing to do light work, but was not able to continue at the work at which he was hitherto employed.

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That James Flynn's
"services be retained by the Council, and
"he be employed at light work at a weekly
"wage of one pound.

"That a temporary workman be employed
"by the Council

Passed Unanimously

In connection with this the Down Surveyor reported that it was necessary for him to engage a temporary workman as Flynn had not been working during the previous week. In reply to a member he stated the weekly wages of the temporary man were 35/- (thirty five shilling).

The meeting approved of the employment, by the Down Surveyor, of a temporary workman, but decided to fix his wages at next meeting.

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A letter dated 11th Inst was received from Matthew Cahill, Church Lane, applying for a situation as Scavenger. He requested the Council to keep his name before them if there was no vacancy at present.
No order made.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills, a list of which is entered at the commencement of the Minutes, and which were recommended for payment by the Finance Committee, and it was
Proposed by Mr P. Dooley and
Seconded by Mr T. Murphy "That the accounts be"
"paid"
Passed unanimously

The Ministry's Circular letter of the 6th ult. No IR/93 Petrol Pumps (Fees) Regulations 1925 was adjourned to next meeting.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past fortnight the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner
No order made

The Draft Scheme under the County Carnegie Library Service which was considered, and approved of by the Committee at their meeting on the 7th Inst was now approved of by the Council, & it was Ordered - That copy of same be forwarded to the Wexford County Council for their approval.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 25th August 1925.

P. O'Gorman

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Monday, 24th August 1925.

A meeting of the Housing and Finance Committee was held this evening at ½. 30 O'clock to consider what steps should be taken in reference to a scheme for the building of houses for ex-service men.

Present Messrs D. L. O'Gorman Chairman of the Council-Presiding
John McDonald
and
Thomas Cooney

The Clerk submitted details of the steps already taken in connection with the scheme from which it appeared that the Council, on the 22nd February 1924 passed a resolution at a special meeting agreeing to give permission to the Trustees of the Scheme for the building of houses in the field at Town wall; the Minister of Local Government to be asked to sanction same. In reply to this resolution, the Minister desired to be furnished with a tracing showing the portion of the field proposed to be utilized for the purpose, together with particulars of the area, and the price to be obtained for it, when he was informed that no particular portion of the field was selected or the price of same fixed. The matter subsequently came before the Commissioner but he was unable to ascertain with whom arrangements were to be made in connection with the matter - the only information the local Secretary of the legion of Ex Service men could give was that he was of opinion the matter would be dealt with by the Irish Land Trust.

On the 8th May 1924 a letter was received from the Secretary Sailors and Soldiers Department forwarding a Tracing with a request that the Town Surveyor indicate on it the lands owned by Mr Doyle which it was proposed to acquire for the purpose of erecting Ex-Service men's Cottages under the act. The Tracing was returned duly marked by the Surveyor and nothing further was heard of the matter since.

The Committee now directed that the Clerk communicate with the Secretary of the Sailors Soldiers Dept stating that the matter was before the Council at their last meeting and requesting him to inform them what steps are being taken by the Land Trust to facilitate the erection of houses for those men who reside in the Urban District, after which,

The Committee Adjourned.

D. L. O'Gorman

Tuesday, 25th August 1925

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854- and consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr Hand Viz:-

"I hereby give Notice to move at next meeting of the Council "That the" "recommendation and resolution of the Finance Committee re "Tenants Town Rate be rescinded".

Present Members P. J. O'Gorman, Chairman, Presiding
James E. Walshe
Austin A Butler
John Hand
John McDonald
John Murphy
Richard Power
Thomas Cooney
Daniel Murphy
Vincent A. Doyle
and
Laurence Dooley.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The following Paying Orders were directed to be issued Viz:-
No 153- Petty Cash- General Account £25-15-6; Trunk Roads Account £24-8-0.

When the Chairman had signed the minutes of the previous meeting the Clerk submitted The Local Government Act 1925 and quoted Section 61 (1) and (2) of it, and stated he desired to draw attention to it as in his opinion it applied to the "Notice of Motion" to be considered at a later stage of the meeting.

He also quoted Article 36 (6) of The Schedule to the Application of Enactments Order of the 22nd December 1898.

A requisition dated 14th Inst. signed by the Tenants of the Councils houses at Town Wall, asking the Council to erect a lamp opposite the Terrace was considered, and on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by Mr Hand it was unanimously decided to refer it to the Street & Sanitary Committee for consideration

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health

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dated 14th Inst No 38413/1925 referring to the Council's letter of the 14th Inst relative to the Collection of the rates and pointing out that the lists of Irrecoverable Arrears passed by the Council should be forwarded to the Department without delay for the Ministers decision. The Minister insists that all collections to date be closed by the end of the month. In the meantime no Objection will be raised on this occasion to the books for the Current year being handed over to the Collector.

The Clerk pointed out that the Arrears lists were not yet completed as they were very extensive, and, in addition, resolutions will require to be passed cancelling the Amounts subject to the approval of the Ministry, which the Comcil consider irrecoverable, so that the lists could not be completed at this meeting and he suggested that this meeting be adjourned to next Friday evening for the purpose of dealing with them. and on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr McDonald it was decided to adjourn the meeting, at the Conclusion of the business, to Friday evening for the further consideration of the outstanding rates lists.

The Clerk also pointed out that the Collector's new Bond was not yet furnished by that officer and until it was availab the the collecting books for year ending 31st March cannot be given to him.

The Collector was sent for, and on arrival at the meeting, explained that he instructed Messrs Colfer Bros to prepare the Bond the day after he was notified to provide one but they had not it ready yet owing, he was informed, to their not having any Bond Forms in Stock.

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Butler

That the Bond be completed by this night fortnight and if, in the meantime, any difficulty arises in connection with it, the Clerk call a special meeting of the Council to deal with the matter.

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Minister dated 10th Inst enclosing statement showing how the balance of 11/6 due the Comcil on account of Estate Duty for year ended 31st March 1925 was ascertained

No Order made.

Letter from Same dated 31st July enclosing Form asking for particulars relative to officers who have decided not to avail of the provisions of the local goverment act 1925 regarding Superannuation and requesting that it be completed and returned as soon as possible

Ordered

That the Clerk furnish the information.

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Tuesday, 25th August 1925 (Minutes Continued)

An application, dated the 20th Inst. was received from J. O'Connor, Sheriff for the use of three rooms in the School for the purpose of taking the Poll for the Seanad election.

Ordered

That the use of the three rooms be granted for the purpose.

In connection with the Seanad Elections it was pointed out by Mr Cooney that Presiding Officers, and Poll Clerks, should be appointed from amongst unemployed persons many of whom were competent to fill the positions, and proposed that the Sheriff be asked to appoint the officers from amongst such persons. This was seconded by Mr Power and,

Passed Unanimously

The consideration of the application received from Mr Thomas Murphy William St. one of the Council's tenants, for a range to be fixed in the house occupied by him was taked up, and after a short discussion, it was

Proposed by Mr Cooney and

Seconded by Mr Butler "That Mr Murphy's application to have a new"

"range fixed in the house occupied by him be granted on condition"

"that he pay half the cost of same in weekly instalments of one shilling"

Passed Unanimously.

It having been stated that Mr Murphy was very ill at present, it was agreed that payment of the weekly instalments, at once, will not be insisted upon, but may be deferred for some time.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government, dated 19th Inst. forwarding Certified Copy of the Abstract of Accounts for Year ended 31st March last. In his report he stated that the accounts were well prepared and presented for Audit in a Satisfactory Manner.

The Clerk inquired if he would have copies of the Abstract and Report printed, but have regard to the cost it was decided not to have them printed.

A Copy of the Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts of the Technical Instruction Committee, was also received, and in his Report the Auditor pointed out that in his opinion, the value placed on the building for the purpose of Insurance were much too low. The Accounts were well kept and presented for Audit in a Satisfactory manner.

No Order Made

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Tender for Public Lighting.

A Tender, dated 25th Inst, was received from the New Ross Gas and Electricty Supply Co, for lighting of the Public Lamps. In it the Company proposed to light 26 gas lamps to be extinguished at 11 o'Block, and not to be lighted on nights of full moon, and to be fitted with incandescent burners at £6-0-0 per lamp for the period from 15th September 1925 to 15th April 1926, and also to light 18 Electric lamps for same period but to be kept lighting on nights of full moon, at £15-0 per lamp.

The lamp at Rosbercon to be lit as required at £2-0-0

As an alternative they will light the lamps as above, but extend the time from 1st September 1925 to 1st May 1926.

Mantles and Chimneys and Electric Lamps used in maintenence are included in prices quoted.

The proposal is subject to the condition that the Co will not be liable for failure to supply due to strikes, breakdown of machinery, or other unforeseen cause. They also reserve the right to discontinue, and remove any lamp wilfully damaged or interfered with, due allowance to be made for the period for which any such lamp may be discontinued, due allowance to be made for same.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Tender of the New Ross Gas and Electricty Supply Co, to light the lamps as stated in their proposal from the 15th Sept 1925 to the 15th April 1926, subject to the conditions specified in same be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Street Inspector report to the Council when any of the lamps are not lighted.

The Clerk reported that Mr Patrick J Dunne, who was co-opted a member of the Council at last meeting, did not take his declartion within the prescribed time. It was accordingly agreed to declare a vacancy on the Council, and it was;

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Laurence Dooley.

That we hereby declare a vacancy exists on the Council of the Urban District of New Ross owing to the failure of Mr Dunne to sign his Statutory declaration accepting office within the prescribed time Passed Unanimously -. This declaration was signed by the Chairman and Messrs V. A. Doyle, and John McDonald and Countersigned by the Clerk.

Ordered

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Ordered

That public Notice be given of the vacancy by posting a copy of this Notice on the Outer door of The Tholsel.

Notice of Motion

The following resolution, of which Notice was given by Mr Hand at previous Meeting of his intention to move it was,

Proposed by Mr Hand, and Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy, Viz:-

That the recommendation and resolution of the Finance Committee re tenants Town Rate be rescinded

On the resolution been put to a vote the following voted;

For:- Messrs Daniel Murphy, A.A. Butler, John Hand, Laurence Dooley, Richard Power and Thomas Cooney 6

Against:- Messrs John Murphy, James Walsh, John McDonald Vincent A Doyle, and The Chairman 5

As the number of Councillors present at this Meeting was less than the number present at the previous Meeting at which the original resolution was passed, and as the rescinding resolution was not carried by a Majority of two-thirds of the Members present at this Meeting it was declared by the Chairman Not Passed.

The Town Surveyor reported that Messrs Power Bro Bridge St. offers about thirty tons of unbroken limestones @ 5/- per Ton. These are required at once to restore the damage to section of road from Chilcomb Lodge to Aselford's Cross caused by the Kilkenny County Council's Sewage plant.

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by The Chairman

That thirty tons of limestones be purchased from Messrs Power Bro at 5/- per Ton

Passed Unanimously

He also reported verbally that a new gate was required to the Council's field at William St. to protect the allotments of the tenants from damage, and on the proposal of The Chairman, Seconded by Mr Hand, he was directed to have a gate erected there at a cost of about £1 (One Pound)

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr John Murphy it was decided to purchase one doz of chairs for the Office of the Council.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past fortnight the daily

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daily Scavenging was carried out in a Satisfactory manner.
No Order Made.

Re:- Road Grant of £1300.

A telegram, dated to-day was received from the County Surveyor in reference to the Stones which it is proposed to take from Glensinsaw Quarry to be used in the road Maintenence to be carried out under the above Grant.

"Glensinsaw material too uneven quality far below Ballybrennan"
"or Arklow. cannot approve" Barry.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was;
Proposed by the Chairman and,
Seconded by Mr Hand Viz:-

That the County Surveyor be invited to meet a committee of the Council for the purpose of inspecting the Glensinsaw Quarry

Passed Unanimously

It was decided that the Street Committee meet Mr Barry in the event of his complying with the resolution of the Council.

Mr Butler referred to the approaching visit to Wexford, of His Grace, The Most Revd. Dr Mannix Lord Archbishop of Melbourne, and stated that His Grace will be passing through New Ross on Wednesday, 2nd Prox, and he Proposed that an address be presented to him on behalf of the people of New Ross by the Council, and this was seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy.

A discussion took place on the resolution, during which the Chairman stated that he would welcome Dr. Mannix as a Churchman but not if politics were introduced into the matter.

Mr Butler volunteered to draft the Address which he assured the Meeting would be non-political. It was agreed to defer the final consideration of the proposal to the adjourned meeting to be held on Friday evening, next when the draft of the address will be submitted, and, if approved of by the Council, the address will be presented to His Grace

The Meeting Adjourned to Friday, 28th August 1925.

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Friday, 28th August 1925

An Adjourned Meeting of the Council was held at ½ 30 O'Clock P.M on above date to consider finally the lists of outstanding rates for financial years ended 31st March 1923, 1924, and 1925, and approve of draft Address which the Council propose to present to the Most Revd Dr Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne on the occasion of his visit to New Ross on the 2nd September.

Present Before P. J. O'Gorman, Chairman, Presiding.
John McDonald
John Murphy
John Daud
Daniel Murphy
Austin A Butler
and
George Dooley

The Clerk submitted the lists of outstanding rates for financial years ending 31st March 1923, 1924, and 1925, compiled on Form 58, on which was shown the recommendations of the Finance Committee in reference to the different ratings.

The lists were considered, and after some discussion, the following resolution, relative to the closing of the collection by the Collector, was Proposed by Mr McDonald and Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy viz:-

"That having regard to the large
"amount of Rates outstanding which can only be collected in instalments,
"if at all, and also to the fact that the Collector has in our opinion, taken
"all reasonable steps to reduce to the lowest minimum by repeated
"applications, and obtaining of decrees in many cases, the amount
"uncollected, as well as the utter impossibility of obtaining the very
"large loan necessary to enable him to close his collections by lodging
"the full amount of his warrants, the Minister for Local Government be
"respectfully asked to Consent to allow the Condition in his Bond
"requiring him to lodge the full amount of his Warrant to be waived
"and that in lieu thereof Arrangements be made to have all rates
"Collected as expeditiously as possible, and in Order that the Council
"may be familiar with the progress which is being made, a report be
"submitted to each meeting showing the state of the Collection."

Passed Unanimously

In reference to the Arrears Lists which had been considered at very great length

length by the Finance Committee the following resolution was:-
Proposed by Mr A. A Butler and
Seconded by Mr George Dooley "That sums of Poor Rate for financial"
"year ending 31st March 1923 amounting to £4-19-7, be cancelled and"
"sums amounting to £2-9-4½ carried forward, and sums of Town"
"Rate amounting to £-7-5-4 be cancelled and £35-8-11½ Carried forward."
That for financial year ending 31st March"
"1924 sums of Poor Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £30-7-3. and"
"in addition sums considered irrecoverable, amounting to £122-10-0 be"
"cancelled, and sums amounting to £180-0-1 be carried, and that"
"Town Rate on Vacant premises, amounting to £60-18-7, and £179-11-5"
"considered irrecoverable be cancelled, and £367-16-8 Carried forward."
That for financial year ended 31st March "
"1925, Poor Rate on Vacant premises amount £46-0-0½, together with "
"£110-2-8½, considered irrecoverable, be cancelled and £211-17-6½ "
"Carried, and Town Rate on Vacant premises amounting to "
"£70-14-3½, together with £144-11-6 considered irrecoverable, be "
"cancelled, and £384-18-1½ carried forward for Collection subject "
"to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health."
Passed Unanimously.

Mr Butler submitted a draft copy of the Address proposed to be presented to The Most Revd. Dr Mannix Lord Archbishop of Melbourne, which was slightly altered, and it was agreed that an address be presented to His Grace on Wednesday evening in the Council Chamber by The Chairman of the Council.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 8th September 1925.

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Wednesday 2nd. September 1925.

His Grace The Most Revd Dr Mannix Lord Archbishop of Melbourne visited New Ross this day on his way to Wexford to receive the freedom of the Borough. He was met outside the town by a large concourse of people amongst whom were four members of the Council, viz:- Messrs Cooney, Butler, D. Murphy and John Hand the latter of whom carried the Mace.

His Grace was received at The Tholsel steps by the Chairman of the Council P.N. O'Gorman Esq and the Clerk who escorted him to the Council Chamber. There was a very large attendance including members of the Council.

The Chairman presided and having extended a welcome to His Grace on behalf of the people of New Ross, an Address of Welcome of which the following is a copy having been read by the Clerk was presented to him.

Address of The New Ross Urban District Council
To.
His Grace Most Revd Dr. Mannix, Lord Archbishop of Melbourne, on the occasion of his visit to New Ross. 2nd September 1925

May it please your Grace,

We the members of the New Ross Urban District Council on behalf of the Citizens of our ancient and historic town, desire to extend to you in the first place, a civic welcome, on the occasion of your visit to Ros Mhic Treoir; and in the second to give expression to our appreciation of the very high honour we deem it to be welcome to the Distinguished Stranger within our gates.

We can assure your Grace that we look on this occasion as the very proudest in the annals of our town - the day when we were priveliged to pay tribute to such a distinguished Son of the Irish race.

We honour you, first as a great churchman who in that far off continent of Australia, where so many of the exiles of Erin have found a home, have, in the exercises of the duties of the exalted station to which Divine Providence has called you, added lustre to the Missionary Records of the Irish Church.

May God prosper your Grace in all your undertakings and long spare you to carry on the glorious mission of His Church; and we trust when you next re-visit our shores there will be no North or South but simply Ireland,

'Our Emerald Gem set in the heart of the pulsing Sea'.

Signed on behalf of the Urban District Council.

Peter N. O'Gorman Chairman

D. Griffin Clerk of the Council.

His Grace having replied at length and imparted his blessing, the proceedings terminated.

D. Griffin

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Friday, 4th September 1925.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in their office at 7.30 o'clock to approve or otherwise, of a person whose name will be submitted by the Rate Collector to act as Surety for him in a Bond instead of Mr James Fleming, North St, also to consider a letter from the County Surveyor relative to the stones from Glensinsaw Quarry and take such action in connection with same as may be approved of.

Present Messrs Michael Roche Presiding
Charles Dwyer
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Austin A Butler
Richard Power
Laurence Dooley
Thomas Cooney
Vincent A Doyle
and
James E. Walsh

On the proposal of Mr Dwyer, Seconded by Mr Hand, Mr Roche was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Meeting.

A letter, dated 31st Ult, was received from the Collector stating that Mr James Fleming, North St, had withdrawn his name from the Bond for 1925/26, and Mr James A Hutchinson, North St, has kindly consented to act as Surety in place of Mr, and he trusts the Council will accept him as same.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Power

That Mr James A Hutchinson, North St, be approved of as surety for the Rate Collector instead of Mr James Fleming who has withdrawn as such.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from the County Surveyor, dated 27th August 1925, stating that he wired the Clerk on the 25th Inst. Stating that Glensinsaw material was too uneven in quality and far below Ballybrennan or Arklow, and cannot approve of it.

On yesterday he received a report on the material from Mr Bowen, Kilkenny Co Surveyor who is using the material, and whom he consulted. He agrees that there are beds of inferior quality, but that these could be avoided. He does not consider it at all as good a stuff as that from Arklow Rock Quarry. Mr Bowen also stated that even if it were selected the Council could do no quarrying in Glensinsaw

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Quarry for sometime, as he, Mr Bowen, has three gangs there, and will not be finished for about three months. He considers the Council should select Ballybrennan material and if they give the order he will make arrangements to start forwarding it as soon as possible

A second letter, dated 29th August, was received from the County Surveyor in which he stated that since writing last he had an interview with Mr Gerald Flood who informed him that he was in treaty with the Council in regard to obtaining material from Glensinsaw Quarry. He produced a sample of material which is satisfactory. Mr Flood informed him that he could arrange with the Council and guarantee that the material should be all as per sample submitted to him (Co Surveyor). If this is so he shall be satisfied. He would not, however, have a mixed quality of material put out, certainly not on the street of an Urban District. If the Council still wish a Committee to inspect the Quarry, he will arrange for same, but in view of the interview with Mr Flood he thinks this will not be necessary, and that the Council could arrange with him for the supply of material.

A long discussion followed upon the reading of these letters which resulted in the following resolution being,

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Cooney Viz:- "That the Stones from Glensinsaw"
"be selected for the Scheme".

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy "That the work be done by direct"
"labour, the Surveyor to draw up a Scheme of the work for"
"next Meeting of the Council".

Passed Unanimously

A letter, dated 31st August, No S.G.D. 32. was received from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, pointing out that a Scheme for the Expenditure of the sum allocated to the Urban Council by the County Council from their share of the Grant is still awaited. Any further delay in submitting a Suitable Scheme may involve the withdrawal of the Grant.

No Order Made

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The Clerk asked the meeting to decide upon the kind of chairs to be selected for the Office, as it was decided, at last meeting, to purchase one dozen.
Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Power "That the Ordinary Kitchen chairs be purchased."
Passed Unanimously.

This Concluded the business of the meeting and,

The Members Separated.

P. J. Goman

Friday, 4th September 1925

A meeting of the Street and Sanitary Committee was held this evening at 8.30 Oclock to consider and application from the tenants of the Council's Newhouses to have a lamp erected in the vicinity of the houses; and also to consider report of Sanitary Sub officer relative to Sanitary Condition of passage adjoining Town Hall.

Present Messrs Michael Roche Presiding
John Hand
and
Vincent A Doyle.

In Connection with the application for the public lamp, a letter was received from the Manager and Secretary of The New Ross Gas and Electricity Supply Co. stating that they were unable to alter their quotation of the 15th Inst. as that offer was made to meet the Council as far as possible and is very much under the actual cost.

The price quoted in the letter referred to is £15.

A Member pointed out that if the excavating was carried out by the Council's workmen it would considerably cheapen the cost of erection and secure a proposal for a smaller amount.

The Surveyor, who was present, however pointed out that the Council's workmen were so busily engaged with other work that they could not be spared to do this, and suggested that it might be advisable to have an electric lamp erected there and thus obviate the cost of excavating for the purpose of laying the gas Main pipe. After a short discussion it was decided to defer the final consideration of the matter, and ascertain what the cost of erecting an electric lamp there would be, and also to inquire from the tenants of those houses

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Whether, in the event of it being decided to have an electric lamp fitted up there, they will be prepared to instal the electric light in their houses.

The Committee also considered the following report of the Sanitary Sub-Officer which was referred to them Viz:-

"Mrs Rix South St complains of the passage between her house and the Cinema "
"Hall being used as a Urinal. This place is plainly visible from her own"
"and her Children's bedroom. She also complains that the Urine from "
"this passage percolates through the boundary wall into her place. "

The Committee were of opinion that if the entrance to the passage was closed it would prevent a continuance of the nuisance and accordingly they directed that the tenants, or occupiers of the Cinema Hall, be required to have a door fixed on the entrance to the passage and also to cause the open space in front of the Hall to be lighted so as to prevent it for being used for the purpose complained of, after which.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. A. Gorman

Monday, 7th September, 1925

The Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not being present —

The meeting adjourned

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Tuesday, 8th September 1925

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, co-opt a member of the Council - Mr Dunne not having signed his declaration within the prescribed time - also to appoint a permanent workman

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
George Dooley
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
Richard Power
John Hand
Thomas Cooney
Austin J. Butler, and
Vincent Doyle.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Dooley & Doyle and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued:-

No 155. J.J. Shortall £16.12.0 - No 156 Petty Cash £27.13.7
157 Thomas Butler £7.10.0 - " 158 Thos Butler £5.8.4
159 J.J. Browne £1.19.0 - " 160 J.J. Browne £3.14.3
161 Richard Murphy £10.0.0.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Govt & Public Health dated 31st ult. No 40396/25 stating that a sum of £19.11.5 is due the Ministry in connection with the Inquiry held in January 1924 into the administration of the affairs of the Council of which the following are the particulars

Advertising Inquiry	£7.9.11
Shorthand Writing	8.18.6
Inspector's services	3.3.0
	£19.11.5

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Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That the application"
"be referred back to the Ministry and they be"
"informed that as the former Council did not"
"ask for the Inquiry this Council is not reponsible"
"for the cost of it."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from same dated 2nd Inst No PH 25672/25 advising the issue of a Paying Order for £42-6-1 as recoupment from the School Meals Grant in respect of expenditure by the Council from the Rates in the provision of Meals for Children during year ended 31st March 1925

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council

Letter from same dated 3rd Inst No P. 40633/1925 acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 24th ult relative to the collection of the rates and asking that the Ministry be furnished with a Return showing the state of the collection in the Urban District to the 31st ult

The Clerk stated that he had furnished the Return asked for, and there was therefore no order made on the letter.

Letter from same (Roads Dept) dated 7th Inst No S.P. B/32 acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 4th Inst applying for a further Grant of £50 for the completion of the works No B856 and stating that the allocation of the Grant of £15,660 indicated to the Wexford County Council is a matter for the County Council

Ordered -

That the Wexford Co Council be informed the supplemental Grant of £100 allocated to the Urban Council out of the Trunk Roads Grant is not sufficient to complete the spraying of the Section of the road, and they be asked to kindly grant a further sum of £50 to enable them to purchase an additional

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additional quantity of spramex, and employ the necessary labour to complete the work, the Ministry having stated that the allocation of Grant was a matter for the Co Council

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Letter from same dated 4th Inst. enclosing the following copy of a letter received by them from Mr James P. Coghlan Solicitor, relative to the payment of Dour Rates by the Council's tenants, and requesting to be informed how the matter now stands :-

New Ross
13th August, 1925

Dear Sir,

The Tenants of the New Ross Urban District Council in June 1924 consulted me in the following circumstances :-

For the first time since the commencement of their tenancy (some of them over forty years) Demand Notes for Dour Rate were issued and served on them by their Landlords - The New Ross Urban District Council. The tenants were naturally very surprised and bespoke my services with the result that I wrote to the Dour Clerk a letter, copy of which I enclose, and copy of his reply of the 12th August 1924 withdrawing the claim made. The Tenants then took it that the old procedure would be reverted to, but their respite was short as again in September Demand Notes for Dour Rate were served for 1924 & 1925. I again entered into correspondence with the Dour Clerk who stated instructions had been given to the Collector to proceed, which he did, by the issue of the summonses on the 12th May. The summonses through adjournments of the Courts did not come on for hearing until recently when decrees were given, the Justice stating that he had not any power to make an order for payment by Instalments so that the tenants would thus be enabled without inconvenience to anybody to exercise their statutory right of deducting such rates from the amount of their rents. The Justice however (recognising that if the matter could not be carried out in the manner indicated the tenants would

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would stop paying their rents until they were recouped the amount of the Town Rate) made the suggestion to the Council's Solicitor that although he had given Decrees matters should be allowed to stand as heretofore This suggestion was conveyed to the Council who referred its consideration to their Finance Committee. This Committee reported to the Council and thereupon at its meeting on the 11th Inst. the Council by a majority of one vote instructed the collection of the amounts

I send you extract from the report of the Finance Committee.

You will observe that the report is based on a fallacy in that it is suggested that by allowing the relationship between the Council and its tenants to stand as hitherto the Finance Committee are under the erroneous impression that they are reducing the rents, the opposite in fact being what they are endeavoring to do because by adding the Town Rate to the rents the attempt is being made to increase the rents which as you are aware is not permissable

I enclose the form of Contract under which most of the tenants hold and under which there is not any liability on the tenants for payment of the Town Rate consequently by Section 54 Subsection 12 of the Local Government Act of 1898 relief is given to them from payment of this rate.

Notice of Motion was, I am informed, handed in to have the resolution ordering the collection of the Town Rates payable by the Council's tenants rescinded & this will come up at their next meeting on the 25th Inst.

My object in writing to you is that you would be good enough to give the Council a direction not to levy execution for the Town Rate. If my suggestion be acted upon it will ensure the payment of the rents without difficulty. If not I would regretfully have to advise the tenants to withhold the payments of their rent until they have recouped themselves the amount of the Town Rate paid. This will lead to difficulties, inconvenience, expense to the Council and be an annual source of worry all round without

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any beneficial result whatever. For the harmonious and beneficial results to all I would therefore respectfully urge with all the strength possible that my original suggestion be adopted viz:- that the Decrees should not be enforced and that the tenants continue as in the past to pay their full rent to the Collector and the Council not collect the Down Rate and thus save worry, trouble and expense to all parties concerned.

I regret that I have to trouble you at such length, my excuse being that the circumstances warrant it to enable you to clearly follow the matter, my desire being to give every facility to the smooth administration of the Public Services.

(Signed) James P. Coghlan

D/

The Secretary
Ministry of Local Government
Dublin

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Council's Solicitors for reply by them to the Ministry

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Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy "That the old arrangement"
"with the Council's tenants continue."

The Chairman declined to accept this resolution on the ground that the subject matter of it had already been decided upon by the Council.

Letter from the New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co dated 8th September, 1925, stating, in reply to an enquiry of the Council, that the cost of fixing an electric lamp at Ard na Greine would be £12 5s.

In connection with this matter a communication was received, signed by five of the Council's tenants, (in reply to a query addressed to them asking if, in the

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the event of an electric lamp being fitted there, they would instal the Electric light in the houses occupied by them) stating that they had no opportunity of making enquiries as to the cost of Installation, & the probable cost of Electricity per unit, but if both are reasonable and a main run up to the vicinity it is probable they will have the light installed

After some discussion, during which Mr Hand contended that the Company could be compelled to have a lamp erected there free of cost, it was decided to adjourn the further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 1st Inst. stating that they had a letter on that day from Mr O'Kennedy with instructions to prepare Bond with the Council for signature of himself and his sureties Mr James A. Hutchinson and Philip A. O'Kennedy, and stating that the Bond is now ready for execution and they have written Mr Kennedy to call to their office with his Sureties.

The Collector, who was present, submitted a personal letter received by him from Miss Hutchinson, on behalf of her brother, who was ill, in which she stated that on considering the matter he had decided not to sign the Bond.

The Collector then stated that Mr James Kelly, Michael St. had consented, subject to the approval of his Solicitor, to sign the Bond and he asked the Council to approve of him

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That James Kelly, Michael St be"
"approved of as Surety for the Collector, & that at the"
"conclusion of the business this meeting be adjourned to"
"Friday evening, 12th Inst. for the purpose of transacting any"
"further business that may be necessary in connection with"
"this matter in the event of Mr Kelly not deciding finally"
"to become one of the Sureties for the Collector."

Passed unanimously

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A proposal of £3.10.0 was received from Timothy Doran Quay, for one heap of Manure at Dowrlwall, but as there was none for sale it was declined.

An application dated 4th Inst was received from Patrick Murphy, William St, one of the Council's tenants, to have a new range fitted in the house occupied by him as the old one is worse than useless. He applied some months ago for one but the application was adjourned.
Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That a new range be"
"fitted in the house occupied by Patrick"
"Murphy on the usual conditions viz:- That"
"he pay half cost of the range in weekly"
"Instalments."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Secretary of The Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust dated 5th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 28th ult in reference to the carrying out of a Scheme of house building for Ex-Service men, and stating that the Department has not yet been able to proceed with the Scheme
No Order made.

A Tender dated 5th Inst was received from Messrs Moran Bros. for the supply of one Drader's Rate & Rent Book of 150 p.p., as sample, for 30/-
Proposed by Mr Butler and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That the Tender of"
"Moran Bros to supply a Drader's Water Rent"
"Book, same as one already in use at 30/- be"
"accepted."

Passed unanimously

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An application dated 20th August was received from the British Petroleum Co for a renewal of their Licence to store Petroleum in their store at Rosbercon.
Proposed by Mr Power and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That a Licence be granted"
"to the British Petroleum Co. Ltd, to store Petroleum"
"in their store at Rosbercon, situate at rere of Mrs"
"Lalor's premises for one year from 8th Septr 1925 to"
"8th Septr 1926"

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting proceeded to co-opt a member - Mr Dunne not having taken his declaration accepting office within the prescribed time -
Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Mr Patrick J Dunne"
"South St be co-opted a member of the Council."

Passed Unanimously

Town Surveyor's Report.

The undermentioned repairs are required to house and premises in occupation of M. Saunders Richtown:-
Repairs to felt roofing, treat with mastic, repair lead valley & slating, point and plaster gable wall externally, repair slating to out offices, restore broken glass, splice & repair front & back entrance doors and frames and repair entrance gates to yard.

Estimated cost £22-5-0

The roof of dwelling house in occupation of Mr J. Stacey, Fair Gate, is in a leaky condition. A new window sash is required to front apartment on ground floor.

Estimated cost £3-10-0

(Signed) Jas. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

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It having been suggested that possibly Mrs Saunders and Mr Stacey may be anxious and willing to purchase the Council's Interest in the houses occupied by them it was Ordered

That both these people be asked if they are willing to purchase the Houses occupied by them, and if so the amount they are prepared to offer for them.

Letter from the Secretary Technical Instruction Committee dated 8th September, 1925, forwarding following copy of a resolution passed by his Committee in reference to the proposed County Amalgamation Scheme of Technical Instruction for the County of Wexford viz:—

"This Committee is of opinion that"
"no useful purpose, Educational or Financial,"
"is to be served by this amalgamation Scheme"
"and that it does not offer sufficient inducement"
"for New Ross to go into it."

The Council, having considered the matter, unanimously adopted this resolution on the proposal of Mr Butler, Seconded by Mr D Murphy, and directed that a copy of it be sent to the Department.

The following applications were received for the position of workman advertised at 48/ per week viz:- From Martin Handrick, Maudlins, Richard Hoynes William St, Wm Lacey; Maiden Lane, Jas Hanlon; Mary St; Thomas Murphy; Bewley St, Peter Walsh, Bewley St, Matthew Walsh, Maiden Lane, Patrick McGrath, William St, Michael Lambert; Fishtown, James Fortune, William St, and Michael Hayden; Fishtown Patk McGrath was Proposed by Mr D Murphy & Seconded by Mr Doyle
James Fortune " " " The Chairman " " " Mr Hand
Michael Lambert " " " Mr Cooney " " - Mr Power
Martin Handrick " " Laurence Dooley but was not seconded.

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The voting for the three applicants duly proposed and seconded resulted as follows:-

For R. McGrath - Messrs D Murphy, L Dooley, & T. Doyle 3.
" Jas Fortune - 1 " J. Hand, J. Dooley & The Chairman 3.
" M. Lambert - " A. A Butler, J. Cooney, & R. Power 3.

The voting being equal it was agreed to draw lots, and accordingly the names were written on slips of paper and put into a hat, when the name of James Fortune was drawn, and he was declared elected.

Trunk Road Scheme Grant £1300 Road D. 12.

The Town Surveyor submitted an Estimate for Quarrying, delivering, and preparing Newinsaw Quarry Material by hand which showed the cost per cubic yard to be 17/6, and he also gave details of the total cost viz:- £1585-10-0 Total for 200 Perches, (entire length of L.D Section.)

A long discussion took place on the Estimate which resulted in the following resolution being:-

Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy:-

"That the Scheme prepared
"and submitted to the Council by the Town Surveyor
"be adopted and forwarded to the Ministry, and
"they be informed that on account of the large number
"of unemployed (between 400 & 500) in the town, the
"Council have adopted the Scheme although it
"exceeds the amount allocated by £285-10-0."

Passed unanimously

The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.
No order made.

The meeting adjourned to Friday, 12th September 1925.

P. O'Gorman

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Friday 12th September, 1925.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock p. m. to consider, if necessary, the approval or otherwise, of a Surety to be named by the Collector to join with him in his bond in the event of Mr Jas Kelly Michael St, who was approved of at last meeting, not signing the Bond.

Present Messrs John Hand - Presiding
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
and
Austin A. Butler.

On the proposal of Mr Butler, Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy, Mr Hand was moved to the Chair

The Clerk reported that the Collector informed him verbally that Mr Kelly had decided not to sign his Bond.

The following letter was received from the Collector

11/9/25

Re Bond 1925/K.

Dear Sir,

Mr P. Sahan, Priory St has kindly consented to act as Surety with P. A. Kennedy, South St, in the above matter.

(Signed) P J O Kennedy.

Proposed by Mr D Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Butler.

"That Mr Sahan be approved"
"as Surety for the Collector subject to the approval"
"of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health."

Passed unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 22nd September 1925

P. J. O'Connor

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Tuesday, 22nd September, 1925

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider an application from the Council's tenants at Rd. na. Greine to have a lamp erected near there, and a quotation from the New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co. for erection of an Electric one there, both of which were adjourned from previous meetings; also to consider Tenders for one dozen chairs & two ranges.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
John McDonald
Daniel Murphy
John Hand
Justin J. Butler
Patrick J. Dunne
George Dooley
Laurence Dooley
Richard Power
Vincent Doyle
Michael Roche
and
Thomas Cooney

When the Chairman had concluded the reading of the Minutes, and before they were signed Mr Hand dissented to the accuracy of the entry on them which recorded that an order was made directing that the copy of the letter from Mr Coghlan Solicitor, addressed to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health relative to the payment of Down Rates by the Council's tenants be referred to the Council's Solicitors, and stated that it should have been proposed and Seconded, which was not done. Mr Daniel Murphy also dissented for the same reason.

It was pointed out however that an order might be made without it being formally proposed & Seconded, the latter formality applying only to a resolution.

It was decided that the objection of Messrs Hand and

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and Murphy be noted on the Minutes of this meeting.

The Minutes were then signed.

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Walsh & Doyle, & the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 162 J.J. Walsh £5-1-6. No 163. H.R. Hamilton £1-5-6.
" 164 Petty Cash £30-4-2.

Correspondence.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 15th Inst No G. 41443/1925 stating that he is prepared to waive the terms of the Collector's Bond on this occasion on condition that the Collector is required to submit a Return to each meeting of the Council showing the progress he is making with the collection of the arrears. It is to be clearly understood by the Collector that he will be required to close the current collection by lodging the full amount of his warrant.

The Minister sanctions payment to the Collector of £200 on account of poundage fees, the balance will be sanctioned when he has closed his warrants to the 31st March, 1925.

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and
Seconded by Mr Doyle

"That a copy of this letter be furnished to the Collector, and he be directed to submit to each meeting a statement showing the progress he is making with the collection of the arrears."

Passed unanimously

Letter from same No G. 41497/1925 dated 16th Inst. returning Lists of uncollected rates on vacant houses for two years to 31st March, 1925, and drawing attention to Section 16 of The Increase of Rent & Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act 1923, under which the landlords are now liable for rates on

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on certain vacant dwellings and if any of those described as "vacant" on the lists come within its operation they should be carried forward for collection.

The Clerk pointed out that he had not a copy of the Act so that he could not say if it applied to any of the houses the rate upon which it was proposed to cancel as vacant.

Ordered

That the list be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Letter from Jas Stacey one of the Council's tenants, dated 22nd Inst acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 11th Inst. relative to the purchase of the Council's interest in the house occupied by him, and pointing out that he would like to know the terms upon which the property is held or whether it is subject to any head rent.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr McDonald

"That this letter be referred"
"to the Finance Housing Committee, they to ascertain"
"particulars asked for and suggest a reasonable"
"price for the Council's interest in it and also those"
"occupied by Mrs Saunders, Richtown, and Messrs"
"Kehoe & Evoy, Fairgate."

Passed unanimously.

Letter from the Secretary, Wexford County Council dated 14th Inst stating that he will submit the Urban Council's application for a supplemental Grant of £50 for Spanex to next meeting of Roads Committee.
No order made.

A memo dated 15th Inst. was received from the Assistant Secty Technical Instruction Branch of the Dept. of Education acknowledging receipt of resolution adopted by the Council relative to the proposed Amalgamation Scheme of Technical Instruction
No order made

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Letter from the Irish National Insurance Co Ltd dated 15th Inst. applying for the Insurance business of the Council.

In reply to the Chairman the Clerk stated that with the exception of a small Policy on the new houses in respect of which the Company had a five years Contract, the Council's renewal premiums will not fall due until March next.

No order made for the present.

A memo dated 12th Inst was received from the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health, acknowledging receipt of the Scheme adopted by the Council to be carried out under the Grant of £1300.

No order made

An application dated 18th Inst was received from the Secretaries of the New Ross Junior Dancing Class for the use of the two rooms in the Hotel in which to hold a dance on the night of the 3rd October, and a similar application for the night of 24th October was received from the Hon Secretaries of Tealdine H. F. Club.

Proposed by Mr D Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That both applications"
"be granted."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 10th Inst. adverting to his Circular letter of 6th July last with regard to Petrol Pump Licences and pointing out that in the case of Pumps erected prior to the passing of the Local Government Act 1925, and not subsequently removed, licences should be issued and fees charged as from the date of the passing of the Act - 26th March, 1925. In other cases as from the date of erection of the pumps.

Fees received by the Council should be passed through their accounts.

Ordered

That the owners of Petrol Pumps erected in the District

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District be informed it will be necessary for them to make application for licences for the pumps and pay the prescribed fee of £3-3-0 per pump per annum.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 12th Inst forwarding the following copy of letter of that date which they had addressed to the Minister for Local Government in reply to the letter received by Luir from Mr Coghlan Solicitor relative to the payment of Town Rates by the Council's tenants, copy of which was before the Council at their last meeting, as also copy of a letter addressed to the Minister drawing attention to a slight inaccuracy in their letter of that date viz:-

12th September '25

New Ross Urban District Council
Re/ Town Rates

Dear Sir,

We have been handed the File of Correspondence herein, a copy of which we enclose for reference, with a request to reply to your letter of the 4th Inst.

We have read the file of correspondence & had an interview with the Clerk of the Urban District Council, and the following appears to be the present position viz:-

After a lengthy hearing the District Justice granted Decrees for Town Rates against the occupiers of the houses in question. A section of the Urban Council endeavour to restore the previous relations between the Council and the occupiers, but an Amendment and a Notice of Motion to that effect failed, and therefore the Council are still in a position to levy execution on foot of the decrees. We have not been informed of any reason they? the Council have delayed in levying these amounts.

It is well to mention that in voting for the amendment referred to Messrs John Hand, Daniel Murphy, Richard Power, & Austin Butler, four occupiers of the Council's houses, and therefore directly interested voted for the amendment, although their attention had been previously drawn to Article 6 of the Application of Enactments Order and the consequent penalty

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penalty.

In regard to the inferences to be drawn from the letter of the tenant's Solicitor of the 13th ult. that (a) adding the Town Rate to rents is not permissable, and (b) that the tenants are entitled to recoup themselves for any Town Rates paid by them by deducting the amount from their rents; having regard to the facts before us we do not subscribe to either of these views.

We are therefore of the opinion that the Council should forthwith proceed to levy on foot of the Decree. The occupiers will presumably retaliate by deducting the amounts from their rents, and the Council will then be in a position to bring the question before the Court and have it settled definitely.

(Signed) Colfer & Son

The Secretary,
Department of L. Govt. & Public Health,
Housing Department,
Dublin.

16th September, 1925

New Ross Urban District Council
Re/ Town Rates

Dear Sir,

We are asked by the Clerk of the Urban District Council to draw your attention to a slight inaccuracy in our letter of the 12th Inst.

In our letter we stated that Messrs Hand, Murphy Power & Butler voted on the amendment although their attention had been previously drawn to Article 36 of the Application of Enactments Order & the consequent penalty

What actually happened was that the four Councillors in question did vote for the Amendment but the Clerk did not then draw their attention to Article 36. These four Councillors did however vote on a Notice of Motion in reference to the Town Rates and before the vote was taken on the Notice of Motion that the Clerk drew their attention to Article 36 of the Application

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of Enactments Order. He did not on any occasion draw their attention to the consequent penalty.

(Signed) Colfer & Son

The Secretary,
Department of Local Government & Public Health
Housing Department
Dublin.

The following was also received from Messrs Colfer & Son:-

17th September 1925

Re/ Michael J. Kennedy v several.

Dear Sir,

We beg to report that we attended at the District Court on the hearing of the following summonses for committal for non-payment of rates, and we beg to report as follows:-

Michael J. O'Kennedy	-v- Peter Walsh.	Adjourned for 4 weeks to enable Deft. to make payment.
Do.	-v- Arthur O'Connor	Like rule
Do	-v- Jas Fleming	To stand over one week pending enquiries.
Do	-v- Patk Power	Deft was ordered one month's imprisonment
Do	-v- Danl Murphy	No evidence of means and case was adjourned generally
Do	-v- Cathn Shea	Ordered one month's imprisonment
Do	-v- Tho Reynolds	Like rule
Do	-v- Jas Bramley	Adjourned generally to enable. Defendant to make payment.
Do.	-v- Cathn Brickham	Like rule
Do.	-v- John Culleton	Like rule

(Signed)

Colfer & Son.

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After a short discussion it was:-
Proposed by Mr McDonald and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the consideration of"
"these letters be adjourned to next meeting of the"
"Council."

Passed Unanimously

The Town Surveyor reported under date 22nd Inst. that he served Notice on Mrs A.J. Doyle in his capacity as owner of shop & premises in occupation of Mrs Nix South St., and received a reply stating that the premises are held under lease and that she is bound under its terms to keep them in repair. He suggested that the matter be referred to the Solicitors for advice.

He estimated the cost of essential repairs to house in occupation of M Evoy Pair Gate to be £2-15-0.
Proposed by Mr Walsh and
Seconded by Mr McDonald

"That the Council's Solicitors"
"be asked to advise as to the responsibility"
"of the owner or occupier of this House to put"
"the dangerous chimney on it, in repair, & what"
"steps should be taken in the matter by the"
"Council, the Surveyor to act on the advice of"
"the Solicitors."

Passed.

Tenders were received from Messrs Aylesbury Bros Edenderry, for the supply of one dozen windsor back chairs but after a short discussion during which it was
Proposed by Mr Hand & Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy
"That two Dozen be made" - it was
Proposed by Mr T. Dooley &
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That Tenders be invited"
"from local traders for the supply of one doz. Bentwood"
"Chairs same as those in use in Chamber of Commerce"

Passed Unanimously

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The consideration of the question of erecting a lamp at Drow Wall, adjourned from last meeting, was resumed, and after a short discussion, during which Mr Hand pointed out, that the erection of it was a matter of business for the Gas Company, & they should erect the lamp at their own expense, it was decided to take no further action in the matter.

Re Road Scheme - Grant £1300.

Letter from the County Surveyor dated 15th Inst. forwarding copy of a letter addressed by him to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health relative to the Scheme prepared and adopted by the Urban Council for the carrying out of work on the Trunk Road 2.12 under the Grant of £1300.

In it he pointed out to the Ministry that he was in communication with the Urban Council on the matter for some time & he was not satisfied with the details.

The Estimate runs to £1585.10.0 whereas only £1300 has been allocated for the work. The material proposed to be used from Glensinsaw Quarry is not, in his opinion, satisfactory.

There is a portion of it first rate Quality, and if all the material were of this quality he would be satisfied, but there is no guarantee of this. The Wexford County Council can supply first rate material from their Quarry at Ballybrennan at a cheaper rate. He believes it would be possible to obtain material of the best quality material from Glensinsaw only by contract at the rate of about 16/6 per cubic yard, and there would be an undertaking given by the Contractor that all men on the work would be employed from the New Ross area. In view of these circumstances he would ask the Ministry to defer sanction without further enquiry.

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Dooley and

Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That we go on with the

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"the work as required by the County Surveyor

Do which the following amendment was
Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy.

"That the further consideration
"of the Scheme be adjourned to next meeting"
On the amendment being put there voted :-
For- Messrs Devine, D Murphy, L. Dooley, J Hand, R Power
and D. Cooney 6
Against – Messrs Butler, M'Donald, J. Murphy, M. Roche
J.E. Walsh, George Dooley, V.A. Doyle and The
Chairman 8.

The amendment was therefore defeated and the resolution, having been formally put to the meeting was declared
Passed

Ordered

That application be made to the Ministry for sanction to a temporary overdraft of £400 to enable the Council to pay the Collector's commission - £200,- and salaries & wages.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past fortnight the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the Public lamps have been lighted according to contract:

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 6th October 1925

P W Gorman

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Tuesday, 29th September 1925

A special meeting of the Council was held this evening at ½ 30 o'clock to consider a letter received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health stating that his approval to the Sureties of the Collector is not required, pointing out that it is a matter for the Urban Council to decide whether the proposed Surety is of sufficient standing

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
D. Murphy
John Hand
Justin A. Butler
L. Dooley
Thos. Cooney
J. E. Walsh,
and
V. A. Doyle

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health No 9.41443/1923 dated 22nd Inst stating that his approval is not required to the Collector's Surety. It is a matter for the Urban Council to decide whether the proposed Surety is of sufficient standing.

The Clerk explained that as the resolution accepting Mr Doran as Surety was adopted subject to the approval of the Ministry, and as the Ministry had stated it was a matter for the Council to decide whether the proposed Surety is of sufficient standing, he considered it necessary to call this meeting.

Mr Daniel Murphy contended that this meeting was not necessary as the previous one was ~~not~~ legally
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constituted.

After a further brief discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Butler and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That Mr Doran be"
"approved of" conditionally as Surety for the Collector."
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Passed.

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After the Chairman had declared the resolution passed, Mr Hand stated he did not take any part in the proceedings.

This concluded the business, and,

The Members Separated

P. N. Gorman

Tuesday, 29th September, 1925

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8.30 o'clock to consider letter received from James Stacey relative to the proposed sale of his house, also consider proposed sale of their houses to Mrs Saunders, P. Covey & P. Kehoe.

Present

Messrs P. N. Gorman, Chairman
and
Thos Cooney

The Committee decided, as there were only two members present, not to consider matters in connection with the proposed sale of the tenants' houses referred to, but instead deferred it to a larger meeting of the Committee.

The list of vacant houses proposed to be cancelled but which the Ministry referred back for the purpose of ascertaining if the Landlords were liable for the rate on any of them under the Increase of rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act 1923, was submitted

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but as there was not a copy of the Act, with Appendices available the list was not considered in detail for the present. The Committee directed that a copy be purchased.

The Clerk submitted the amended proposed assessment for Income Tax on Waterworks amounting to £208. The Committee were of opinion that Tax should only be assessed on the net cash receipts of the Council, and that the debtors or creditors shown should not be included in the assessment.

Subject to their exclusion they agreed with the assessment but were of opinion that portion of the County Surveyor's salary - at least one-fourth - should be charged against the water account.

The Committee adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

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Tuesday, 2nd October, 1925

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8.30 o'Clock to consider proposal to sell house occupied by Mrs Saunders, also those occupied by Messrs Stacey, Kehoe, and Evoy, to the tenants, and report to the Council the terms they consider fair to sell them upon.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman
John Murphy, and
Thomas Cooney.

The Committee ascertained that the rents payable by the Tenants are :- James Stacey 2/2 per week or £5-12-8 per annum. Patrick Kehoe 1/9 per week, or £4-11-0 per annum. Patrick Evoy 1/2 per week or £3-0-8 per annum. Annual rent payable by Mrs Saunders £10-4-6.

The Committee having considered the matter very fully prepared their report, of which the following is a copy viz :-

"We are of opinion that fifteen years' purchase on the present rents is moderate and reasonable, and we recommend the Council to offer their interest in them at this figure. On this basis a sum of £351-4-7 will be realised which should be applied in increasing the number of houses, included in the proposed Housing Scheme to be built, by one, which if let even at 6/- per week will result in a loss of revenue as compared with the present rents derived from those houses.

With reference to the Council's tenure of the houses, that occupied by Mrs Saunders is held under lease, or assignment, for an unexpired term of eight hundred and eighty years; subject to the yearly rent of 18/6, and those occupied by the weekly tenants referred to, are free hold property of the Council."

Signed :- P. N. O'Gorman
John Murphy
Thos Cooney

The Members then separated

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A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held at their office this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider the following matters adjourned from last meeting - letter from Messrs Colfer Wor reporting the result of hearing of summonses for Committal Orders for non-payment of rates, also copy of letter sent by them to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health in reply to one addressed to the Department, by Mr Coghlan Solicitor, relative to the payment of Town Rates by the Council's tenants.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Daniel Murphy
Geo. Dooley
Laurence Dooley
Vincent A. Doyle
Michael Roche
P. J. Dunne
Richard Power
Charles D. Hearn
John Murphy
James E Walsh
Thomas Cooney
John Hand
and
Austin A. Butler.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Signed

When the Minutes were read Mr Hand disented to the accuracy of the entry which referred to a record in connection with the copy of letter received by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health from Mr Coghlan, Solicitor.

Mr D. Murphy also pointed out that the resolution directing that the work und The Road Grant be carried out by direct labour should have been rescinded before the

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one directing 'that the work be proceeded with as required by the County Surveyor was moved.'

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs C.A. Doyle and J.E. Walsh and the following Pay order directed to be issued viz:- No 165 £33-7-11 Petty Cash.

Correspondence

An application was received from Michael Culleton dated 27th Inst, for a small range, as the one he has is in very bad condition, the oven being worn asunder

Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That the application"
"be refused."

Passed unanimously

The following Tenders were received for the supply of one dozen Bentwood Chairs viz:-

Messrs Hutchinson & Son who tendered at		£14-17-0
P. Tierney	" " "	£15-0-0
W. Morris & Sons	" " "	£14-10-0

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Tender of Messrs
"W. Morris & Sons be accepted."

Passed unanimously

Tenders were also received from the following for the supply of two ranges for the Council's houses occupied by Thomas Murphy, and Patrick Murphy Low St. Messrs M Hutchinson & Son at £6-15-0 each, Timothy Murray, Main St £5-17-6 each, & Mrs Hennessy South St £5-10-0 each.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Tender of Mrs Hennessy be accepted"
"subject to them being according to specification, and if not"
Tenders.

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"Tenders be again invited."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health No. 13109/25 dated 24th ult. acknowledging receipt of a resolution of the Council relative to the cost of the administration Inquiry held in January 1924, and referring the Council to Clause one of The Local Government (Temporary) Provisions) Act 1923 under which the costs of the Inquiry ordered by the Minister are payable by the Local Authority.
After a short discussion it was :-
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.

"That the account be paid"

Passed unanimously

Letter from same dated 29th ult acknowledging receipt of the Council's application for a temporary overdraft and asking for a short financial statement of the Council's present position.

The Minister does not consider that the Collector's poundage should be paid until the Bond is satisfactorily completed.

The Clerk stated he had furnished the Statement asked for, and there was—
No order made.

A Circular letter dated 23rd ult. No. 44428/25 was also received from the Minister that the Irish Banks Standing Committee have now agreed that as from the 1st proximo in cases where overdraft accomodation is granted with the sanction of the Minister the normal rate of interest will be half under the existing discount rate subject to a minimum charge of 40/- & where debit & credit balances exist simultaneously in any case the credit balance will, within the limits of the overdraft, be set off against it prior to assessement of interest.

In the case of Urban Councils, if the Poor Rate funds,

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while kept separate in the Council's books, be merged in the General Bank Account, it will be essential to ensure that the Instalments of the County Demand be paid over punctually at the prescribed time
No Order made

Letter from same dated 25th ult drawing attention to Section 34 of the Local Government Act 1925 with respect to hedges & trees prejudicial to roads
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

That the attention
"of the County Councils of Wexford & Kilkenny be"
"drawn to the condition of the surface of the"
"footpaths & overhanging hedges of same adjacent"
"to the Urban Boundary, especially Brandon"
"Well Road & Waterford Road footpaths, and"
"that the Wexford Co Council be informed the Urban"
"Council are surprised that Cherry road footpath was"
"not put in order when the road was not being"
"repaired, also that the grass be cleared from"
"the footpaths in the town."

Passed unanimously

In reference to the portion of the resolution referring to removal of grass from footpaths in the town, the Town Surveyor pointed out that he had only four men, with two men following the horses, to carry out all work and he was unable to overtake previous orders, but would attend to this as soon as possible.

Letter from NewRoss Motor Engineering Co dated 3rd Inst. applying for Licence for two Kerbside pumps erected outside their premises.

The Clerk pointed out that Council had not yet adopted a Form of Licence, & he was directed to inform the Company that the matter was receiving attention.

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Letter from Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co Ltd dated 23rd ult. stating that they understood an endeavour is being made to have a transfer of the Council's Insurance to another Company.

The obvious reason for this is the statement in the Press that they have ceased to be an Irish Company which is incorrect - The Guardian Assurance Company will be the principal shareholders, but the Management and staff will remain as heretofore, and the business will be conducted solely from the Dublin Office. It is not intended that the Company should be amalgamated or merged with the Guardian Co., but will continue as a separate and distinct Company.

A letter was also received from the Irish Life & General Insurance Co Ltd, stating that possibly the Insurance Policies of the Council are about falling due for renewal, and if so they will be glad to submit a quotations, which they are confident will give adequate protection at a minimum cost.

It was agreed to defer the consideration of these letters until the next renewal of the Council's premiums in March, 1926.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Health dated 26th ult. informing the Council that directions have been given for the payment of £100 in respect of work being carried out under the Grant of £1400, allocated by the Wexford County Council out of the Grant of £15,660, and this payment represents the full amount of the Grant allocated to the works in question

No order made

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 30th ult. stating that in their opinion the relations between Owner of dangerous premises & the occupier in no way affects the position of the Council, if the premises are dangerous the Council may serve notice on the owner, and if it is not complied with the local Authority may have the necessary repairs carried out

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out and recover the amount by a Civic Action from the owner.

This procedure is laid down by Sec. 30 of The Public Health Amendment Act 1907, and is available for the Council if that Act has been adopted as prescribed by Section 3 of it.

The Clerk stated that The Public Health Amendment Act 1907 had not been adopted by the Council, & accordingly Mr Colfer was considering whether similar action could legally be taken under another Act.

A discussion took place on the matter during which it was pointed out that the Chimney was in a very dangerous condition and might cause a serious accident but it was eventually decided to adjourn the further consideration of it to next meeting.

Letter from Mr Lunsley, Principal Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee, dated 29th ult. stating that at a meeting of his Committee held last evening, a resolution approving of the Scheme of Co-Operation, and recommending the Council to carry out the procedure as indicated in the Department's letter of 2nd September was passed.

In connection with this Mr John Murphy stated he was informed today that the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction at their meeting on yesterday had declined to join in the Scheme, and if the Council passed this resolution it might have the effect of dissolving the present Technical Committee, with the result that there might be no legally constituted Body to carry on the work of the Committee in the Urban District -

Proposed by Mr J Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.

"That the consideration"
"of this matter be adjourned
Passed Unanimously

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Tenders were received from Messrs McGregor & Co Dundee, & Messrs Merryweather & Co Ltd for the supply of two lengths of Fire Hose.

In connection with this a long discussion took place in reference to the Fire which occured recently at the premises of Messrs Jacob Bros, during which it was pointed out that a number of men rendered valuable assistance and received no recognition, also that considerable delay occured in endeavouring to get the Key of the Engine Room.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the Tenders for the supply
"of two lengths of Hose be referred to the Street Committee
"and also that Public Notice be given of where the
"keys of the Fire Station are kept by having same
"printed on two boards, one of which is to be
"affixed to the Pholoel building and one at Engine
"Room."

Passed Unanimously

Mr Hand suggested that the Clerk draw the attention of the Insurance Company to the very valuable aid rendered by some working men in saving property on the occasion of the fire, and proposed that the names of these men be forwarded to the Company with a request that they will remunerate them. And it was Ordered that the Clerk communicate with the Insurance Co as indicated, the names of the men to be furnished to Him.

Mr D. Murphy drew attention to the desirability of having the old Fire Engine repaired, but there was No order made upon the matter.

It was also suggested that the Council take steps to organise a Voluntary Fire Brigade, but it was pointed out that former Councils were unsuccessful in their efforts to have such a Brigade established. On the last occasion on which a public

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public meeting was called for the purpose only three attended.

The Clerk pointed out that the contract for the supply of Oats had expired, and asked if Tenders will be invited, but the meeting directed that it be ordered as required.

The Collector submitted a statement showing that for week ending 3rd October he had collected a sum of £6-18-9, of the outstanding rates in Instalments.
No order made.

The consideration of the letters received from Messrs Colfer Shaw, Solicitors, relative to Instalment Orders, and payment of rates by Council's tenants were adjourned to next meeting.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past fortnight the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner. With the exception of two the public lamps were lighting at night as per Contract. One at Maryst- one night, and Augustinian Church Grounds- two nights.
No order made.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 13th October, 1925.

- Jno Forman

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 6.30 p.m. to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council.

Present Messrs L. D. Hearn Presiding
and
John Murphy

A letter dated 13th Inst. was received from the Manager National Bank intimating that Lic Board had sanctioned an overdraft of £400 to 31st December next on condition that the Overdrafts on the Drunk Roads a/c £45, Housing Scheme a/c £48, and Interest £13-3-1 be discharged out of the Overdraft

The Committee decided to recommend the Council to accept the Overdraft of £400 on the condition specified in the letter.

A letter was also received from the Inspector of Taxes in reference to the assessment of Income Tax for 1925/26. In it he stated it was proposed to allow £10 on a/c of Town Surveyors salary this being the proportion that the receipts from the Waterworks bears to the total receipts. In a letter dated 2nd Inst. he pointed out that the Profits assessable under the Income Tax Acts are those arising from the Actual Profits and include Credit Sales.

The Committee decided to recommend the Council to agree to the amended assessment of £258, the original assessment being £400

With reference to letter received from Mr Kelly, Solr. applying for payment of balance of a/c of Mr Lynch in connection with the Housing Scheme the Clerk pointed out that of the amount of the original Contract £67-8-1 was still uncertified by the Architect who stated that some additional work required to be done before he could certify for the balance.

It was accordingly decided by the Committee to defer the further consideration of the matter to next meeting of the Council.

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The Committee examined a number of bills submitted by the Clerk and recommended payment of those entered at the commencement of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council.

They also prepared and signed a report to be submitted to meeting of the Council, after which —

The Meeting adjourned.

Thos Forman

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A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider letters from Messrs Colfer & Son reporting the result of hearing of summonses for Committal Orders for non-payment of rates, also copy of letter sent by them to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health in reply to one addressed to the Department by Mr Coghlan, Solicitor, relative to the payment of Town Rates by the Council's tenants, both of which were adjourned from last Meeting.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding.
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
Richard Power
Thomas Cooney
John Hand
Austin A. Butler,
John Murphy
Charles D. Hearn,
and
George Dooley.

Owing to the death of Mr A. J. Doyle, Robertson Castle the following was the only business transacted :-

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met this evening & Examined the list of accounts, and recommended payment of the following (See List at commencement of Minutes). They also recommended the acceptance of letter from National Bank advancing £400 on condition that their overdrafts and Interest accounts are paid, amounting to £106 in all. They have also examined Income Tax Assessment Account and agree on the amount £258, original assessement being £400

C. D. Hearn
J. Murphy.

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Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr Georgt Dooley
"That the Report of the"
"Finance Committee be adopted"
Passed Unanimously

The Treasurer's Authority for making payment was signed by the Chairman, Messrs P. Dooley, and C. D'Arcy, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 166	Thos Butler	£ 7-10-0	No 164	Thos. Butler	£ 5-8-4
" 168	School Att. Ctte	£ 18-2-10	" 169	I.I. Shortall	£ 16-12-0
" 170	John I. Browne	£ 1-19-0	" 141	I.I. Browne	£ 3-14-5
" 172	St Sthn. Railways	£ 12-12-4	" 173	M.J. Kennedy	£ 40-4-7
" 174	M.J. Kennedy	£ 109-14-5	" 176	Same	£ 50-1-0
" 176	M. Dinn	£ 39-3-4	" 177	M. Dinn	£ 6-5-0
" 178	Same	£ 1-17-6	" 179	Petty Cash	£ 15-6-7
" 180	St Stephens Cemetery Ctte	£ 22-10-0	" 181	National Bank	£ 13-14-8
" 182	National Bank	£ 13-3-1	" 183	Same	£ 45-0-0
" 184	Same	£ 48-0-0	" 185	Glenfield Kennedy	£ 4-11-0
" 186	Ministry of L. Govt	£ 6-6-0	" 187	Ministry of L. Govt.	£ 19-11-5
" 188	Helys Ltd.	12/9.	" 189	Hibn Insc. Co.	£ 2-11-0
" 190	P.J. Kenny	£ 7—	" 191	Parnell Quarries	£ 11-2-8.
" 192	People Newspapers	£ -19-6	" 193	Dr. J. O'Regan	£ 52-18-0

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hearn,
"That the Quarterly"
"meetings of the Council be held on the"
"fourth Tuesday following each Quarter."
Passed Unanimously

The Chairman having referred to the death of Mr Doyle, Proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr A.A. Butler viz:—

"That we"
"tender to Mr A.P. Doyle, and his immediate"
"relatives and friends, as also to Mr V.A. Doyle,"
"a respected and valued member of our Council"
our

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"our sincere sympathy and condolence in their"
"bereavement caused by the death of the late Mr"
"Arthur Doyle, an old and much respected inhabitant"
"of our town, who was for many years a member"
"of the New Ross Town Commissioners, and later of"
"the Urban Council, during which time he took a"
"personal interest in the affairs of his native"
"town, whilst his kindly disposition & gentleness"
"of manner endeared him to all."

"That as a mark of respect to his memory"
"we adjourn this meeting to this night fortnight"
"without transacting any business."

Mr Hand, and the Clerk having associated themselves with the vote of sympathy, the resolution was passed in respectful silence, all the members standing, after which,

The meting adjourned to Tuesday, 27th October 1925.

Pat Foran

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A special meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.15 oclock p.m. to consider letter received from the County Surveyor relative to the work in connection with the Scheme for the improvement of Trunk Road T.12. and transact such business in connection with same as might be necessary

Present

Messrs P.N. OGorman Presiding
John Hand
Thomas Cooney
John Murphy
Laurence Dooley
Daniel Murphy
Austin A. Butler
and
Michael Roche

A Telegram received from the County Surveyor on the 13th Inst, notifying that he was forwarding a letter, relative to the Grant, by train was submitted, as was also the letter referred to dated 13th October, asking to have an amended Estimate and Form for the Local Government dealing with the sum of £1300, as this is all that is at present available for the work. Possibly it may not be necessary to use as much material per perch as set out, and Sprayed treatment should be deferred or substitute "Tarkold" which Messrs Graves are about manufacturing.

With regard to material he is perfectly satisfied with Glensinsaw stuff if obtained all of one quality, and that the best in the Quarry.

A letter dated 16th Inst received from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council forwarding following copy of resolution passed by his Council relative to the application of the Urban Council for a further additional Grant of £50 to complete Road T.7. was considered at length, and it was:-

Proposed.

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Proposed by Mr J Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That the County Council be
"informed this Council was not in office when the
"work referred to was being carried out, and they
"could not therefore control the cost of it. They now
"desire to state that they are of opinion it is not
"a wise proposition to leave portion of such an
"important Trunk Road as this is in such an
"unfinished state, and they therefore earnestly
"request the County Council to re-Consider
"their decision in the matter and grant the
"additional £50 asked for so that the Council
"may be enabled to carry out the necessary work
"on the road."

Passed unanimously

Surveyor's Amended Estimate for re-surfacing with Flensinsaw Material (for Quarrying and breaking by hand). Works No. C855 2.12.

750 Cu. Yds. Macadam delivered on Quay	@ 17/6	£656 - 5 - 0
250 " " Spalls " "	" 13/	162 - 10 - 0
Cartage to site	" 1/6	75 - 0 - 0
Hire of Roller Plant		75 - 0 - 0
Labour to spreading Material &c.		100 - 0 - 0
Purchase of Spraying Material		140 - 0 - 0
" and delivery of Chippings for gritting		32 - 10 - 0
Labour to Spraying & Gritting		46 - 5 - 0
Purchase & Dressing of Tools		12 - 10 - 0
		£1300 - 0 - 0

The Surveyor stated that the sum allowed £1300 will not be sufficient to complete the whole length of road satisfactorily, and during the discussion which took place, the members present were unanimously of opinion that it was much better to do portion of the road properly, rather than complete the whole length in an unsatisfactory manner

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Accordingly it was:—
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That in the opinion of the"
"Town Surveyor the improvement of the total length"
"of Trunk Road 2.12. situate in the urban Area"
"viz 200 perches, cannot be properly completed for"
"the amount allocated, £1300,. This amount will"
"only be sufficient to complete, including rolling"
"and spraying with Bitumen, that portion of"
"it from The Royal Hotel to the vicinity of"
"Newtown Cottage, a distance of about 160 perches,"
"and the Council desire to state that they"
"intend to do that portion of it only."

Passed unanimously.

This concluded the business of the meeting, and,

The Members separated.

P McSorman

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A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o clock p.m to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider Surveyor's Quarterly Report.

Present Messrs P.N. Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
Richard Power
Laurence Dooley
Austin A. Butler
Daniel Murphy
Thos. Cooney
James E. Walsh
Charles D'Hearn
Georg Dooley
John Hand
Michael Roche
and
Vincent Doyle

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read & Signed

The following Quarterly Report of the County Surveyor was read viz :-

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A Chairdhe,

During the past Quarter, the general condition of your thoroughfares has not improved. Considerable damage was done and is still being done by the Kilkenny County Council's haulage Plant to section of road from Chilcomb Lodge to Aselford's Cross. About 100 tons of material has already been used in repairing this section and a further 50 tons would be required immediately. Were it not for the traffic referred to this road would be fairly good, and having regard to the cause of the damage the Kilkenny County Council might be asked to contribute to the cost of those repairs.

Some complaints have been received regarding the condition of the road surface of Fishtown and other streets in that Area but there is no material available at present to complete necessary repairs thereto.

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As the bad weather and shot days are now approaching, it will not be possible for your present staff of four workmen and two carters to give sufficient attention to road maintenence.

No new works were undertaken during the past quarter and having regard to your present financial position, I do not propose to lay any recommendation for new works before you on this occasion

(Signed) James J. Shortall
Down Surveyor

A long discussion took place respecting the damage done to that portion of the road from Chilcomb Lodge by the Kilkenny County Council which resulted in the following resolution being
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the Kilkenny"
"County Council be asked to restore and roll surface"
"of road from Aselford's Cross to Chilcomb in this"
"Urban District (as the rolling Plant is now working"
"in the locality) and maintain it to the satisfaction"
"of the Down Surveyor during hauling operations"
"over it. The Urban Council also desire to point out"
"that this road is very much damaged by the"
"haulage, and that already about 150 tons of"
"material has been put out upon it by them"

Passed unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Kilkenny County Surveyor & the Secretary Kilkenny County Council.

Proposed by Mr Looney and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy "That the Street"

"Committee inspect the Streets and report upon"
"their condition to the Council."

Passed unanimously.

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Ordered

That Tenders be invited for the supply of one hundred tons of broken stones from Tuishoque Quarry same to be considered at an adjourned Quarterly meeting to be held at 7 oclock on Tuesday, 10th November.

V. C. Boyce

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 10th November 1925.

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A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider letter from Messrs Colfer & Son reporting the result of hearing of summonses for Committal Orders for non-payment of rates, and copy of letter sent by them to The Minister for Local Government & Public Health in reply to one addressed to the Department by Mr Coghlan Solicitor, relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants, both of which were adjourned from previous meetings.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
Richard Power
Laurence Dooley
Austin A. Butler
Daniel Murphy
Thomas Cooney
James E. Walsh
Charles D. Hearn
Geo. Dooley
John Hand
Michael Roche
and
Vincent Doyle

Correspondence.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 7th October No 46008/1925, sanctioning an overdraft not exceeding £400 on the Council's a/c. to 31st December next, interest on which may be paid at a rate not exceeding ½% under Irish Banks discount rate subject to a minimum of 4%.
No Order made, this letter being a reply to the Council's application for sanction to the overdraft mentioned, which had already been advanced by the Bank.

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Letter from W. N. Neville Hon. Secretary of the Select Vestry Committee dated 20th Inst requesting the Council to repair the approach to St Mary's Terrace.
Ordered
That the Street Committee inspect this place when making their inspection of the streets and report upon it.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 15th September stating that he proposes to make regulations determining standards of quality for commodities for which he intends to appoint official Contractors, and asking to be furnished with the observations of the Council as to any alterations in existing standards.
No Order made.

An application dated 10th October was received from the Barrow Dance Class for the use of the Large Room, Tholsel, for dance practices for three nights weekly viz:- Sunday, Wednesday & Friday. They are prepared to pay the necessary weekly rent, and will take alb reasonable precautions to prevent damage to the room

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An application for the use of the room to hold a dance in aid of the Shelmalier Lamogie Club, on Saturday 14th November was received from the Captain, May Lennon

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An application dated 13th October was also received from the Hon. Secretary Gaelic League for the weekly tenancy of the room for the purpose of advancing the cause of Gaelic Ideals by Lecture, Dance, & Song.
This was withdrawn by letter dated 24th October and the use of the room for Sunday night only for Gaelic lectures applied for,
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Geo Dooley
"That the rooms be"
"not let in future for dancing purposes".

Do which the following amendment was:-

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Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by Mr L. Dooley

"That the room be given to"
"anyone who pays a reasonable rent for it."

The amendment was put to a vote when the following voted
For - Messrs D Murphy, Butler, Cooney, L Dooley & Hand 5
Against - Geo Dooley, Power, Doyle, Hearn, J. Murphy, Roche,
Walsh, and The Chairman 8

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost and formally put the resolution and declared it passed by the same voting

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Proposed by Mr Butler and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Large Room be"
"let to the Gaelic League for Sunday night"
"in each week for the purpose of lectures only."

Passed unanimously

Letters were received from the following tenants offering to purchase the houses occupied by them as proposed by the Council viz:-

Patrick Evoy	Fair Gate	who offered	£10
James Stacey	"	"	£20
Patrick Kehoe	"	"	£10
Mary Saunders	Fishtown	"	£30

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That these letters be"
"referred to the Finance Committee for"
"consideration and report, the Surveyor"
"to give an Estimate to the Committee of"
"what it will cost to put them in repair."

The following amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Cooney viz:-

"That"

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'That the letters be dealt with by the Council'
"now"

On a Poll being taken on the amendment the following voted:-
For - Messrs D Murphy, Butler, L. Dooley, Cooney & Gaud 5
Against - Messrs Jno. Dooley, Power, Doyle, Hearn, J Murphy
Roche, Walsh, and the Chairman 8
Majority against the Amendment 3.

The resolution was then formally put to a vote and declared carried by the same majority

Letter from the Secretary of the Kilkenny County Council dated 9th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter relative to the condition of footpath on Waterford Road which has been handed to the to Surveyor for attention.

A similar one was received from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council relative to footpath on Brandon Well Road.
No order made on either

An application was received from James Kelly Michael St for five ~~Loads~~ Loads of manure from William St yard, and on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by Mr Roche, it was ordered that the manure be supplied to him at 2/ per load.

A Tender was received from Edward Browne Creacon for one heap of manure at Downwall at £3-10-0 but as there was none for sale it was not accepted.

Letters were received from Messrs A.P. Doyle & V.A. Doyle acknowledging receipt of resolution of sympathy passed by the Council with them on the death of Mr A.J. Doyle Robercon Castle, and thanking the Council for same
No order made.

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Letter from Messrs Tolfer & Son dated 13th Inst. enclosing Bill of Costs in connection with Housing Scheme, and asking to have Requisition for its taxation signed, as the one signed by the Commissioner has been mislaid in the Taxing Office

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Requisition"
"be signed by the Chairman"
Passed unanimously

Letter from Wm. Montgomery & Son, Fire Assessors dated 20th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 13th Inst asking that the men, whose names he gave, be recompensed by the Insurance Co for valuable services rendered by them on the occasion of the fire at Messrs Jacobs' premises. In their reply Messrs Montgomery stated that when investigating the loss they made enquiries regarding extinguishing expenses, and were informed that Messrs M'Hearn & Son were claiming for re-fills for Fire Extinguishers, also a claim from Gerald Browne who gave valuable assistance. They have already disposed of the case and are sorry they cannot re-open it.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of that letter he wrote the Assessors informing them that the men for whom he claimed were not employed by the Council, and asking them to re-consider the claim.

After a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Cooney.

"That the Assessors be informed"
"the persons mentioned in the Clerk's letter rendered"
"valuable assistance at the fire, and the Council are of"
"opinion that in the interests of the Insurance Companies"
"themselves persons who assist in extinguishing a fire and"
"thereby prevent the destruction of property covered by"
"the Insurance Companies should be remunerated"
Passed unanimously

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Letter from Mr Prizelle in reply to one addressed to him asking for copy of Form of Licence issued by the County Council for Petrol Pumps. In it he stated that he does not issue any Form of Licence for Petrol Pumps He gets Council to pass a resolution that the application to keep Petrol Pump has been agreed to subject to the conditions laid down by the County Council and the Department.

The applicant has to enter into a Form of Agreement prepared by Mr Elgee Solicitor which covers fee and removal

He is sure the Urban Council's Solicitors will prepare a satisfactory agreement.

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the matter be"
"referred to the Council's Solicitor"

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Secretary of the Harbour Board dated 12th Inst. enclosing copy of a letter received by the Board from their Solicitors relative to the Hawkers on the Quay

In it the Solicitors pointed out that previous to 1848 the Quays were the property of the New Ross Town Commissioners who maintained them & collected the Tolls. In that year the Town Commissioners relinquished their Claim for Quay & River Tolls apparently to enable the Board, which had then come into existance, to keep in repair, light, & watch the Quays, but they cannot find any evidence showing that the Harbour Commissioners were owners of the soil. This might be got over by taking joint proceedings in the name of the Council and the Harbour Board for an injunction in Chancery, but having regard to the heavy cost involved he does not advise these proceedings.

The occupation of the Fish House Quay by the Hawkers appears to be a breach of the Bye Laws of the

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the Council, and relief from the nuisance complained of might be obtained by a successful prosecution.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Walsh
"That the Bye Laws be carried"
"out."

To this the following amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr D. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr L. Dooley
"That we take no action"
"in the matter."

The amendment was put to a vote when the following voted:-
For - Messrs D Murphy, A. Butler, L Dooley, R Power T Cooney - 5
Against - Messrs T. Dooley, J Murphy, Doyle, Hearn, Roche
Walsh & The Chairman 7
Mr Hand did not Vote.
Majority against amendment 2

The original resolution was put to the meeting, and, declared Passed.

A Petition dated 20th Inst. was received from the Council's Tenants at Ard-na-Greine asking again to have a lamp or lamps erected adjacent to the houses there.
Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Walsh
"That a lamp be erected"
"there by the Council."

To this the following amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That no action be taken"
On the amendment being put to a vote the Proposer and Seconder voted for it — 2
Against - Messrs T. Dooley, D Murphy, L Dooley, J Murphy,
Butler, Power, Hearn Roche Walsh & The Chairman 10
Mr Doyle did not vote — Majority against 8

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The resolution was formally put to the meeting and declared ~ Passed.

Mrs O'Connor Bridge St. applied to have her Ashpit cleaned but as the Council had decided to discontinue the cleansing of Ashpits the application was not granted.

The Clerk submitted the Water Rent Book to be signed, and on the proposal of Mr Butler, Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy it was signed and sealed.

The following resolution, relative to the payment of rates by the Landlord on houses valued at and under £4 was —
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy.

"That we call on the"
"Government to introduce, without delay, & pass"
"into law, legislation compelling Landlords to"
"pay the rates on their tenants houses valued"
"at £4 and under, as owing to the difficulty"
"and practical impossibility of collecting rates"
"from persons occupying such houses the public"
"service can only be maintained efficiently at the"
"expense of the ratepayers who pay their rates, which"
"is altogether inequitable and unjust."

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk stated that in August 1923, Richard Brazil, one of the Council's tenants, applied for portion of the ground adjoining his house for a site for a garage, and James Ryan another tenant had already got a Plot was asked to surrender his to Mr Brazil. He at first declined but subsequently stated he was willing to exchange his plot for another, but nothing definite was done at the time and Mr Brazil now renewed his application that the Council rent him portion of the Ground.

After some discussion it was:-

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Proposed by Mr D Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Walsh

"That the matter be referred to"
"the Street Committee to inspect it with the Surveyor,"
"when inspecting the Streets, and decide upon the"
"particular site."

Passed Unanimously

The Collector submitted a statement showing that he had collected for the three weeks ending 26th Inst. a sum of £16.10.6. of rates in Instalments, but there was -
No order made.

The letter received from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 17th September, forwarding list of persons against whom Committal Orders for non-payment of rates were obtained was referred to and it was pointed out that with two or three exceptions some instalments were being paid, and Mr John Murphy suggested that their consideration be adjourned to next meeting the Collector to call on them in the meantime and report to next meeting what payments have been made.

On the suggestion of Mr Cooney it was agreed that Guard O'Shea be informed of the order having been obtained against his mother, in the hope that he may pay the amount for her.

With reference to the case of James Fleming the Collector pointed out that he was in receipt of a pension but refused to pay an Instalment. - Mr D. Murphy undertook to interview him on the matter and there was No further Order made.

The consideration of the letter received from the Council's Solicitors relative to the payment of Town Rates by the Council's Tenants was adjourned to next meeting

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The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, & the Public lamps were lighted at night according to Contract — No order made.

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The Surveyor submitted Plans &c in connection with the proposed new Housing Scheme, but it being then 9.45 p.m. it was considered too late to undertake the consideration of such an important matter, and the following resolution was:-

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That this meeting
"be adjourned to 7 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday
"10th November for the purpose of considering
"the Plans, specifications &c of the proposed
"Housing Scheme, and transacting business
"in connection therewith."

Passed unanimously

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr Cooney and initialled by the Chairman viz

"I
"hereby give Notice that I will move at the next
"meeting of the Council that the increased salaries
"granted by the Commissioner, Mr J. Lyne, to Messrs
"M.J. Dinn, Town Clerk, J.J. Shortall Town Surveyor,
"and Thomas Butler, Street & Water Inspector be rescinded
"and that the salaries (under the late Council)
"of the Clerk, Surveyor, and Street & Water Inspector
"be reduced by 20%, Rate & Rent Collector's commission
"to be reduced by 2d. in the £.

The meeting adjourned to 7 P.M. on Tuesday, 10th November '25

P W Forman

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Monday, 2nd November, 1925

The monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member being present —

The Meeting adjourned

P. Wolfe Toman

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A special meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to consider letter received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health intimating that he proposes, as from the 1st April 1926, to declare certain roads specified in a schedule which accompanied his letter, to be Main roads in the Co Wexford, and stating that he will be prepared to consider any representations which the Council may desire to make in reference to them

Present Messrs P. N. Gorman, Presiding
Austin J. Butler
R. Power
Laurence Dooley
Geo. Dooley
John Murphy
Thomas Cooney, and
D. Murphy

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government Public Health (Main Roads Dept) dated 27th Octr 1925 enclosing a Schedule of Roads which he proposes to declare as Main Roads in the Co Wexford, by order coming into operation on 1st April 1926. He is prepared to consider any representations made to him concerning the inclusion in the proposed order of any of the roads described in the Schedule, but it should be communicated as soon as possible, in any event within fourteen days from date. From the Schedule which accompanied the letter it appeared that in the New Ross Urban Area he proposed to declare as Main Roads that portion of Road D.7. from U.D. Boundary at Ardcross Via Ceywell Road, John St, Swivel Bridge to U.D. Boundary at Raheen, Also that portion of Road D.12 from U.D. Boundary at Southknock via Henry St, Priory St, South St & North St to Junction to junction with John St.

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Looney

"That we approve of the proposal"
" of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health"
" to declare, as from 1st April next, that portion of"
" Roads 2y & D.12, situate in the Urban District of"
" New Ross to be Main Roads, and respectfully"
" request him to also declare that Charles Street,"
" and that portion of the Quay from West End of"
" Charles St. to the Bridge be Main Roads."

Passed - Mr Hand not voting.

Mr John Murphy drew attention to large number of men unemployed in the District, many of whom were deprived of unemployment benefit, and pointed out that much useful work could be carried out if funds were available.
He expressed the opinion that the Government should provide employment for men willing to work, and Proposed "That the Government be asked to give a Grant for the carrying out of useful works in the District so as to relieve unemployment."

Mr Daniel Murphy enquired if anything had been done in reference to the £2,000 Grant which Alderman Corish T.D. wrote about some time ago, and suggested that steps should be taken to secure it.

The Clerk explained that the report of the Surveyor was forwarded to Ald. Corish T.D. at the time, but there was no communication in reference to it received from him since. After some discussion Mr John Murphy's proposition was seconded by Mr Dooley, but was not put to the meeting, there was no action taken on the matter.

It was agreed that the change of date of December Fair be advertised in the three local papers, viz Waterford paper, the second week previous to the altered date, and also once in the Irish Independent, after which,

The Members separated.

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Thursday, 5th November, 1925.

A meeting of the Finance & Housing Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m, to transact business of the Committee for the Finance meeting of the Council, consider letters received from the Council's tenants at Fair Gate & Rishtown offering certain amounts for the Council's interest in their houses, and also list of rates cancelled on vacant houses received from the Minister

Present -

Messrs P.N. Gorman, Presiding
Charles D. Hearn
Thomas Cooney
and
John Murphy.

The Committee considered the letters received from the Council's tenants at Fair Gate & Rishtown conveying their offers for the purchase of their houses, which was referred to the Committee from last meeting of the Council, as also an Estimate from the Town Surveyor for the repair of the houses, amounting in the case of Patk. Cody to £60-18-6, of James Stacey to £82-15-0 & of Patk Kehoe to £83-5-0, which provide for modern Sanitary Improvements in each of the houses, and such other improvements as will render further repairs unnecessary for at least twenty years.

He considered that house occupied by Mrs Saunders could not be put in a satisfactory state of repair without re-constructing the entire fabric.

The Committee considered the offers made by the tenants and were of opinion that they were entirely inadequate, & decided to recommend the Council not to take any further action in the matter

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The Committee examined some bills submitted for payment, as well as list of rates on vacant premises, which were returned by the Minister for Local Government for the purpose of ascertaining if the owners were liable for any of the rates included in it. Having prepared a report embodying their recommendations, copy of which is submitted

The Meeting adjourned.

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Tuesday, 10th November, 1925

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider Tenders for the supply of stones.

Present Messrs M. Roche
D. Murphy
John Hand
Austin A. Butler
Laurence Dooley
and
John Murphy.

On the proposal of Mr Roche, Seconded by Mr Hand, Mr John Murphy Presided.

There were no Tenders received for the supply of broken stones.

The Clerk stated that Mr James Kelly, Michael St. the former Contractor, informed him that he had not obtained permission from the owner of Pinshogue Quarry to enter it, but he hoped to be able to get the necessary permission. Mr Corman of Park, also called to the office to enquire about the Contract and remarked that he did not think he would get permission.

A discussion followed in the course of which the Chairman of the Council, Mr P. N. O'Gorman, entered the Council Chamber, and the Chair was vacated by Mr Murphy, and taken by the Chairman.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and.
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Tenders be invited"
"for the supply of one hundred tons of broken stones"
"from Pinshogue, Ballykelly, Glensinsaw or Ballyneal Quarries"
"those from Pinshogue or Ballykelly to be delivered at Councils"
"Depot at Town Wall, & those from Glensinsaw or Ballyneal"
"to be delivered on the Quay, & that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday"
"24th Inst. to consider the Tenders & any other business."

Passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 24th November.

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Tuesday, 18th November, 1925

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business in connection with the formulation of a Housing Scheme,

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Austin A. Butler
Laurence Dooley
Michael Roche
L. D. Hearn
Thos. Cooney
and
John Murphy

For the reason stated on the minutes of the Council's ordinary meeting, there was no business transacted.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 24th November 1925.

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Tuesday, 10th November, 1925

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 including the consideration of a letter received from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to the payment of rates by the Council's tenants, and the following Notice of Motion by Mr Cooney viz:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of the Council that the increased salaries granted by the Commissioners Mr D Lyne to Messrs M. J. Finn Town Clerk, J.J. Shortall Town Surveyor, & Thomas Butler Street & Water Inspector, be rescinded and that the salaries (under the late Council) of the Clerk, Surveyor, & Street & Water Inspector be reduced by 20%, Rate & Rent Collector's Commission to be reduced by 2d in the £."

also to recommend to the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital a person to be admitted as an inmate

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Austin A. Butler
Laurence Dooley
Michael Roche
Charles D'Hearn
Thomas Cooney
John Murphy

Letter from H. R Hamilton dated 3rd November notifying the Council that there will be a meeting of the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital on the 5th Prox. to elect an annuitant to the Hospital. If the Council wish to nominate anyone they should furnish the name & age of the person.

A recommendation signed by Canon Rossiter P.P.V.G. and some residents of the Town was received on behalf of

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of Mrs Bridget O'Brien, widow, aged 60 years.

Canon Rossiter also recommended Mary McGrath, widow, Upper Mary St, for one of the Council's vacant houses, and assured the Council that she would prove a satisfactory tenant.

It was stated by Mr Daniel Murphy that this was meant to be a recommendation for admission to Trinity Hospital.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That this Council"
"recommend to the Governing Body of Trinity"
"Hospital, Mrs Bridget O'Brien aged sixty years,"
"an old and respected inhabitant of the town"
"for admission to the Hospital."

Passed unanimously

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman Messrs M. Roche & J Murphy and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz

No	194	John I. Browne	£1-19-0.	No	195	John I Browne	£3-14-5
"	196	Petty Cash	£2-6-0	"	197	J J Dinn	£19-11-8
"	198	J. Doran	£2-3-4	"	199	E H Dinn	£10-0-0
"	200	Dr O'Regan	£15-0-0	"	201	I.I. Shortall	£16-12-0
"	202	Thos Butler	£7-10-0	"	203	Thos. Butler	£5-8-4
"	204	Treas. Co Council	£30-6-0	"	205	Dr Hickey	£7-10-0
"	206	James Casey	£6-0-0	"	207	P. Tierney	£5-1-0
"	208	Alex Nolan	£2-0-0	"	209	Free Press	12/6
"	210	M. Hearn Flow	15/.	"	211	Thos Whitty	£9-3-0
"	212	M J Kennedy	£5-3-0.				

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That we tender to Mr James"
"E. Walsh a respected and valued member of this"
"Council, our sincere sympathy and condolence"
"in his bereavement caused by the death of his uncle"

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"the late Mr John M. Hutchinson, whose father was"
"for many years a member of the Town Commissioners"
"and took a deep, practical, interest in the welfare"
"of our town, and that as a mark of respect to his"
"memory we adjourn this meeting to this night"
"fortnight without transacting any business."

Passed unanimously

A similar resolution, by the foregoing Proposer and Seconder, was passed with Mrs Andrew Cullen, whose late husband was elected a member of the Council, on the death of her son, and with Mrs Long, Thurles, on the death of her husband, the late Mr Edward Long, who was for many years a resident of this town.

As the members were separating Mr Vincent A. Doyle attended.

In pursuance of the resolution adjourning the meeting the transaction of the remaining business was postponed.

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, 24th November.

P. W. Gorman

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Tuesday, 24th November, 1925.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to transact business and consider Tenders for the supply of broken stones (one hundred tons)

Present

Messrs P.N. O'Gorman Presiding
Richard Power,
Laurence Dooley
Daniel Murphy
Austin J. Butler
John Murphy
Thomas Cooney
Charles D'Hearn
Michael Roche
George Dooley
John Hand, and
Vincent Doyle

The following Tenders were received for the supply of broken stones, in accordance with advertisement

From:—	Jas Kelly, Michael St.	Ballykelly Stones @	14/ per ton
	Jas. Murphy Cross Lane,	Do	13/ " "
	Michl. Fitzgerald Tullaghes	Ballyneal Stones	12/ " "
	Michl Murphy Ballynock	Do	10/ " "
	James Doolan Ballyneal	Do	14/6 " "

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That the Tender of Michael"
"Murphy, Ballynock, be accepted, subject to the"
"stores being equal to sample, and to his entering"
"into a Contract with two sureties to complete"
"the delivery of them by 1st January, 1926."

Passed unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to 26th January, 1926.

P.N. O'Gorman

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A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, including the consideration of a letter received from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to the payment of rates by the Council's tenants, elect a tenant for the Council's house at Cockpit Lane, and consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr Cooney viz:-

"I hereby give
"Notice that I will move at next meeting of the
"Council that the increased salaries granted
"by the Commissioner, Mr J Lyne, to Messrs M.J.
"Finn, Town Clerk, J.J. Shortall, Town Surveyor, &
"Thomas Butler, Street & Water Inspector be
"rescinded, and that the salaries (under
"the late Council) of the Clerk, Surveyor, and
"Street & Water Inspector, be reduced by 20%, Rate
"& Rent Collector's Commission to be reduced by
"2d in the £."

Present — Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Richard Power
Laurence Dooley
Daniel Murphy
Justin J. Butler
John Murphy
Thomas Cooney
Charles D'Hearn
Michael Roche
George Dooley
John Hand, and
Vincent Doyle

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurers Advice Note was signed by The Chairman, Messrs C. J. Doyle & C. D. Hearn, & the following Pay Orders directed to be issued No 213 Petty Cash £30-15-9, No 214 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £369-0-4
" 215 Cashiers Bk of Ireland £121-14-9, No 216 Same £24-15-9

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The following portion of the report of the Finance & Housing Committee dealing with Municipal business was unanimously adopted with that entered on the Housing Minutes :-

"We also re-examined lists of rates"
"cancelled on vacant premises, returned by the"
"Minister for Local Government for the purpose of"
"ascertaining if the Landlords are liable for any"
"of them. Of Town Rate for year 1924 we recommend"
"that application be made to owner for 13/6, and"
"of Poor Rate 9/, and that £1-17-6 be carried"
"forward for Collection. Also that Council's Solrs"
"be asked to advise whether the owners of Provincial"
"Bank premises in South St. are liable for rates"
"on these premises for years ending 1924 & 1925."

"Of the remaining rates for 1925 we recommend"
"that application be made to owners for sums amounting"
"to £3-10-0 of Town Rate, and £2-11-0 of Poor Rate"
"and that 19/8 be carried forward for collection."

The following applications were received for the tenancy of the house at Cockpit Lane, lately occupied by Michael Culleton viz:-

William Carty Houghton Place, Mrs Hanratty, Irishtown
Joseph Furlong Houghton Place, James Martin Henry St,
John Peare; St. Marys Terrace, Patk Grace Tollyhouse Lane
Thos Boyle, Maiden Lane, Patk Kehoe, Fair Gate, and
Philip Doyle, Priory St.

Wm Carty was proposed as tenant by Mr Power & Seconded by Mr Hand
Thos. Boyle " " " Mr J Murphy " " Mr Roche
Patrick Grace " " " The Chairman " " Mr. T. Dooley
Joseph Furlong " " " Mr Butler " " Mr J Murphy

The foregoing applicants only were duly proposed and seconded

A Poll was taken and the following voted

For Wm. Carty - Messrs Cooney, T. Dooley, Power, Hand & Doyle 5
" Thos. Boyle - Messrs Roche & J. Murphy 2
" Patk Grace - Messrs Geo Dooley, Hearn, & The Chairman 3
" Joseph Furlong - Messrs Danl. Murphy & Butler 2

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Messrs Boyle & Furlong having received the least number of votes a Poll was taken as between them, and the following voted for:-

Boyle - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, M. Roche, John Murphy, Hearn Doyle, & The Chairman. 8

For Furlong - Messrs D Murphy, Power, Butler, & Hand. 4

Mr Furlong was eliminated and a Poll was taken as between Messrs Carty, Grace, & Boyle. The following voted

For Carty - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, D Murphy, Power Butler Hand & Hearn 7

For Grace - Messrs Peo Dooley, Hearn & The Chairman 3

For Boyle - Messrs Roche & J. Murphy 2

Mr Carty having a clear majority over Messrs Grace & Boyle was declared elected Tenant.

In connection with the letting of this house the following extract from the report of the Dowy Surveyor was considered:-

"I inspected your vacant house No 4 Houghton Place on 16th Inst, and noticed that a timber partition had been removed - otherwise these premises are in good order"

Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That Mr Michael"
"Culleton be directed to have the partition"
"restored immediately to the satisfaction of"
"the Dowy Surveyor."

Passed unanimously

Mr John Murphy drew attention to the death, since last meeting, of Mrs Delaney, Rishtown, wife of Mr Patrick J. Delaney, who was for some years a member of the Council, & Proposed that the sympathy of the Council be voted to Him on the death of his wife. This was seconded by Mr Hand, and passed unanimously in respectful silence.

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Letter from Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 21st Inst. drawing attention to section 24 (3) of the Local Government Act 1925 and stating that no application can be considered unless received in that office by 4th December.

Letter dated 16th Inst received from the Co Surveyor in which he pointed out that he was preparing his Estimate for 1926/27 in which it will be necessary to include figures to cover upkeep of the Main Roads, and asking for a detailed estimate of their upkeep giving cost of materials and labour as well as a separate Estimate for any special works. He also wished to know what arrangements have been made with the Railway Co for upkeep of any portion of road in the Urban Area for which the Company is liable.

As there will be a meeting of the Roads Committee on Monday next, 23rd Inst. he requires particulars by 21st Inst.

The Dowry Surveyor submitted the following copy of Estimate furnished by him to the Co. Surveyor, as requested by the latter viz.

Main Roads, Urban District of New Ross

Maintenance

4 Men, 75 days @ 8/ each	£120-0-0	
2 Carters do. 13/ "	£ 97-10-0	
		£217-10-0

Materials

400 Tons Mocadam & Chips @ 15/.	£300-0-0	
		£300-0-0

Special Works

Completing surface spraying of unfinished section of Road 2.7 including foot paths	£100-0-0	
		£100-0-0

Scavenging

4 Men 75 days @ 8/ each	£120-0-0	
2 Carters " @ 13/ "	97-10-0	
	£217-10-0	
	£835-0-0	

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the letter from the "
"Ministry, The Co Surveyor, and the Town Surveyor's"
"Estimate be referred to the Street Committee for"
"consideration and report."

Passed unanimously.

Letter from the S. Southern Railways dated 23rd Inst asking whether the Council will be prepared to undertake the maintenences of the approaches to overbridge No 24 Rosbercon, at present maintained by the Company, either for a fixed sum per annum, or if the road is done by Contract, at the same price per perch as is paid to the Contractor for the adjoining roads.

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Street Committee for consideration.

Letter from the Secretary of the Kilkenny County Council dated 12th Inst. stating that the application of the Urban Council to have the surface of the road from Aselford's Cross to Chilcomb repaired & steam-rolled has been referred to the Co. Surveyor to be suitably dealt with

No Order made

Letter from the Secretary Wexford County Council dated 14th Inst. forwarding copy of a resolution passed by his Council refusing the application of the Urban Council for a supplemental allocation of £50 in connection with spraying of road 2.7.

No order made

Letter from same intimating that his Council had received £100 from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Dept) in respect of the work carried out by the Urban Council under the Grant of £1400, and that this payment represents the full amount of the Grant allocated to the works in question

He.

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The Clerk reported that the £100 referred to had been lodged to the credit of the Council
No order made.

A Circular letter dated 12th Inst. referring to the speed of heavy Motor Vechicles allowed under Section 9 (1) of the Motor Car Act 1903 was received from the Ministry of Local Government, but there was no Order made upon it, the County Council being the local Authority under the Act.

The Surveyor reported that on the 16th Inst he received a communication from the Roads Dept: intimating that their Chief Engineer had advised that the quality of Newmarsaw stones, proposed to be used on section of road D.12 was unsuitable, and asking to be informed of the possibility of obtaining a supply of good quality stone.

Accompanied by Councillor Power he visited Killowen Quarry, and took samples of rock from there, which together with a sample of rock from Ballyneal Quarry he forwarded to the Roads Department, but no reply has yet been received to his communication which accompanied the samples.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Power

"That we await the report of the"
"Chief Engineer of the Department on the samples"
"of stone sent before taking any further action"
"in connection with the carrying out of the"
"Scheme".

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Ministry dated 11th Inst acknowledging receipt of resolution of Council relative to payment of rates by the Landlords on houses of £4 valuation and under, and a second letter dated 19th Inst requesting the views of the Council as to the reasons which operated to induce them to recommend the acceptance of this limit, or such other limit as they consider appropriate. The opinions of the

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Council on the queral question together with a statement of such small houses in their area will be appreciated.

After some discussion it was

Ordered

That the Minister be informed the reasons which operated in the minds of the Council when fixing £4 as the limit is that owing to the inability of the occupiers of such houses (of which there are 723 in this Urban District) to pay rates it is impossible to collect any from them, whilst generally speaking it is found that they can be collected from occupiers of houses over that valuation

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Letter from same dated 18th Inst No H1497/1925, returning lists of uncollected rates with the rulings of the Ministry stamped thereon, and pointing out that the lists for vacant houses returned by the Department for further particulars have not yet been received back.

The Clerk stated that the recommendations of the Finance Committee in reference to these lists were only approved of at this meeting, so that they could not be returned sooner, but they will now be forwarded at once

No order made

Letter from same enclosing copy of an order entitled The Local Government (Application & Adaption of Enactments) Order 1925, and stating that The Public Bodies Order 1925 is not yet completed.

No order made

Letters were received from Mrs Hutchinson, Hastings, Dr M. Walsh, Messrs J.A. Hutchinson, and James E. Walsh acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of Mr J.M. Hutchinson & thanking them for same

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A similar letter was received from Mrs Cullen Abbey View also thanking the Council for their kind sympathy with her on the death of her son.

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A Cheque for £1-19-0 was received from the County Fire Office, and one for £1-1-0 from the Northern Insurance Co. for distribution amongst the six men for whom it was claimed by the Council rendered valuable assistance in Extinguishing the fire which occured recently at the premises of Messrs Jacob Bros.

The Cheques were endorsed by the Chairman and Clerk, and the latter was directed to have them cashed and the amount handed to the men in equal sums.

A letter was received from the Dowry Clerk Dublin dated 20th Inst. pointing out that the City Commissioners intend to dispose of their cleansing plant, and he forwarded a list of Motor & other Vehicles will be offered for sale, but the Council took no action in reference to it.

An application to be recommended for admission to Drinity Hospital, dated 11th Inst was received from Mary Furlong, The Bungalow, Rosbercon, and it was ordered that it be considered when the next vacancy occurs.

Letter from the Manager Independent Newspapers dated 19th Inst. stating that the advertisement "December Fair" is being booked for insertion in the Irish Independent at a cost of £1-2-6.
No order made

An application was received from Kyran Doherty for the tenancy of house at William St lately occupied by J Bennett, for his son, but as possession of the house had not been given up - there was no action taken in reference to it.

Letter from the Manager National Bank dated 29th Octr. stating that for the purpose of interest calculations a set off can only be allowed between one debtor and one credit a/c, & he will be glad to know which of their accounts the

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the Council will select for the purpose.

Ordered

That all Interest or Credit balances be placed to the credit of the Nos Loans a/c, and interest chargeable debited to the Feneral account.

Letter from Guard Peter O'Shea stating that he will endeavour to pay the rates due by his mother at 10/- per week, as he cannot afford any more, on condition that the Council furnish a W.C. & back door to the house

Ordered

That Guard Shea be informed the Council are not owners of the house occupied by his mother and consequently they are not responsible for putting it in repair, they will however direct the attention of the owner to the condition of it, & require it to be repaired.

Letter from George O'Connor, Builder & Contractor Wexford dated 4th Inst. expressing regret that his action in connecting with the water supply pipe to Christian Bros, and using the water for the purpose of his contract should have caused annoyance to the Council.

It all arose over a simple mistake, owing to the Plumber, whom he told his foreman to employ, not giving notice to the Council as he expected he would. He is quite prepared to pay for the water which he assumes will be charged on the cube of buildings

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Hand.

That the prosecution"
"ordered against Mr O'Connor for using"
"the water be withdrawn, and that the"
"Water Committee draw up a scale of"
"charges for all builders, same to apply"
"in this case"

Passed unanimously

It was agreed that a meeting of the Street Committee be held on Friday at 5. P.m. to consider this and other matters referred to it.

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Letter from N. Butler, Quay, dated 21st Inst asking the Council to lower the footpath outside his premises at Rosbercon, to floor level in order to prevent flooding, of premises, also for sanitary arrangements.
Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

"That the Surveyor carry out"
"the necessary work at a cost not exceeding £3.
Passed unanimously

An application dated 16th Inst was received from New Ross Motor Engineering Co for a renewal of their licence to keep Petrol, same having expired on 9th August last.
Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr Doyle

"That a renewal of their licence"
"to keep Petrol on their premises be granted to the"
"New Ross Motor Engineering Co, for one years from date"
Passed unanimously

Letter from the Secretary of the County Councils Gen. Council, stating that he was directed to notify all Public Bodies in the Free State that the question of forming a Public Bodies Insurance Association was discussed at a meeting of the Executive Committee, and the principle of a Mutual Public Bodies Insurance Association was unanimously agreed to.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That this"
"Council desires to express approval"
"of the proposed formation of a Public"
"Bodies Insurance Association"
Passed unanimously

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Notice Of Motion

The following resolution, of which notice had been given was
Proposed by Mr Cooney, and
Seconded by Mr Laurence Dooley:-

"That the increased
"salaries granted by the Commissioner, Mr D.
"Lyne to Messrs M. J Piner Dowy Clerk, J. Shortall
"Dowy Surveyor, & Thomas Butler, Street & Water
"Inspector be rescinded and that the salaries
"(under the late Council) of the Clerk, Surveyor
"and Street & Water Inspector be reduced by 20%
"Rate & Rent Collector's Commission to be reduced
"by 2½ in the £."

The following Amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr A. A. Butler, and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That the increase
"granted by the Commissioner, Mr Lyne, to the
"Officials of the Council be taken off, & the wages
"of the workmen restored to the old figure."

The Chairman declined to accept this Amendment on the ground that it introduced the workmen's wages.

The following Amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the consideration
"of the Notice of Motion be adjourned indefinitely"

The following voted for the Amendment viz:-
Messrs Geo Dooley, John Hand, Michael Roche & J. Murphy 4
Against- Messrs Thos Cooney, L. Dooley, Vincent A. Doyle
and The Chairman 4
Declined to vote - Messrs Richard Power, Daniel Murphy
a A Butler, & C. D Hearn

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the

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the Amendment, and declared it defeated.

A Poll was then taken on the original resolution specified in the Notice of Motion when the following voted

For-Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, and Doyle 3.
Against- Messrs Roche and John Murphy 2.

The following members declined to vote viz:-
Messrs Power, Daniel Murphy, Austin A. Butler, John Hand, George Dooley, Charles D. Hearn, & The Chairman 7.

The resolution was ~~passed~~ declared passed by one vote.

The following Notice of Motion in reference to the matter was served by Mr John Murphy viz:-

"I will move"
"at the meeting of the Council to be held on 9th"
"December that the resolution of Councillor D."
"Cooney embodying his Notice of Motion be"
"rescinded."

Letter from the Collector dated 7th Inst enclosing warrant against John Kearns, Michaelst for £3-4-10½ rates and 6/ costs, handed to Denis Daly for execution and returned by him marked "No Goods," and asking if he is to proceed further in the matter as any further proceedings will be at the expense of the Council. John Kearns and his son are in constant employment and their combined wages amount to about £5 per week

After a short discussion it was decided to adjourn the consideration of the matter to next meeting, Mr Cooney having undertaken to interview Kearns in the meantime in reference to the payment of the rates.

The Clerk pointed out that the next ordinary day of meeting of the Council will be a holiday, and it was agreed that the next meeting be held on the following day, 9th December, 1925.

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Tuesday, 24th November, 1925.

In reference to the letter received from the Council's Solicitors relative to the payment of Town Rates by the Councils tenants the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That the further consideration"
"of this matter be adjourned for six months as it"
"is probable, having regard to the Circular letter"
"received from the Minister for Local Government"
"and Public Health at this meeting, that in the"
"meantime legislation which may be retrospective"
"will be passed dealing with the payment of"
"such rates."

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Collector collect the Poor Rate from the tenants in the meantime

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The Collector reported that for two weeks ending 21st Inst he had collected the sum of £3-4-0 of rates in Instalments.

In reference to the collection by Instalments of the rates, the Clerk pointed out that the payments are credited in Pass Books of the ratepayer, and no other receipts are issued. He suggested that ordinary receipts be given, and the amount received intered on the block of the receipt book, and it was decided to have receipts issued.

P. O'Connor

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday, 9th December 1925

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Friday, 27th November, 1925.

A meeting of the Street Committee was to be held this evening at 4 oclock p.m. to transact business:- Inspect streets, including approach to St Marys Terrace, consider letters from the Ministry & County Surveyor re Contract for upkeep of Main roads, also one from S. Southern Railways re maintenence of portion of Waterford Road, and fix water rent to be charged the Contractor of Christian Brothers Schools; and other Contractors, and Plot proposed to be given to R. Brazil

Mr Michael Roche was the only member who attended

A Quorum not having attended there was no business transacted, and

The meeting adjourned.

R. O'Gorman

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Monday, 30th November, 1925.

A meeting of the Street Water Committee was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to consider letter from Ministry relative to agreement with County Council for maintenence of Urban Main Roads, and letter from G. Southern Railways in reference to agreement for upkeep of their portion of Waterford Road.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Chairman
M. Roche
John Hand, and
Vincent A. Doyle

The Committee having considered the letter from the Ministry relative to agreement with County Council for maintenence of Main Roads, as also the Estimate of the Dorey Surveyor for same, both of which are entered on Minutes of last meeting of Council, prepared their report, from portion of which Mr Hand dissented on the ground that the maintenence of the streets, to be classified as Main Roads, should be retained by the Urban Council.

The Committee adjourned.

P. N. O'Gorman

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Monday, 30th November, 1925

A special meting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to consider letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health pointing out that material from Killowen & Ballyneal Quarries is unsuitable for the Trunk Road Scheme of the Council, and recommending that it be obtained from Ballybrennan Quarry and arrangements made to have the work commenced without further delay, also the letter received from the Minister at last meeting relative to an agreement with the County Council as to maintenence of Main Roads in the Urban District, which was referred to the Street Committee, and re-consider Tenders for supply of 100 tons of stones, the Contractor whose Tender was accepted at last meeting, having declined to proceed with the Contract, and take such action in connection with these matters as may be necessary.

Present —

Messrs P. N. Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
James E. Walsh
Daniel Murphy
Austin A. Butler
Richard Power
Michael Roche
Patrick J. Dunne
Laurence Dooley
and
Vincent J. Doyle

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health No 89B.32, dated 26th November stating that he is advised by Mr Quigley - Chief Roads Engineer that material from Killowen & Ballyneal Quarries (samples of which were sent) is unsuitable for the work proposed to be carried out under the Grant of £1300, and he is also of opinion that material from either of the other Quarries in the neighbourhood is unsuitable

It is understood Wexford County Council can supply

suitable

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suitable material from Ballybrennan Quarry at a reasonable price the Minister trusts the Council will arrange for this material and have the work commenced without further delay

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That stones from Ballybrennan
"Quarry be used in carrying out the Scheme"
"under the Grant of £1300 as suggested by the"
"Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of the"
"Ministry of Local Government & Public Health."

Passed unanimously.

The following report of the Street Committee was read viz:-

"Your Street Committee met this evening at 7 o'clock & examined Surveyor's Estimate of Cost of maintenence of main roads in the Urban District including that portion of Quay, and Charles Street, which the Council asked the Ministry to approve of as Main roads, and we recommend the Council to approve of it.

We recommend that the S.E. Southern Railways be informed the Council will be prepared to consider the future maintenence of the portion of the Waterford Road at present maintained by them, when they have steam-rolled it similar to the adjoining portions of the Urban Road."

Mr Hand pointed out that he dissented from that portion of it relating to the proposed arrangement with the County Council for the Maintenence of the Streets which will be classified as Main Roads, and contended that the Urban Council was a Statutory Body and should maintain these streets and retain their right as such Body instead of becoming Contractors to the County Council.

A brief discussion followed during which it was pointed out that under the Local Government Act of 1925 all Main Roads in the County, including Urban Districts, will

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will be maintained by the County Council.
Proposed by Mr Walsh and
Seconded by Mr Dunne
"That the report of the Committee"
"be adopted"
Passed unanimously in so far as it referred to the Railway Company.

The following amendment was:—
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Butler
"That the maintenance of"
"the Streets remain as it is."

A Vote was taken on the Amendment when the following voted
For - Messrs D Murphy, Butler, & Hand 3
Against - Messrs Dunne, J. Murphy, L Dooley, Power, Roche
Doyle, Walsh & The Chairman 8.

The Amendment was defeated, and the original resolution was formally put and declared Passed by same majority.

The Clerk reported that Michael Murphy Ballyknock, whose Tender was accepted at the Quarterly Meeting for the supply of 100 tons broken stones, called to the office and stated that he could not carry out his Contract as the Quarry Owner had increased the price of the stones to one shilling per ton.

It was agreed to accept the next lowest Tender which was found to be that of Michael Fitzgerald Tullopher accordingly it was:—
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy.
"That the Tender of Michael"
"Fitzgerald Tullopher, for the supply of 100 tons of broken stones"
"from Ballyneal Quarry, delivered on the Quay, New Ross"
"at 12/- per ton be accepted, subject to the stones being equal"
"to sample, which may be seen at Council office and to the"
delivery

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"delivery of them by 1st January, 1926, also that he"
"enter into a Bond with two Sureties for the"
"carrying out of the Contract.

Passed Unanimously

Mr Butler drew attention to a suggestion made some time ago that the Chairman and Clerk wait on the Minister of Local Government for the purpose of soliciting a Grant for the relief of unemployment in the District, and suggested that the present might be an opportune time to make the application. The Chairman expressed his willingness to go on the deputation if some of the other members of the Council will accompany him, after a short discussion Messrs Walsh & Doyle agreed to accompany him, and it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That a deputation consisting"
"of the Chairman, Messrs T.A. Doyle, & J.E. Walsh"
"be appointed from the Council to wait upon"
"the Minister for Local Government Public Health"
"for the purpose of soliciting a Grant for the"
"relief of unemployment in the District."

Passed.

It was agreed that Messrs Doyle & Corish 2 Dr be asked to introduce the deputation, and that Thursday 10th Inst at 2 p.m. be suggested to the Minister as a convenient time for the deputation to wait upon him.

It was stated that an old Employee of the Council, James Flynn, died since last meeting, and on the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Butler, a vote of sympathy with his widow was passed in respectful silence.

It was also decided to open a subscription list to defray his funeral expenses, the Chairman being appointed Treasurer, subscriptions amounting to £5-19-6. were handed in.

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr Butler, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the funeral expenses of"
"the undertaker be paid direct to him out of the"
"money realized by subscriptions

Passed unanimously

Arising out of the death of this man at the County Home, Enniscorthy, a long discussion took place respecting the Closing down of the New Ross Workhouse, and the amalgamation of the Unions, which resulted in an order being made "That a special meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 15th Inst. at 7.30 O'Clock to consider all matters connected with the amalgamation Scheme.

This concluded the business, and,

The Members separated

P W Forman

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Tuesday, 8th December, 1925

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and the following Notice of Motion by Mr Murphy

"I will move at meeting of the Council to be "
"held on 9th December, 1925 that the resolution of "
"Councillor D. Cooney embodying his Notice of Motion"
"be rescinded."

No member attended

A Quorum not being present

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday, 9th December 1925

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Wednesday, 9th December, 1925

A meting of the Newross Urban District Council adjourned, was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) 1854 and the following Notice of Motion by Mr John Murphy viz:-

"I will move at the meeting of"
"the Council to be held on 9th December, 1925"
"that the resolution of Councillor T. Cooney"
"embodying his Notice of Motion be rescinded."

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne
Vincent A. Doyle
Michael Roche
Charles D. Hearn
Richard Power
Thomas Cooney
John Hand
Austin J. Butler
James Walsh
Daniel Murphy
George Dooley

On the proposal of Mr John Murphy. Seconded by Mr Cooney it was agreed to take the Minutes as read.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs V. A. Doyle, and C. D'Hearn and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 217	Fleming & Co (T. Road)	£52-10-0,	No 218	G. Southern Rlys	£2-8-0
" 219	Hugh. R. Hamilton	£8-19-6	" 220	Natl Bank Ltd	£69-6-3
" 221	John J. Browne	£1-19-0	" 222	J.J. Browne	£3-14-5
" 223	Timothy Doran	£6-10-0	224	T. Butler	£7-10-0
" 225	T. Butler	£5-8-4	226	J. J. Shortall	£16-11-4
" 227	J Lynch B.S.	£7-10-0	228	Petty Cash	£36-1-11
" 229	M J Finn	£19-11-8	230	Tech. Ctte	£15-0-0
" 231	Technical Ctte	£15-0-0	232	K. Deegan	£8-8-0

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No 233 Repts Jas. Byrne £10-3-0. No 234 Secty School Att Ctte £8-10-2
" 235 Glenfield Kennedy £1-7-8 " 236 Parnell Quarries £11-9-9.
" 237 Richard Murphy £10-0-0.

Correspondence

Letter from the Co Surveyor dated 30th ult. stating he had received copy of one from the Local Government Department, sent to the Council in connection with the Grant, and asking to be informed of the decision of the Council. If they decide to take Ballybrennan Stones he will proceed to prepare the necessary quantity.

A Second one dated 3rd Decr. was received intimating that he was giving instructions to start preparing material at once.
No order made.

A proposal for the purchase of one Leap of Manure at £3-10-0 was received from Laurence Furlong, Rushtown, & on the proposal of Mr Roche, Seconded by Mr Dunne it was unanimously accepted.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government No Rl/109 dated 8th December acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter asking the Minister to receive a deputation in connection with unemployment in the District and enclosing a Form of Application for the Grant which is to be filled up and returned in the first instance. The sum available for Grants from the Relief Fund is very small and unless the unemployment is abnormal a recommendation cannot be made to the Ministry of Finance.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That this letter & Form be"
"referred to the special meeting of the Council"
"to be held on 15th Inst."

Passed Unanimously

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Letter from the Secretary S. Southern Railways dated 2nd Inst stating that he will be glad to know whether the Council will undertake to steam-roll that portion of the Waterford Road at present maintained by the Company, and if so, the price, and when this is done on what terms they will undertake future maintenance including steam-rolling, if necessary.
Ordered
That this letter be referred to the Street Committee for report, and that a meeting of the Committee be held next day at 3 o'clock.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 4th Inst No G. 56407/1925 stating that the Council should not postpone taking action regarding the payment of rates by the Council's tenants as it is likely that any new legislation, even if passed, will have retrospective effect
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hearn
"That this letter be referred to"
"the special meeting of the Council to be held on"
"15th Inst.

Passed unanimously

Letter from W. J. Hearn, Solicitor, dated 1st Decr, 1925, requesting on behalf of several persons and himself for the supply of a light at Newtown in the Gas Standard, which is much needed as well as desirable.
Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by The Chairman
"That this lamp be"
"lighted again by the Council"
Passed unanimously

Letter from the Parnell Quarries, dated 26th ult soliciting an order for chippings and macadam which they quoted the former @ 7/6 per ton & Macadam at 7/3.
Ordered – That they be informed the Council will later be

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be requiring some chippings in connection with steam-rolling later, and when Macadam is required it will be ordered.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 24th Inst. enclosing Draft Form of Licence for Petrol Pumps which they think will meet with the requirements of the Council. If this Form of Licence is issued they do not think it necessary to prepare any Form of Agreement. The Licence should be signed by the Clerk of the Council when issuing

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That a Licence be granted"
"to the New Ross Engineering Co, The Quay to 31st"
"March 1926, for two Petrol Pumps erected out-"
"side their premises on the Quay."

Passed unanimously

The following resolution of which due Notice was given at last meeting of the Council was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the resolution Of"
"Councillor D. Cooney embodying his Notice"
"of Motion be rescinded."

A vote was taken on it and the following voted

For – Messrs Roche, Dunne, D Murphy, Power, Hand, Butler, and John Murphy 7

Against – Messrs Cooney, Walsh, Pco Dooley, Doyle, and The Chairman 5

Mr Hearn did not vote. Majority for 2

The Chairman declared the resolution Passed

At this stage Messrs Cooney & Dunne retired from the meeting.

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Letter from Mr Hill dated 25th November notifying that he had vacated premises in Priory St since 30th September to which water supply was attached.
No order made.

Letter from Very Revd James Donovan P.P. thanking the Council for the vote of sympathy passed by them with Him on the death of his sister Mrs Delaney.

The Clerk reported the state of the Rate collection for year ending 31st March 1926 as follows:-

First Moiety Rate collected to 5th Inst	£	1194-17-0
Outstanding	£	1730-12-5
Second Moiety Rate " " "	£	94-10-4
Outstanding	£	2830-17-7

It was decided to refer the matter to a meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on a later date which will be convenient to all the members.

The Clerk submitted some accounts, for payment, (particulars of which are entered at commencement of Minutes) which were examined by the Finance Committee, and, on the proposal of Mr Walsh, Seconded by Mr Hand - they were ordered to be paid.

A letter received from the Collector, dated 7th Inst. in which he asked for instructions as to further proceedings against John Kearns was adjourned again to next meeting as Mr Cooney who undertook to see Kearns was not now present

The Street Inspector reported that during the last fortnight the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner. The Public Lamps were lighted according to Contract.
No order made

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 22nd December, 1925

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Thursday, 10th December, 1925.

A Meeting of the Street Committee was held this day at 3 o'clock p.m to fix water rent to be charged to builders including Mr O'Connor for water used at Christian Brothers Schools, consider letter from G.S. Southern Railways re maintenance of portion of Waterford Road, at present maintained by them, application from Richard Brazil for plot of ground for Motor house site, inspect approach to St Marys Terrace, & consider advisability of purchasing Fire hose

Present - Messrs George Dooley, Presiding
John Hand
V.A. Doyle
and
Michael Roche

The Surveyor was also in attendance

The Committee considered each item in detail after which they prepared their report, copy of which will be submitted to meting of Council, embodying their recommendations, and then proceeded to inspect approaches to St Marys Terrace, after which

The Members separated

P.J. O'Connell

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Tuesday, 15th December, 1925.

A special meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business:- consider letter from Minister for Local Government asking for particulars in connection with the Council's application for a Grant for relief of Unemployment, and a letter from the Minister relative to the payment of rates by the Councils tenants.

Present - Messrs P. J. Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Austin A Butler
Daniel Murphy
and
James E. Walsh.

Letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government Public Health, dated 8th December, 1925 No RU/109 relative to the request made to the Minister to receive a deputation in connection with unemployment. In it he enclosed Form RU/201 which should be filled up.

The meeting decided to apply for a Grant of £2,500, £1875 of which was to be expended in wages, and the balance £600 in materials, and incidental expenses £25. The number of men which could be employed immediately 100 - and in a month 150.- Total unemployed about 400 - Normal number unemployed 300.

Letter from Minister relative to payment of Town Rates by Councils tenants was considered.

Mr John Murphy pointed out that the Council should not, at this season of the year, take drastic action in the matter and proposed

"That the further consideration of this matter be adjourned to the meeting of the Council to be held on the 4th Tuesday in January 25th of that Month."

This was Seconded by Mr Walsh & Passed Unanimously, after which ——.

The meeting terminated

P. J. O'Gorman

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Tuesday, 22nd December 1925

A Meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 4.30 O'Clock in their office, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854; elect a tenant for the vacant house at William Street lately occupied by John Bennett; and dealt with the following "Notice of Motion" by Mr John Murphy Viz: "That the resolution passed at last meeting requiring" "Mr Culleton to replace the partition be rescinded, and that Mr Culletonbe" "be required to replace it provided the incoming tenant undertakes to " "restore the partition if required to do so by the Council"

Present Messrs P. J. O'Gorman Chairman Presiding
W. A Doyle
David Murphy
George Dooley
John Hand
Austin A Butler
Laurence Dooley
Thomas Cooney
John Murphy
James Tivdale
Michael Roche
and
Patrick J Dunne

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed The Chairman and Messrs M. Roche and W. A Doyle, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- Petty Cash £40. 6. 11

Letter from The Minister for Local Government & Public Health, Roads Department, dated 19th Inst requesting to be furnished with particulars of any fees paid by the Council to the County Council in respect of licences for Petrol Pumps.

The Clerk explained that the Form of license received from the Council's Solicitor was being printed and would be ready even for issue. He also stated Mr Braxton Baker, the owner of a Petrol Pump at Priory St did not reply to his letter in which he informed him that it would be necessary for him to take out a license.

Ordered

That Mr Baker be again informed of the necessity of making application for a license, and also that the matter should receive his immediate attention

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

"That the New Ross Motor and Engineering Co be"
"granted a licence for the two Petrol Pumps on the Quay, of which they"
"are owners, to 31st March 1926, and they be charged fees from the date of"
"occupation of the premises to end of financial year."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from Hugh R Hamilton, dated 7th December intimating that the governing Body of Trinity Hospital had elected the Council's nominee, Mrs Bridget O'Brien an inmate with Annuity.

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.

"That the Council assent to the election of Mrs O'Brien"
"an inmate of the hospital."

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from the Great Southern Railways Commercial Manager, dated 16th Inst, stating that the normal rate for traffic from Sparrowsland siding to New Ross is 6/- per Ton, and the rate of 4/- quoted is a reduced temporary rate for a large Tonnage. He is however prepared to give a further reduced rate of 3/2 per Ton for a thousand Tons of traffic to pass within a reasonable time in six ton wagon loads, owners risk, owner to load and unload, and he shall be glad to know when it is likely to go forward so that the necessary instructions may be given to the stations concerned.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he wrote the County Surveyor to furnish the information asked for, and he also informed the Manager of the Railways that the information will be furnished as soon as possible, and this was approved of.

An application was received from Mr Butler, Rosbercon, dated 18th Inst, for permission to erect a Kerbside Pump outside his premises in Rosbercon

Ordered

That it be referred to the Street Committee for report.

A proposal, dated 19th December 1925, was received from Patrick Kearney of £8.10.0 for one heap of manure and on the proposal of Mr Hand seconded by Mr John Murphy, it was accepted.

Two Tenders were received for carting of Stones from Railway Station in accordance with Advertisement, one from Peter Gahan, Priory St. who proposed to remove

remove them at 1/2½ Per Ton, and offered as his sureties Patrick Kelly, Baubles, and John Hood
North St, and one from Thomas Fitzgerald @ 1/8½ per Ton.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr George Dooley "That the Tender of Mr Graham be accepted subject"
"to him entering into a Bond, and that the Councils Solicitor be instructed to"
"prepare same".

Passed Unanimously.

Applications were received for the Tenancy of the house at William Street, lately occupied by John Bennett, from Messrs Wm. J Doherty, Crookane, Edward Duggan, Dereleyst, Mrs Ellen Ryan. Michael St, and Thomas Boyle, Maiden Lane.
Proposed by Mr Cooney and Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy.
"That Mrs Ryan be elected tenant of the house."
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and Seconded by Mr Laurence Dooley.
"That Thomas Boyle be elected tenant"
Proposed by "Mr Doyle and Seconded by Mr George Dooley
"That Edward Duggan be elected tenant"
Proposed by Mr Walsh and Seconded by John Murphy.
A Poll was taken and the following voted Viz:-

Ryan ~	Messrs Cooney, D Murphy, Hand, Roche, and Dunne	5
Boyle ~	" Laurence Dooley, Butler, J Murphy, and The Chairman	4
Duggan ~	" Messrs George Dooley and V. a. Doyle	2
Doherty	~ Mr Walsh	1

Mr Doherty was eliminated, and on the next Poll Mr Walsh voted for Boyle, and also Messrs George Dooley and V. a Doyle giving him seven votes. A final Poll was then taken as between Mrs Ryan and Mr Boyle, when the following voted:-

For Ryan:-	Messrs Cooney, D Murphy, Butler, Hand, Roche and Dunne	6
" Boyle:-	" L Dooley, Walsh, J Murphy, Geo Dooley, V. a. Doyle, and The Chairman	6

The voting been equal The Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of Boyle and declared him elected tenant.

The Surveyor reported that he visited the vacant house at William Street recently vacated by Mr Bennett, and he furnished details of the repairs that are required. He estimated the cost of replacement of Glass at 16/- and of the other repairs at £3-16-0. Total £4-12-0
Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by Mr Butler "That the necessary external repairs be carried out by"
"the Council, and the internal repairs by the incoming tenant."

Passed Unanimously.

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A letter, dated 14th Inst was received from the Secretary of the County Councils general Council dealing with the proposed formation of a Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company, but there was no Order Made in reference to it.

The Street and water Committee reported that they met on the 10th Inst. and Considered various matters referred to them.

They recommend that :-

That Mr Connor Contractor and Builder be Charged 10/- per cent on the total Amount of his Contract for water used by him for building purposes at Christian Bros. New school, this rate to apply to all building Contractors, except in the case of small Contracts when it may be varied at the discretion of the Council

That two lengths of Fire Hose be purchased from Messrs McGregor & Co. one at 85/-, and one at 72/6 including fitting of Couplings to be supplied by the Council.

That Richard Brazil be let a plot of Ground, the property of the Council, about 25 feet by 15 feet adjoining adjoining premises occupied by Mr Kelly on South side, remains of old Town Wall on East side, Dunneen Lane on West side, and the Vacant Space, the property of the Council, on the North side at a rent of one penny per week under same conditions as letting to James Ryan, similar agreement to be prepared by the Councils Solicitors, at the cost of Brazil, possession to be given on delivery of Agreement to Clerk of the Council.

That the Great Southern Railways be informed the Council are prepared to carry out the rolling, and maintenance of that portion of the Waterford Road at present maintained by them, including the spraying necessary to bring that portion of it to same condition as Urban Council roads adjoining for the sum of £785-10-0, or if the Company deliver the stones from Arklow to Kilrossa free (exclusive of purchase price) we will carry out the work for the sum of £515-10-0 made up as follows :-

Stones	£384-10-0
Carting to Site	40-0-0
Labour Spreading, etc.	40-0-0
Spraying Material	43-0-0
Labour Spraying	15-0-0
Hire of Roller & Engine	40-0-0
	£515-10-0
	270-0-0
	£785-10-0,

or approximately at a rate of £8-15-0 per perch.

With regard to the future maintenance of the road the Committee recommend that it be undertaken by the Council at the same rate per perch as that submitted to Waterford County Council for maintenance of Adjoining Section Viz:- Nineteen Shillings per perch but it must be distinctly understood that no responsibility is undertaken for maintenance of existing timber fences, which we consider a grave danger to the public and would request that they be replaced by suitable stone or concrete walls as has already been done in this Section of the line at other diversions between here and Waterford at the

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request of the Kilkenny County Council.

The Committee inspected approaches to St Mary's Terrace and recommends that Quarry material be put out on it and the surface tarred when the weather is suitable for such work.

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Walsh,

"That the report and recommendation of the Committee"
"be adopted by the Council".

Passed Unanimously

Letter from Mr Richard Power, a member of the Council, dated 14th Inst stating that owing to the fact that he cannot agree with the new Policy adopted by the local branch of the Transport Union to reduce salaries, or wages of members of another Union he is called on by the Committee of the Branch to resign membership of the Council so to save them any more trouble he is complying with their demand and begs to tender to the Council, his resignation. Thanking the Chairman, and each member of the Comal for their kindness to him during his short but very stormy time there.

After a short discussion during which the Clerk stated that Mr Power had handed him 1/-, the fine he was liable for under the Bye Law on resignation it was:-

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Doyle

"That we hereby declare a Vacancy exists on the Urban District Council of Kilkenny owing to the resignation of Councillor Richard Power

Passed Unanimously

The declaration was signed by The Chairman, and Messrs Michael Roche and V. A. Doyle, and Countersigned by the Clerk.

Ordered

"That Public Notice be given of same by posting a copy of this Notice on the outer door of the Tholsel

"That the Members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to co-opt a member in place of Mr Power.

Letter from Messrs Coffey & Son dated 17th Inst enclosing Contract and Bond and Bond of Michael Fitzgerald for delivery of stones from Glenmisaw Quarry, to which the Council's seal should be affixed and witnessed in the usual way

On the proposal of Mr John Murphy, seconded by Mr Dooley the seal of the Council was affixed to the document and same was witnessed by the Chairman.

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Tuesday 22nd. December 1925 (Minutes Continued)

The following resolution was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Butler viz:-

That we request the Minister of Finance to introduce legislation which will place the taxation of the Cork-built Ford Car on an equitable basis, and thus remove the handicap which at present exists on an Irish Industry as a result of an enactment passed by the British Government during the war period to afford protection to their Manufacturers against foreign competition. We further request that in order to act justly to the only Motor Car Manufacturing business in An Saorstat that the necessary legislation be enacted before 1st January, so that advantage may be taken of it in the renewal of licenses.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, and to President Cosgrave.

Passed Unanimously.

The following resolution, of which due notice was given, was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand viz:-

"That the resolution passed at last meeting of
'the Council requiring Mr Culleton to replace the partition (in house
"lately occupied by him) be rescinded and that he be not required to replace"
"it provided the incoming tenant undertakes to restore the partition if required"
'to do so by the Council".

A Poll was taken and the following voted-
For:- Messrs D Murphy, Butler, Hand, Walsh, J Murphy, Geo Dooley, Doyle and Roche 8
Against:- Cooney, Laureen Dooley and The Chairman 3
The Chairman declared the resolution 'Passed'.

Attention was drawn to the necessity of having the Chippings which are deposited on the side of the roads in the Urban District, and it was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Walsh

That the Chippings on the roadside be removed to the depots,

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by Mr Walsh

That four extra man and an extra horse be employed for the

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Rest two days in cleansing the streets of the town

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk stated that Patrick Donohoe, who was employed temporarily, was claiming pay for half holiday for week ending 2nd inst, and asked if he was to be paid. after a short discussion it was.

Ordered

That he be paid for the half-holiday in that case.

A discussion took place respecting the continuance of repairs to the houses of the Council including that occupied by Mrs Saunders at Brighton.

The Surveyor reported verbally that this latter house required new slate on the and he estimated the cost of repairs at £7.

Proposed by Mr Cooney and

Seconded by Mr John Murphy.

"That the Surveyor have the roof of house"

"occupied by Mrs Saunders repaired at a cost not exceeding his estimate,"

"and also the homes of the other tenants of the Council that urgently need"

"to be repaired, exclusive of renewal of chutes of houses generally."

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Public Notice be given by Advertisement in one of the local papers of the intention of the Council to make a new building lot.

The clerk pointed out that the period for which an overdraft of £400 was sanctioned will expire on the 31st inst and suggested that an extension be asked for to the 1st inst.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Roche "That application to be made to the Bank for an"

"extension of the overdraft of £400 to 1st March, and also to the Minister of"

"Local Government and Public Health for sanction to same." "

Passed Unanimously

Mr Cooney, reported that he interviewed John Kearns, as promised, when the latter promised to pay the rates for 1926 in full, and the arrears in instalments. It was decided to leave the fixing of the amount of the instalments to the Collector.

The Collector reported that for four weeks ending 19th inst he collected of rates in instalments £5-12-1½

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 5th January 1926.

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Monday 4th January 1926

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended

The Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday 5th January 1926

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An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and co-opt a member on the Council in room of Richard Power who has resigned.

Present - Messrs John Murphy P.C. Presiding
Daniel Murphy
John Hand
Austin Butler
Laurence Dooley
Thomas Mooney
Michael Roche
James E. Walsh
and
Vincent A. Doyle

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant for £7-14-3 was received from the Bank of Ireland being net Interest on £1762-11-0 of Consolidated Stock for Quarter ended 5th Inst. and it was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 2nd Inst. No T. 60628/1925 stating that he is dissatisfied with the poor progress being made with the rate collection, and the Council's recent action in deferring proceedings against defaulters cannot but lead to increased financial embarrassment.

In the absence of an express undertaking from the Council that they will vigorously enforce payment the Minister does not see his way to sanction continuance of overdraft.

Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That a special meeting of the"
"Finance Committee be held on Monday next at 7.30 o'clock"
"to consider the question of the Rate Collection"

Passed unanimously

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Letter from the Manager, National Bank intimating that his Directors have deferred consideration of Extension of overdraft pending sanction of Local Government Minister to same.
No order made.

Letter from the Minister of Local Government & Public Health dated 4th Inst Enclosing copy of the Main Roads Order made under Section One of the Local Government Act 1925, declaring certain Roads in the Co Wexford to be main Roads.
No Order made.

Letter from the Minister dated 22nd Oct No 57863/1925 Enclosing a copy of The Public Bodies Order 1925.
No Order made.

Letter from the Chief Engineer Of Southern Railways dated 30th December No C.E/2/443/25471 relative to the maintenence of Road Approaches to Overbridge 424 Rosbercon, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 24th ult. in which the Company was informed of the amount for which the Council were prepared to carry out Rolling Spraying &c of the road as well as its future maintenence. In it the Engineer pointed out that the Company are not responsible for Tar Spraying, their liability being only to keep the road suitable for the traffic which used it at the time the railway was constructed. He also wished to know what number of tons of stones is estimated. He assumed that the figure of 19/- per perch included some sum for periodical spraying for which the Co are not liable. He is looking into the question of the fences but is afraid that under present conditions it will not be possible to incur any considerable expenditure on them.
Ordered

That the Company's Engineer be informed in reply to his letter that:-

(1) The number of tons of stones estimated for repair is 900

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(2) The amount included for spraying is £58
(3) The amount quoted for future viz:- 1/- per lineal perch, does not include anything for spraying.

A card dated 28th ult. was received from the Minister of Finance acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution relative to the duty on Ford Motor Cars.
No Order made

An application dated 5th Inst was received from James Lalor, Rosbercon for permission to carry out some repairs to footpath in front of his drapery premises.
Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the permission be granted"
"the work to be carried out to the satisfaction of
"the Town Surveyor."

Passed unanimously

Letter from William Carty, Houghton Place, dated 4th Inst stating that he cannot give any undertaking either in writing or otherwise to restore the partition in house occupied by him
Ordered
That Mr Culleton be informed that as the tenant at present in occupation of the house has declined to give an undertaking to restore the partition if required by the Council, the original resolution passed by them, requiring him to restore it to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor must be complied with.

Co-option of Member

The Council proceeded to co-opt a Councillor in room of Richard Power resigned, and it was
Proposed by Mr D. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That Mr Richard Power."

Cockpit.

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"Lock-pit Lane be co-opted a member of the Council."

Proposed by Mr Cooney, and
Seconded by Mr L Dooley

"That Mr Thomas O'Neill
William St, be co-opted a member."

A Poll was taken and the following voted
For the co-option of Mr Power - Messrs Doyle, D Murphy, J Hand
Butler, Roche, Walsh, & The Chairman 7.
~~Against~~ For the co-option of Mr O'Neill - Messrs Cooney and
Laurence Dooley 2.

The Chairman declared Mr Power duly co-opted.

At the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Hand
a vote of sympathy was passed in respectful silence
with Rev Michael Kirwan S.J. on the death of his
mother, the late Mrs Kirwan, sister of the late Mr Patrick
Cannon who was for some years a member of the Council,
also her brother Mr Wm Cannon, her Neice Mrs O'Kennedy,
and her cousin Mr P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman of the
Council.

The Collector reported that during the two weeks ended
2nd Inst he collected 16/6 of rates in Instalments.
No order made.

On the proposal of Mr Roche, Seconded by Mr Hand
the seal of the Council was affixed to the Agreement
& Bond of Thomas Boyle with the Council for the
tenancy of a house at William St, of which he was
accepted tenant at last meeting

The Street Inspector reported that the scavenging was
carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public
lamps were lighting at night as per Contract
On the 12th ult. he found Mrs Furlong, Mary St, selling
Cabbage

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Cabbage on the footpath outside Mr Fitzgerald's premises. She had a large heap of Cabbage on the footpath and also around base of Monument.
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That Mrs Furlong be written to"
"and informed Proceedings will be taken against"
"her if this occurs again."

Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That No action be taken"
"until the matter of the case between the Harbour"
"Commissioners and those who put up standings"
"on the Quay on Fair days be decided."

The amendment was put to a vote when the following voted:-

For- Messrs D Murphy, Hand, & Butler 3
Against- Messrs Doyle, Cooney, L Dooley, Walsh, Roche, & The Chairman 6

The Amendment was declared defeated and the original resolution was formally put & declared passed by same voting.

It was ordered that the County Surveyor be written to again to expedite the carrying out of the Main Road Scheme, and that Michael Fitzgerald be asked to deliver some of the stones for which he is Contractor.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 12th January 1926.

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Thursday, 7th January, 1926.

A Meeting of the Street Water Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider letter received from Rev Mother, Convent of the Good Shepherd relative to the water supply to the Convent; also amount charged for last Quarter, and an application from Nicholas Butler for a supply of water to his house at Rosbercon, and permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises there.

Present.

Messrs P. O'Gorman,
John Hand,
and
M. Roche

The Committee considered application from Nicholas Butler for a supply to his house at Rosbercon & decided to recommend that he be granted a supply by Meter at the scale of Charge for such supply, the meeting to be supplied and fixed by him.

They also recommended that a licence be granted to him to erect a kerbside pump outside the premises, the licence fee of £3. per annum to be charged him.

The Committee had also under consideration the letter from Rev Mother, Good Shepherd Convent relative to the water supply to the Convent premises, but they deferred making a final recommendation until the Surveyor tests the accuracy of the Meter by actual measurements of a particular quantity.

The Committee adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

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Monday, 11th January, 1926

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council, and consider the Rate Collection for the different years.

Present Messrs Charles D. Hearn Presiding.
John Murphy.
and
Thomas Cooney.

The Committee examined a number of accounts, submitted by the Clerk, list of which are entered at commencement of Municipal Minutes

They considered at length the state of the Rate Collection for the different years, and having prepared their report to be submitted to a meeting of the Council on the 12th Inst ——

The Committee adjourned

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Tuesday, 12th January, 1925

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, including that in connection with the collection of the rates.

Present

Messrs P. J. Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
Daniel Murphy
John Hand, and
Laurence Dooley

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, Messrs J. Murphy, and Hand and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 239	Newross U.D.C.	£200.	No 240	National Bank Ltd	£13-11-8
" 241	John J. Browne	£1-19-0	" 242	John J Browne	£3-14-5
" 243	James J Shortall	£16-12-0	" 244	Joseph Lynch	£7-10-0
" 245	Thos. Butler	£7-10-0	" 246	Thos Butler	£5-8-4
" 247	P. Doran	£2-3-4	" 248	P. Doran	£1-6-0
" 249	M.J. Finn	£19-11-8	" 250	M J Finn	£1-17-6
" 251	Same	£6-5-0	" 252	Petty Cash	£58-12-1
" 253	Derby School Attendance	£4-3-4	" 254	Kate Nugent	£1-5-9
" 255	Moran Bros	£13-17-6	" 256	R Lo Morris Sons	£14-10-0
" 257	Independent Newspapers	£1-2-6,	" 258	St. Vincents Hospt.	£3 ——
" 259	Skin & Cancer Hospt	£2-14-0,	" 260	Graves & Co	£17-0-7
" 261	Thos. J. Kelly	£43-0-0,	" 262	J. J Shortall	£35 ——
" 263	National Bank Ltd	£5-10-0	" 264	Graves & Co	£8-5-11

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 11th Inst. No R.L. 109 intimating in reference to the Council's application for a Grant for the relief of unemployment, that he has received authority from the Minister of Finance to make a Grant of £500 for the purpose on condition that the Urban Council contribute at

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at least £125, in which event a Scheme for the expenditure of £625, should be submitted, the wages and general conditions notified in Circular S.P.A of the 18th February 1924 to apply
Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy.

"That the Minister be
"informed the Council deeply regret that owing
"to their present financial position, due principally
"to the difficulty of getting in the rates, some of
"which is caused by the amount of unemployment
"prevailing in the District, it is absolutely impossible
"for them to contribute any sum at present towards
"the works to be carried out. Their liability to the
"County Council up to the 31st ultimo amounts to
"over £2,000, the discharge of which will absorb
"all their income for some time."

"Under these circumstances they feel that the
"Minister will realise the impossibility of complying
"with the condition attaching to the proposed
"Grant, and they therefore request that he will make
"it unconditional and thus relieve to some extent
"the large amount of unemployment in the District"

Passed unanimously

Letter from same dated 8th inst. pointing out that in connection with the carrying out of special works for the relief of unemployment by the aid of Grants from the Relief Grants vote the procedure laid down in 1923 for engaging the men required for these works through the Local Employment Exchange is a necessary condition and must be observed in all cases. An assurance that this course has been adopted will be required before any payments are made out of the Grant allocated to the Local Authority.
No Order made.

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A copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary, Wexford County Council, and the Clerks of the other Urban District Councils was received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 5th January No RD 701 stating that he has considered the application of the Wexford County Council for orders under Section 24 (3) of the Local Government Act 1925 directing the Urban District Councils in the County to construct & maintain the roads in the Urban Areas declared to be Main Roads for the purposes of the Act, and the Minister has decided that no sufficient reason has been advanced in the case of the Urban District Councils in the Co Wexford to warrant a departure from the principle laid down by the section referred to.

Accordingly it is the duty of the County Council to maintain and construct as from 1st April, 1926 all Main roads in Co Wexford including those in the Urban Districts.

Proposed by Mr J Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Minister for Local"
"Government & Public Health be informed this"
"Council is of opinion the vesting of the maintenance"
"of the Urban Section of the Main Roads in the Co"
"Council, would lead to confusion, overlapping,"
"wastefulness, and possibly friction as it would"
"be practically impossible to differentiate between"
"surface maintenance, and cleansing."
"The duty of carrying out the cleansing, watering,"
"and scavenging of the streets daily devolves"
"on the Urban Council who are consequently obliged"
"to maintain a staff of workers to carry out their"
"obligation. Two sets of workmen would therefore be"
"required to carry out the work which is presently"
"done by one."

"The Urban Council are prepared to take over"
"the work of maintaining the Main Roads in the Urban"
"District from the Co Council at an agreed price."

Passed unanimously

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A Circular letter dated 5th January 1926 No 57863/1925 was received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, expressing his consent, for this year, to the substitution for the separate amounts demanded for County Services, Health District Charges, and Poor Relief in Form 52, the total of these amounts, but the separate rates in the pound for each service must still be included.

The inclusion of the amount for roads is obligatory and cannot be dispensed with. Instead of having columns in the rate book for these applotments it is suggested that they can be as accurately and quickly performed on a separate book with the same number of lines as the Rate Book and ruled in a sufficient number of parallel Columns.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Clerk be authorised"
"to consult the Council's Solicitors in the preparation"
"of the Estimate and making of the rates, if he"
"considers it necessary to do so

Passed unanimously

Letter from Ministry dated 5th January No 481/1926 referring to the date for holding the annual Statutory meetings of Urban District Councils, and pointing out that the provisions of Section 94(a) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 fixing the day of the annual meeting and ordinary election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of 23rd January remains unaffected.

A Second letter dated 7th Inst. was received directing the substitution of the 30th January for the 23rd January.
No order made.

Letter from the Chief Engineer of the S. Southern Railways dated 9th Inst. Acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 7th Inst. relative to the road approaches to overbridge No 424 Rosbercon
No Order made.

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Letter from the President dated 7th Inst. acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by the Council relative to the Tax on Ford Cars
No Order made.

Letter from Mr Tanner Arnestown, thanking the Council for the resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his sister, passed at their last meeting, and a similar one from Mrs Kennedy on the death of her Aunt.

The Chairman thanked the Council personally for the resolution of sympathy with him.

Letter from the Manager of the National Bank dated 6th Inst. requesting that in the absence of the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health for continuance of the overdraft of £172-15-7 he will be obliged if arrangements are made to have it cleared off.

After some discussion it was decided not to make any order on the letter for the present.

A Tender dated 11th Inst was received from Messrs Harvey & Co for the supply of two Rate Books at 6/ each or three at 5/ each
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That the Tender of Messrs"
Harvey & Co for the supply of Rate Books be"
"accepted."

Passed Unanimously

The Rate Collector reported that he collected £1-12-6 of rates in Instalments for week ending 9th Inst.

The Clerk reported that he handed to the Collector the Instalment of 10/ received from Garda O'Shea Dublin on account of rates due by his mother, and when he asked that Officer why its receipt was not included in the

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the amount received by him in Instalments, he informed him (Clerk) that he was applying it in payment of expenses incurred by him in connection with proceedings taken to obtain a decree in the case.
Ordered
That the Collector be directed to place the amount to the credit of the Council.

The Clerk also reported that the amount of rates outstanding on 11th Inst. for year ended 31st March 1924 after deducting those cancelled is £501-16-3, of those for year ended 31st March 1925, after deducting those cancelled, is £556-18-11, and for year ending 31st March 1926, including uncollectable rates, is £3,891-7-8

In connection with this report the following Extract from a report of the Finance Committee was considered viz:-

"In view of the practical impossibility of obtaining an overdraft from the Bank to discharge heavy liabilities which must be met in the very near future we recommend that the Collector be directed to make an increased effort to collect the outstanding rates for 1923/24, 24/25, and 25/26. In the former there are some large amounts outstanding which he should collect in accordance with the terms of his warrant.

If the rates are not collected promptly the business of the Council cannot be carried on.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy
"That the report of the Committee be adopted
Passed unanimously

The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps were lighting according to Contract

Thomas Doran Carlow, and Thomas Brady Kilkenny, sold Goods today between Quay St and Charles St.

He.

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He informed them that according to the Council's By-Laws they should remove South of Charles Street, but they would not do so.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That these persons be"
"prosecuted for a breach of the By-Laws."
Passed, Mr Daniel Murphy dissenting

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 26th January 1926.

P. A. O'Gorman

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Tuesday, 26th January 1926

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at 7 o'clock p.m to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider Town Surveyor's Quarterly Report and Annual Estimate

Present.

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Richard Power
Laurence Dooley
John Hand
John Murphy
Charles D'Hearn
Austin A. Butler
and
Thomas Cooney.

The Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting were read and signed

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read viz

12th January 1926

I submit hereunder my annual Estimate for the maintenence of your streets and works for the ensuing financial year viz:-

(1) Workmens wages and upkeep of horses &c	£	390 - 0 - 0
(2) 100 Tons Parnell Quarry Macadam		75 - 0 - 0
(3) 200 Tons Ballyneal Ditto		120 - 0 - 0
(4) 60 Tons Sand and Gravel		16 - 0 - 0
(5) New works and existing works repairs		100 - 0 - 0
	£	701 - 0 - 0

These figures represent a reduction of £161 - 5 - 0 on last years Estimate or the equivalent of about five pence in the £ on the rateable valuation of the District

It was difficult to overtake the work of street maintenence during the latter part of the past Quarter owing to the inclemency of the weather, short days, and the inadequacy of the working staff.

The surface of the Fishtown is in a very worn condition and a considerable quantity of Macadam will be required to restore it. There was none available for this purpose for some time past. Contractor Fitzgerald

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has begun to deliver road material from Ballyneale and it will be possible to carry out some repairs to the streets in the upper portion of the district within the next few weeks.

I do not propose to lay any recommendation for New works before you on the present occasion.

(Signed) James L. Shortall

Dowy Surveyor

A discussion took place upon the reading of this report during which it was pointed out that as the amount estimated in previous years for the maintenence of the streets which will in future be classed as Main roads, and maintained by the County Council, was not included in the present Estimate, there was in reality, no reduction in it.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Hearn

"That the estimate of the"
"Dowy Surveyor for the maintenence of streets"
"&c for the ensuing year be adopted subject to"
"the omission from it of the £100 estimated for"
"new works and repairs to existing works"

Proposed by Mr Hand, and

Seconded by Mr Butler as an amendent

"That the"
"consideration of the Dowy Surveyor's Estimate"
"be adjourned until the Clerk's Estimate for next"
"year is prepared."

The amendment was put to a vote when the following voted:-

For - Messrs L. Dooley, Richard Power, a.a. Butler & John Hand 4.

Against - Messrs C.D. Hearn, John Murphy & the Chairman 3.

Mr Cooney was not present at this stage of the Meeting.

The Chairman declared the amendment Passed

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 27th April, 1926.

P. O'Gorman

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Tuesday 26th January 1926

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants, which was adjourned from previous Meetings, and make a new Buildings List.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Richard Power
Laurence Dooley
John Hand
John Murphy
Charles D. Hearn
Austin A. Butler
and
Thomas Cooney

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Correspondence

Letter from the County Surveyor dated 13th Inst. stating that at a meeting of the County Council held on Monday he was directed to send the material to NewRoss at once and he was proceeding to Ballybrennan Quarry on today and hoped to start work immediately.

In a second letter dated 16th Inst. he advised that a large quantity of material was available and he was making arrangements to forward it.

He wrote the Railway Company that he was ready to forward it and asked for particulars regarding wagons, reply to which he was awaiting.

He has also arranged to start re-breaking at Ballybrennan Quarry so that the quantity required will be immediately available.

Ordered

That the Co Surveyor be requested to forward some of the stones at once & the Railway to be directed to supply the necessary wagons at Sparrowland siding so as to expedite the delivery of them.

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Letter from the Roads Department of the Ministry, dated 15th Inst. pointing out that an investigation out of the Grant provisionally allocated to the Council will be carried out by a Local Government Auditor, and weekly sheets should be carefully preserved for the purpose.

Ordered

That the Clerk attend to the instructions contained in the letter.

Letter from the Council's Solicitors dated 23rd Inst. advising the execution of the Bond by Mr Cahan, the Contractor for the removal of the stones from the Railway Station, and his Sureties

No order made

An application dated 19th Inst. was received from Michael Fitzgerald, Contractor for the delivery of one hundred tons of broken stones from Ballyneal Quarry, asking for a payment on account of the quantity delivered.

Ordered

That he be informed the Council can only make a payment at their Finance meeting, the next one of which will be held on the 9th prox.

Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council acknowledging receipt of the Urban Council's letter drawing attention to the condition of the footpaths adjoining the Urban District, which he will bring before next meeting of the Roads Committee on 25th Inst., copy of which he has sent to the County Surveyor.

No order made

Letter from Mr Butler Rosbercon asking for Forms and particulars to enable him to obtain permission to erect a kerbside Petrol Pump outside his premises at Rosbercon

Ordered

That Mr Butler furnish a Plan of the proposed pump showing position, capacity, &c for the information of the Council

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Letter from the Chief Engineer, Gt. Southern Railways, dated 21st Inst. relative to the repair & maintenance of the road approaches to overbridge No 424. at Rosbercon, enquiring

(1) Whether the Council agree that the estimated cost of putting the road in order, amounting to £785-10-0 and £515-10-0 respectively, would, in each case, be reduced by £58, the estimated cost of spraying.

(2) Whether the figure of 19/- per lineal perch quoted for future maintenance covers any future re-surfacing of the road which may be necessary. i.e. whether the figure would represent the annual cost of upkeep in perpetuity, subject to alterations resulting from changes in rates of pay, or cost of materials.

(3) The term of years for which the Council would be prepared to enter into an agreement on these lines, and,

(4) What provision they would suggest for meeting the possibilities of variation in the rates paid to their labourers, or in cost of material. (In a somewhat similar arrangement with the Dublin Corporation, the Company and the Corporation have agreed that in the case of road maintenance, three-quarters of the cost is labour, and, therefore if the rates paid to labourers are reduced say by 4 0/0 the unit cost of maintenance should be reduced by 3 0/0.)

Ordered

That the Railway Co be informed that:-

(1) The estimated cost of putting the road in order amounting to £785-0-0 and £515-10-0 respectively would in each case be reduced by £58 the estimated cost of Tar Spraying.

(2) The figure of 19/- per perch includes all charges incidental to the Council undertaking to maintain this section of road in as good condition as possible (after being re-surfaced by the Railway Co) for a period of say five years, at the end of which time another undertaking may be entered into for such further period as may be agreed upon, but the figure of 19/- per perch is based on the assumption that this section will be tar or bitumen, sprayed after rolling. If the surface is not so sprayed,

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the maintenence charge will have to be increased as the Council are advised the deterioration of an unsprayed road is considerably greater than that of a sprayed road.
(3) The Council are prepared to enter into an agreement on these lines for a period of five years which may be renewed for a further term on the capiration of that period.
(4) Having regard to the period of five years only for which the agreement is proposed to be entered into, the Council do not think it necessary to provide for the possibility of variation in rate of wages or cost of material.

Letter from the NewRoss Motor & Engineering Co. dated 21st Inst stating that they took over the premises on the 24th August, 1925.
Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy

"That a Licence be granted"
"to the NewRoss Motor & Engineering Co. for two kerbside"
"Petrol Pumps erected outside their premises on"
"the Quay, for one year from 24th August 1925."

Passed unanimously

An application dated 20th Inst was received from Martin Maher for a Licence for a Petrol Pump outside his premises at Priory St, for which he has already sent the fee.
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That Mr Martin"
"Maher be granted a Licence for one kerbside"
"Petrol Pump erected outside his premises at Priory St"
"for one year from 26th March 1925"

Passed unanimously

Letter from Parnell Quarries dated 21st Inst. offering Macadam at 7/- per ton f. o. r. Arklow — No order made

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The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs John Murphy & Charles D'Learn, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:- No 265 £38-0-4 Petty Cash.

A Dividend Warrant for £6-8-0 was received from the Great Southern Railways Co. being nett dividend on Stock for half-year ended 31st December

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government Public Health No P. 463/26 dated 12th January, 1926 acknowledging receipt of Form 66 and pointing out that the position of the Rate Collection in the Urban District remains very unsatisfactory as there appears to be no progress made in the collection of arrears, and the current collection is very backward. The Collector should be urged to take vigorous action, and should be called upon to close the first moiety of the current rate by the 31st Inst

Ordered

That a copy of this letter be furnished to the Collector, and he be instructed to carry out the directions of the Minister in the matter.

In connection with this matter the Clerk reported that from 3rd October 1925 to 9th January 1926 the Collector collected rates in instalments amounting to £42-17-6 of which £10-18-6 was lodged, which represented receipts taken off when total amounts of rates were received from a particular ratepayer leaving on hands a balance of £31-19-0 of that account, and in addition he has a balance on hands of rates collected in instalments previous to that date of £27-10-0 making a total on hands at date of £59-9-0

Ordered

That the Collector be directed to lodge to the credit of the Council all monies received by him in payment of rates by instalments.

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Letter from the Council's Solicitors dated 12th Inst advising as to the liability of the Provincial Bank for rates on their vacant premises for year 1924-25. In it they stated that they ascertained the premises are marked vacant in the Rate Book and therefore in their opinion the Bank is not liable.

The Reprs of Col. Tottenham are the Landlords and under section 16 of the increase of Rent and Mortgage Act 1923 are the persons deemed to be in rateable occupation for rating purposes, but they are only in rateable occupation, and they have not been so rated, and until they are so rated they are under no liability. Accordingly as the matter stands there does not appear to be any person liable.

Ordered

That the necessary legal steps be taken to have the Landlords properly rated for these premises for next & future years.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 12th Inst. stating that the Minister agrees that all houses erected for ex-servicemen under the Act of 1919 are eligible for inclusion in the new Buildings List, and the evidence to be included in Form "E" might consist of the attachment of a rent receipt or document showing that the house was held from The Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust.

No order made - as there are none of these houses in the Urban Area.

A letter dated 18th January was received from the Ministry intimating that the share of the Council in the Housing Grant is £13-3-7 and instructions have been given for payment of the amount to the Council's Treasurer.

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

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A Tender was received from Stephen Carroll dated 26th Inst. for the supply of fifteen tons of building sand at 3/10 per ton
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Hearn
"That the Tender of Stephen"
"Carroll be accepted."
Passed unanimously

Letter from Rev M. Kirwan S.J. acknowledging the vote of sympathy with him adopted by the Council on the death of his mother
No order made

A Tender was received from Messrs Zimber Bros. to wind and set the Town Clock for one year for the sum of £5.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That the proposal of Zimber"
"Bros (Mr J O'Connor) to wind and set the Town"
"Clock for one year from this date be accepted,"
"and that proposals be invited for supply and"
"erection of fittings necessary to illuminate the"
"dial of the clock."
Passed unanimously.

Letter from the Collector dated 26th Inst. stating that with reference to the tenancy of the house occupied by Mrs Annie Black, Bunneen Lane, a letter was produced for his inspection signed by her husband, Robert Black, wherein he stated that the Council may give the house over to his Father-in-law, Joseph Knight, as it was not his intention to occupy it at any future date.

The Clerk explained that the late Mrs Black was tenant of the house and the Council's Solicitors advised that her husband Robert Black, who was in the National Army, was her legal representative. He had been written to on three occasions to surrender possession of the house which is occupied

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occupied by his father-in law Joseph Knight, but he would not reply to the letters.
It was now
Ordered
That the letter referred to by the Collector be accepted by the Council as a surrender of his interest in the tenancy to his father-in-law, Joseph Knight.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son enclosing Agreement with Richard Brazil for letting of a Plot of Ground at Abbey View for the purpose of building a Motor Car house on it
Proposed by Mr Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hearn
"That the seal of the Council"
"be affixed to the Agreement"
Passed unanimously
In pursuance of the resolution the seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Agreement in presence of the Chairman.

Letter from Mr J. P. Coghlan, Solicitor enclosing undertaking of Michael Culleton to restore partition in the Council's house, lately occupied by him, when required to do so.
No order made.

Letter from Mr McDonald, 141 Leinster Rd. Rathmines, dated 18th Inst. enquiring how he stood with the Council as he will be unable to perform his duty as a member by attending meetings, whether he must formally resign or does he cease to be a member through non-attendance.
The Clerk stated that on receipt of the letter he informed Mr McDonald that he would not cease to be a member of the Council through non-attendance until 22nd March, but in the meantime he can resign by tendering his resignation to the Clerk of the Council accompanied by a fee of one shilling; being the amount prescribed by the Bye Laws.
This reply was considered satisfactory and there was —
No order made on the letter.

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A proposal dated 15th Inst. was received from Messrs Moran Bros. to print 12 books interleaved "Receipt for Rates in Instalments" @ 1/-
Ordered
"That Tender be accepted."

Tenders were received for the supply of Shovels & Brushes from Mrs Hennessy, South St, & P. Tierney Quay St, but their consideration was adjourned to next meeting so that the prices might be compared with those of the Trade Departments Contractors.

The Clerk reported that the amount of rate outstanding on 23rd Inst. for year ending 31st March 1926 was £3719-9-1, and for year ending 31st March 1925 after deducting £345-12-6 of cancelled rate is £555-3-5
No order made.

The Collector reported that for the two weeks ending 23rd January he collected £2-5-0 of rates in Instalments

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The Clerk submitted the letter received from the Minister of Local Government & Public Health, dated 4th December No S6407/1925 relative to payment of Town Rates by the Council's tenants but the members decided to adjourn the consideration of the whole matter to next meeting, to be held on 9th Inst.

Mr Hand drew attention to the flooding of Premises at Playground, and suggested that a meeting of the Street Committee be held to inspect and report upon the matter
Ordered
That a meeting of the Street Committee be held at 4 o'clock on the following day

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The Surveyor drew attention verbally to premises in Cook's Lane, and also to Chimney of two houses at Rosbercon, the property of the Railway Co, occupied by Jas. & Sullivan which he stated were dangerous.
Ordered.

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Ordered

That the attention of the respective owners be directed to them, and they be requested to have them put in repair so that they may not be dangerous to the public.

Proposed by Mr J Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That the recommendation"
"of the Street & Water Committee granting a"
"supply of water to Nicholas Butler Rosbercon"
"for his premises there, by meter, at the usual scale"
"of Meter charges be approved of."

Passed unanimously.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past fortnight the Daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner. The Public Lamps were lighting at night according to Contract
No order made

The meting next proceeded to make a new Buildings List when the following, all of which were erected within the prescribed years, were considered viz:- Joseph Kehoe Mt Garrett Lane; Dwelling House valued at £12, James Connolly, Priory St, nine Motor Houses at Priory Lane; in one valuation of £18, and Frank Doyle, Mark Lane; one Motor House at Priory St. valued at £3-10-0
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That we make a new"
"Buildings List consisting of the foregoing Buildings"
"included in List "A" now before us, and that notice"
"be given of the making of said List in The New Ross"
"Standard, Free Press, and The Echoe."

Passed unanimously

P M O'Gorman

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 9th February, 1926.

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Saturday 30th January 1926

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 O'Clock. Noon. to elect a Chairman of the Council, for the ensuing year, and, if deemed advisable, a vice-Chairman.

Present Messrs P. K. O'Gorman Outgoing Chairman, Presiding
John Hand
Michael Roche
George Dooley
Vincent A Doyle
and
James E. Walshe

The Chairman having pointed out the business to be transacted it was,
Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded Mr Doyle "That Mr Peter K. O'Gorman be re-elected"
"Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year."
Passed Unanimously

The election of a vice-Chairman was not proposed.

The business of the meeting having concluded.

The Members Separated

P K O'Gorman

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The monthly meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 O'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not being present -

The meeting adjourned

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held this evening at 7.30 Oclock p.m. to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council including Examination of accounts to be submitted to that meeting for payment.

Mr John Murphy was the only member who attended

A Quorum not being present - there was

No meeting held.

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A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, elect the different Committees for the ensuing year, and consider letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Councils tenants, which was adjourned from previous meetings

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gowan Presiding
John Hand
James E. Walsh
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
Austin A. Butler
Richard Power
Thomas Cooney
Geo. Dooley
Charles D. Hearn
Vincent A. Doyle

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs
the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 266 Treas to Council £530-6-0, No 267 Treas to Council £3-3-0
" 268 Same £6-6-0, " 269 People Company £5-5-6
" 270 Waterford Star £1-0-0 " 271 D.J. Morrissey £44-3-7
" 272 McGregor & Co £8-5-0 " 273 Royal Exchange Co £2—
" 274 Guest & Chrimes £15-8-8 " 275 Penfield & Kennedy 11/6
" 276 Michl. Fitzgerald £18-0-0 " 277 D. Doran £2-3-4
" 278 J. Butler £7-10-0 " 279 Thos Butler £5-8-4
" 280 James J. Shortall £16-12-0 " 281 John J. Browne £1-19-0
" 282 John J Browne £3-14-5 " 283 P. Dunn £9-11-8
" 284 Petty Cash £33-9-10 " 285 P. Tierney £8-4-3
" 286 The Echo Co £2— " 287 Tech. Committee £18-12-6
" 288 Tech. Committee £18-12-6 " 289 G. Southern Rlys £16-8-10
" 290 Zimber Bros £5-0-0 " 291 H. Kennedy £13-2-5
" 292 A. R. French 15/2, No 293 J Hartrick & Co £44-15-3. No 294 J Hartrick & Co £4-14-6

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A Dividend warrant for refund of Income Tax over deducted for half year ended 30th June 1923, on Bank of Ireland Stock, amounting to eleven pence, and a similar one for half year ended 31st December, 1923, amounting to 2/4 was received, and ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from H. R. Hamilton, Agent to the Trustees of the late Col. Totterhaus, dated 28th ult. referring to the Clerk's letter of the 27th ult, relative to a dangerous building or ruins in Cooks Lane, and stating that Mrs Kelly Cordwainers Lane is the Lessee of the premises, and is responsible for the repairs.

The Clerk stated that fearing an accident might happen before the meeting of the Council he informed Mr Harding the Council were advised in a similar case that the relation between the owner of dangerous premises and the occupier in no way affects the position of the Urban Council. This was approved of

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor serve the prescribed Statutory Notice upon Mr Hamilton in reference to the building

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Letter from the Secretary of The Irish Tourist Association dated 1st Inst bringing under the notice of the Council the desirability of allocating in its estimates for the coming year, a rate for advertising purposes, which can be made under Section 67 of the Local Government act 1925.

It was decided not to include a rate for the purpose in the Council's Estimate for the coming year

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A Circular letter dated 1st Inst was received from the Hon. Secretaries of The Irish Municipal Authorities Association suggesting that the Council should join the Association, but the meeting declined to adopt the suggestion

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The following Tenders were received for illuminating the dial of Town Clock viz
From Joseph Ward who proposed to erect the necessary fittings for £10. Myles Denby for £5-10-0, and the New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co for £6.

After some discussion it was decided to adjourn the question of carrying out the illumination of the clock, or acceptance of either Tender to next meeting of the Council

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Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr Walsh

"That the Technical Instruction
"Committee for the ensuing year consist of the
"following persons viz:-
Members of the Council - Messrs A.A. Butler, P.N. Gorman
Charles D. Hearn, Laurence Dooley, Michael Roche & John Murphy
Non-members. Rev A. O'Brien C.C. Rev Brother Curtin,
Messrs H. Kirkham, John O'Neill, Wexford St, and
William Donovan, Mary St.

See Sanitary Minute Book for election of other committees Fol 165+166

Passed unanimously

A Statement showing the amount of rates outstanding at date (9th Feby) was submitted by the Clerk as follows.

Year ended 31st March 1924, after deducting amount already cancelled	£449-3-2
Year ended 31/3/25 after deducting cancelled	£550-17-11
Year ending 31st March 1926.	£3356-4-2

No order made

The consideration of the letter received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, dated 4th December, 1925; relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants, was adjourned to next meeting of the Council to be held on the 23rd Inst.

The consideration of Tenders for the supply of Shovels, brushes, Pick axes & handles, adjourned from last meeting were considered, and compared with the prices shown in the Schedule of the Department's Official Contractors

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and it was
Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That the proposal of Mrs"
"Hennessy, South St, for the supply of four dozen"
"brushes 18X6 @ 25/- and two doz handles (pike quality)"
"at 12/- per dozen be accepted, and of Thomas Henshaw"
"for one cwt of shovels at 60/-, of Sims Watkins & Co"
"for ½ cwt of Pick Axes at 26/6 per cwt, and of Hewson"
"& Co for two doz. Hickory Pick Shafts @ 12/6 per dozen"
"be accepted."

Passed Unanimously

Attention was drawn to the dangerous speed at which some Motor Cars were driven through the town, and after some discussion it was

Ordered

That the Wexford County Council, being the local Authority under the Motor Car Acts, be asked to make a Bye Law, or such other order as may be necessary, regulating the speed of Motor Vehicles in this Urban District.

A discussion took place respecting the number of Motor Cars which are allowed to remain for a long time in the principal streets, especially on Fair days, which it was stated caused an obstruction to people transacting business in the different shops, and it was suggested that the owners be required to park them on the wide portions of the Quay, but there was No order made respecting the matter

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It was ordered that application be made to the Irish Automobile Association for a few danger signs for erection in the Urban District.

A number of Bills, as entered at commencement of Minutes, were submitted and examined, after which, on the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by the Chairman, payment of them was ordered,

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It was ordered that the Gas Company be directed to notify the Surveyor in future of their intention to open the streets

The new Buildings List made at last meting was submitted, and also Declarations from the respective owners that they were new Buildings

In the case of Mr Joseph Kelwe's house, he submitted receipt for Architect's fee, dated 3rd Feby '23 together with paid accounts for a large quantity of building materials purchased within the prescribed years

Mr Doyle also submitted an account for roofing in 1925 of Motor Garage included in the List, whilst Mr Connolly's Declaration Form contained a statement that he built & completed the Motor houses he claimed to be new Buildings between March 1922 & August 1924

After a short discussion the following resolution was Proposed by Mr John Hand,
Seconded by Mr James E. Walsh, and resolved

"That we
"hereby confirm the inclusion in the New
"Buildings List, of the following declared by us,
"at our meeting on the 26th ultimo, to be New
"Buildings viz:- Joseph Kelwe, Mt Garrett Lane
"Dwelling House. James Connolly, Priory Lane,
"Nine Motor Houses included in one rating
"of £18. Frank Doyle Motor House at Priory"

Passed unanimously

The Street Inspector reported that the daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner during the past fortnight. The light from three of the Public Lamps is not satisfactory

"Roads" Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 2nd Inst. No L.G.B/32 stating that he has approved of the further Scheme for the Expenditure of £1,300 proposed to be carried out in the Urban District. The wages & general conditions notified in Circular of 18th Feby '24 govern this Grant

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Ordered

That the work be proceeded with as soon as possible

Letter from the Co Surveyor dated 26th January stating that he had arranged with Railway Co to have wagons at Sparrowsland on the following day, and they will probably be dispatched the day following, & day by day there will be wagons arriving in New Ross.

In the first instance he is forwarding broken stone, and he has also a supply of rubble bottoming, but he considers it better to send this when rolling has commenced so that it can be carted direct from Railway to Site.

A second letter dated 2nd Inst. was received from the County Surveyor in which he stated that the Railway Co. were complaining of delay in discharging wagons at New Ross.

The Clerk reported he informed the County Surveyor that the Railway Company insisted on weighing all the stones at New Ross, which caused considerable delay to the Carters, and the Company's Officials would not supply a copy of the weights to the Council, so that the stones had to be weighed a second time by Council's own weighbridge.

The meeting approved of this reply.

weighing of Stones

In connection with the weighing of the stones a letter was received from the Contractor for the carting of stones from the Railway Station to site of work, pointing out that there was no agreement between him & the Council to have the stones weighed which meant a considerable delay & loss of time and the figure he tendered for would not be sufficient to meet the labour of weighing the stones twice. If the Council still desire to have the material weighed twice he desires to apply for three pence per ton extra.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That we dispense with the weighing of the stones a second time and accept the weights"

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"weights which will be furnished by the Railway
"Co for payment of freight, and also that the
"Company be asked to direct their officials at
"New Ross Station to give a copy of the weights
"to the Town Surveyor."

Passed unanimously

On the suggestion of Mr Cooney it was decided to ask the Company to forward only four wagon loads of stones each day so that the wagons may not be unduly delayed at the station.

A letter dated 5th Inst was also received from the County Surveyor asking for definite particulars regarding the complaints made by the Council respecting the condition of the footpaths adjacent to the Urban Boundary, and stating that the County Council had directed him to make them good as far as funds permit

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Street Committee for consideration

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Letter from the Chief Engineer, S. Southern Railways dated 30th ult. relative to the Road approaches to Overbridge No 424 at Rosbercon. In it he pointed out that at the end of the five year period suggested by the Council for which a Contract might be intered into the Company might be faced with a large Expenditure for re-surfacing the road, and if this is so he feared the Co would not be able to make the arrangements with the Council which he hoped would be possible. They have Agreements with Cork & Dublin which are terminable but it is understood the cost of maintenence covers the cost of any necessary re-surfacing.

Without provision for alteration in case of variation in the rates of wages, or cost of Material the Board would not be prepared to enter into an agreement for five years though he thinks the question of cost of material might be waived if an agreement could be arrived at as regards variation

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in rates of pay.

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Street Committee for consideration and that a meeting of the Committee be held on Monday 15th Inst. at 11 o'clock a.m.

Ordered

That Michael Fitzgerald, the Contractor for the delivery of one hundred tons of stones from Ballyneale Quarry, be informed that the stones are much too large and must be broken to the size of sample stone submitted to him by the Surveyor.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health No R.4/109, dated 25th January inquiring what is the exact position of the Rate Collection in the Urban Area and what steps the Council and Collector have taken to have the rates lodged.

The Clerk stated that he furnished a Return showing the amount of rate outstanding and informed the Minister that they had furnished the Collector with a copy of the Minister's letter relative to the collection and directed him to carry out the instructions contained in the letter, also that the Collector had issued one hundred & Seventy Ten and six day Notices against defaulters in respect of Collection for current year and arrears, and proceedings will be taken when the time allowed in the Notices has expired.

This was approved of, and there was——

No order made

Letter from same dated 29th January relative to the Relief Grant provisionally notified, stating that it is presumed the Council desire to expend portion of the money on the Extension of the Sewer Enquiring if the Clerk is yet in a position to furnish a reply to the Departments' letter of the 26th Inst.

The Clerk stated he informed the Minister it was the intention of the Council to apply portion of the Grant to the Extension of the Sewer.

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This was approved of, and,

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd February, 1926.

P. McGorman

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Monday 15th February, 1926

A meeting of the Street Water Committee was held this day at 11 o'clock to consider letter from Co Surveyor asking for particulars of complaint respecting condition of footpaths adjacent to Urban Boundary, also a letter from the S Southern Railways respecting the repair and maintenence by the Council of that portion of the Waterford Road at present maintained by the Company and make such recommendation as may be considered desirable in connection with both matters

Present

Messrs P. N. Gorman Presiding
Michael Roche
and
Geo Dooley

The Town Surveyor was also in attendance

The Committee considered at length the letter received from the Chief Engineer of the S Southern Railways, dated 30th ult: relative to the repair and maintenence by the Council of the Road Approaches to Overbridge No 424 Robertsons, at present maintained by the Company, and finally decided to invite the latter to send their Engineer to New Ross to discuss the matter with a small Committee of the Council and the Town Surveyor.

The Committee also considered the letter from the Co. Surveyor asking for particulars of complaint by the Council respecting the condition of footpaths adjacent to Urban Boundary and directed that the Co Surveyor be informed the footpath on Cherry Road requires some surfacing, and spraying, the same applies to the one from Elys Walks to Brandon Well, and the one on Camblin Road, or Road to Arthurstown needs surfacing or repair of Kerbing.

This concluded the business and

The Committee adjourned

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A meting of the Street Water Committee was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to consider letter from Dr Hearn, Solicitor, relative to the shutting off of water at night, and also all such matters in connection with the water supply as may be necessary or considered desirable with a view to rendering the shutting off of it at night unnecessary in future

Present Messrs P.N. Gorman
and
John Hand

The Committee considered the letter received from Mr Hearn relative to shutting the water off the town at night, as well as the general question of what should be done to render this unnecessary.

The Committee were of opinion that the only practicable means to this end at present is to have surprise night Examinations made occasionally by the Water Inspector Surveyor, and that all persons permitting a waste of water on their premises be prosecuted by the Council, and decided to recommend the adoption of this course, after which,

The Committee adjourned

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Tuesday, 23rd February, 1926

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider Tenders for illuminating Town Clock, and letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants, both of which were adjourned from last meting

Present

Messrs P. J. Gorman Presiding
P. J. Dunne
Thomas Cooney
Daniel Murphy
Austin A. Butler
John Hand
John Murphy
James Elwalsh
Laurence Dooley
Vincent A. Doyle
Michael Roche

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health No. PH/109 dated 22nd February '26 stating that as a result of representations the Minister for Finance is now prepared to waive the condition in respect of a local contribution in connection with the Grant of £500 for the Relief of Unemployment in the Urban District

A Scheme for the Expenditure of £500 should be submitted without delay on Form 11, which was forwarded with the Minister's letter, and the attention of the Council directed to the fact that any portion of Grant unexpended at 31st March 1926 would revert to the Exchequer

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That at the conclusion of the business this meeting be adjourned to 8 o'clock on tomorrow"

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"tomorrow, Wednesday evening, and that a meeting"
"of the Street Committee be held on tomorrow at"
"3 o'clock to prepare, with the Town Surveyor a Scheme"
"for the Expenditure of the £500, same to be submitted"
"to the Council for approval or amendment at the"
"adjourned meeting."

Passed unanimously

Mr Hand referred to the death of Mr John J. Howard by accidental drowning at Melbourne. His Grandfather was for many years a member of the Town Commissioners and his uncle, the late Aidan Bolger, was a member of the Council, both of whom were very old inhabitants of the town.

Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy.

"That we tender to Mrs"
"Howard, South St, our sincere sympathy & condolence"
"in her bereavement caused by the death of her"
"son Mr John J. Howard, and beg to assure her that we"
"deeply regret his death, and as a mark of respect"
"to his memory we adjourn this meeting to 8 o'clock"
"on tomorrow evening."

Passed in respectful silence

Mr Daniel Murphy referred to the death of Mrs Michael Lambert, Rishtown, whose late father was a member of the Council, & proposed the following resolution of sympathy with her husband, which was seconded by Mr Butler viz:-

"That we tender to Mr Michael Lambert our sincere sympathy"
"on the death of his wife, whose late father was a member"
"of our Council, & beg to assure him that we deeply regret her death,"
"and as a mark of respect to her memory we adjourn this"
"meeting to tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock."

Passed in respectful silence

The Clerk asked whether Michael Lambert, who was working for sometime with the Council, would be paid for the two days he was absent during his wife's wake and

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and funeral, and, On the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Hand, it was

Ordered

That under the sad circumstances of his absence he be paid for the two days.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 24th February '26

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Wednesday, 24th February, 1926

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this day at 3 o'clock p.m to prepare Scheme for the Expenditure of £500 Grant for the relief of Unemployment in the Urban District.

Present - Messrs Geo. Dooley
John Hand,
and
Michael Roche

The Town Surveyor was also in attendance

The Committee considered at great length, in consultation with the Surveyor, the best means of utilising the Grant in the most advantageous manner possible, due regard being given to the desirability of affording as much Employment as possible, and prepared their report (copy of which is Entered on Minutes of adjourned meeting) Embodying their recommendations, and approving of the Draft Scheme submitted by the Town Surveyor; which they directed that Officer to submit to the adjourned meeting of the Council, after which,

The meeting adjourned

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An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 8 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider Tenders for illuminating Town Clock, letter received from The Minister for Local Government and Public Health relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants, both of which were adjourned from last meeting, consider Scheme for Expenditure of £500, and recommend to the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital a person to fill a vacancy in that Hospital.

Present - Messrs P. N. Gorman, Presiding
John Hand
Thomas Cooney
Laurence Dooley
Austin A. Butler
Richard Power
Daniel Murphy
John Murphy
Michael Roche
James E. Walsh
and
V. A. Doyle.

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:- No 295 £38-12-4 Petty Cash

Correspondence

"Roads" A copy of a letter dated 13th Inst. addressed to the County Council at Wexford advising that a further payment of £600 in respect of work being carried out by the New Ross Urban Council on Road 2.12. works 1856, had been made.
No order made.

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The consideration of the letter received from the Minister of Local Government, notifying the Council that a Grant of £500 had been made for the relief of Unemployment, which was adjourned from meeting held last evening, was considered, in conjunction with the following report of the Street Committee, held on this date viz:-

'We, in consultation with the Surveyor recommend the Extension of the Rosbercon Sewer on School-house Road at an Estimated cost of £320, same to reach the nearest point on Public Roadway to the six new houses. Water Main Extension in connection with same £30.

We recommend also the Construction of two Concrete Channels at Rosbercon - on Waterford Road from corner of Hunt's yard, to Mr Gowan's corner and thence to Entrance of Mr Dooley's yard opposite Railway Entrance at a cost of £35.

We recommend that 50 tons of stones be purchased by Contract from Ballynea Quarry, to be delivered on Quay at an Estimated cost of £20. To be broken thereon at a cost of £15: That a sum of £40 be devoted to clearing arrears of work in connection with cleansing of Ashpits. That £40 be allowed to cover the following Estimated liabilities National Health, Unemp. Insurance £10, Employr's Liability £20 Contingencies £10."

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the report of"
"the Street Committee be adopted"

Passed unanimously

The following Scheme for the Expenditure of the Grant of £500, prepared by the Town Surveyor, after consultation with the Street Committee, was submitted and considered viz:-

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Relief of Unemployment 1926
Proposed Scheme of Work and Estimate

L. Yds. 150.	Extension of Public Sewer at School-House Road Rosbercon to drain Dwelling Houses in course of construction	£ 320 - 0 - 0
	Extension of Water-Main (1½ c.i)	30 - 0 - 0
L. Yds 100	Construction of Concrete Water Channel on Waterford & Rd Road to Thomastown	35 - 0 - 0
50 Tons	Ballyneal Macadam, including Quarrying, Breaking, Delivery &c	35 - 0 - 0
	Assisting cleansing of Ashpits, 2 men and 2 Carters, about four weeks.	40 - 0 - 0
	N. H Unemployment Insurance	10 - 0 - 0
	Employers' Liability Do	20 - 0 - 0
	Contingencies	10 - 0 - 0
		£500 - 0 - 0

Proposed by Mr D Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy

"That the Scheme for the"
"Expenditure of £500, prepared by the County Surveyor"
"be approved of, and the Minister be requested"
"to notify his decision as to its approval as"
"promptly as possible, so that the work may be"
"proceeded with without delay"

Passed unanimously

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Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy. "That a special meeting"
"of the Council be held as soon as possible after"
"receipt of the Minister's reply, to consider"
"Tenders for the supply of Stores, pipes &c, and"
"make any arrangements that may be necessary"
"for carrying on the work."

Passed unanimously

The Town Surveyor pointed out that in connection with the carrying out of the work under the Grant of £1300 viz:- Repair of Road D.12 - Works No E. 856, it will be necessary to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an order to close the Road.
Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr J Murphy

"That application be"
"made to the Minister for Local Government"
"and Public Health for an order Empowering"
"the Council to close the road between the"
"Royal Hotel & Ely's walks (in Sections)"
"to Vehicular traffic only, and that Public Notice"
"of same be given by advertisement, once,"
"in The New Ross Standard, and The Irish"
"Independent."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Chief Engineer G. Southern Railways dated 18th February, referring to the Council's letter of the 10th Inst., and stating that he is informed the Co Council will be responsible for the roads adjoining Overbridge #24 Rosbercon in future, and it will possibly be more convenient for the Company to make arrangements with the Co Council rather than the Urban Council, and he is accordingly taking the matter up with the County Surveyor. If it is not possible to make satisfactory arrangements with him, he will arrange to have his Engineer meet the Street Committee and the

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Town Surveyor to confer on the matter

Ordered

That the County Surveyor be furnished with particulars of the amount which the Urban Council proposed to carry out the work for.

An application was received from Mr John Murphy (N. Moran) John St, for a Licence to erect a Petrol Pump

Ordered

That the application be referred to the Street Committee to select a suitable site

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Mr John Murphy drew attention to the desirability of preventing the opening of the Streets scheduled as main roads, after they are repaired and steamrolled and proposed That the County Council be asked not to permit the opening of these streets except in very exceptional circumstances such as repairing a water-main or sewer, and that the Gas Co to be asked to have any work to the Gas Pipes carried out before the street is rolled

The Proposition was seconded by Mr Walsh

To which the following Amendment was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand, and,

Seconded by Mr Butler

"That we carry out the"
"regulations which were in existance before"
"viz:- The Gas Company to notify the Surveyor"
"when it becomes necessary to open the Streets,"
"before opening them."

The Amendment was put to a vote and the following vote:-

For - Messrs J. Dooley, Austin A. Butler, R. Power, D. Murphy John Hand, and Vincent A. Doyle 6

Against - Messrs D. Cooney, J.E. Walsh, J. Murphy, M. Roche, & The Chairman. 5.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

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"Municipal" The Tenders received for illuminating Town Clock, which were adjourned from last meeting, were again considered, and after a short discussion it was Ordered

That the further consideration of the question of illuminating the Clock be adjourned for six months.

Letter from Patrick Walsh, Abbey View, one of the Councils tenants, dated 23rd Inst. drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the ceiling of one of the bed rooms, which may fall at any time, and asking to have it repaired.

It was suggested that the Town Surveyor inspect it, and report to next meeting its condition, but on the proposal of Mr Walsh who pointed out that an accident might happen in the meantime, it was—
Ordered

That the Surveyor get the ceiling repaired as soon as possible.

Letter from the Secretary of the County Council dated 15th Inst. in reference to the request of the Urban Council to the County Council to make a Bye-Law regulating the speed of Motor Cars in the Urban District, asking to be informed what speed they would like to have specified in the Bye-Law.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That the County Council"
"be asked to fix a speed limit of fifteen miles"
"for Motor Vehicles passing through this Urban"
"District."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd. dated 20th Inst. asking for a transfer of the Fire Insurance of the Council and offering a premium rating of 1/4%.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the proposal of Mr J. Murphy, Seconded by Mr D Murphy, to consider the matter

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matter at next meeting of the Council, the members to receive Notice of its intended consideration

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Applications were received from Mrs McGrath, Upper Mary St, New Ross, and Miss Mary Furlong, Rosbercon to be nominated to fill a vacancy in Trinity Hospital, the latter was recommended by thirteen including twelve members of the Council.
Proposed by Mr Butler, and,
Seconded by Mr Power

"That Mrs McGrath be"
"recommended to the Governors of Trinity Hospital"
"for admission to the Hospital."

Proposed by The Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That Miss Mary Furlong"
"be recommended for admission to the Hospital"

A vote was taken, & the following voted
For Mrs McGrath – Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, A.A. Butler, R. Power, D Murphy & J Hand. 6
For Mrs Furlong – Messrs Walsh, J Murphy, Roche, Doyle & The Chairman 5

The proposal to recommend Mrs McGrath was carried by a majority of one.

The Rate Collector reported that he had collected £4-14-11 of Rates in Instalments from 24th January to 23rd February, and furnished particulars of the amounts collected from each Ratepayer.
No order made

The Clerk submitted a statement showing that of the rate for year ending 31st March 19[illegible] there was outstanding at 20th Inst. £2894-5-4, for year 19[illegible], after deducting cancelled rate, £548-10-6, & for year 1924 £449-3-2.
No order made.

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It was decided to hold a meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday, 2nd March at 7.30. to consider the state of the Rate Collection preparatory to the preparation of the Estimates.

The consideration of the letter received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, dated 4th December last No P. 56407/1925 relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's Tenants, was adjourned to next meeting.

The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, during the past fortnight, and the lamps were lighted at night in accordance with Contract except that two were not lighted on one night.
No order made.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 9th March 1926.

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Monday, 1st March, 1926.

A Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended

a Quorum not being present

The Meeting adjourned.

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Monday, 1st March, 1926.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock p.m. to consider the state of the Rate Collection

Present — Messrs P. J. O'Gorman Presiding
Thomas Cooney
John Murphy
and
Daniel Murphy

The Clerk submitted a statement showing the state of the rate collection, which was examined by the Committee.

The Committee also examined a list of some outstanding rates for 1924 & 1925, and also the Rate Book for the current year, 1926, and directed the Collector to prepare a detailed list of all outstanding rates for years 1924 & 1925, after which—

The Committee adjourned.

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Wednesday 3rd March 1926

A Special of the Council was held this evening at ½ 30 oclock p.m. to consider Tenders for the supply of fifty tons of stones from Ballyneal Quarry, and transact all necessary business in connection with the Expenditure of Government Grant of £500, the Scheme for which has been sanctioned by the Minister

Present

Messrs P. J. Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
Vincent A. Doyle
Laurence Dooley
Daniel Murphy
P. J. Dunne
John Hand
and
Thomas Cooney

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health No R.U/109, dated 26th February 1926 Expressing approval of the Scheme for the Expenditure of £500 to be carried out by the Council for the relief of unemployment in the District

The conditions stated in Circular S.I.A/201 of the 18th Feby 1924 as regards wages & men to be Employed govern this Grant

Attention is again called to the fact that any portion of the Grant unexpended on 31st March next reverts to the Exchequer

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter application was made to the Minister for an Instalment of £300 of the Grant so that work might be started immediately in view of the last paragraph of the Minister's letter, and this was approved of. after a shat discussion it was

Ordered

That the Surveyor make arrangements for starting the work to be carried out under the Scheme, on Friday next, 5th Inst

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Proposed by Mr J Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the Minister be asked"
"to sanction the Employment of a Timekeeper"
"at a weekly wage of 35/- as the work under the"
"Scheme will be carried on simultaneously in"
"different parts of the Urban District, which will"
"render it practically impossible for the Town"
"Surveyor to keep the time of the men Employed."

Passed unanimously

The following Tenders were received for the delivery of fifty tons of unbroken stones from Ballyneal Quarry delivered on The Quay New Ross viz:-

From Robert Power High Hill, New Ross, who offered to supply and deliver them on The Quay. @ 8/10 per ton
Michael Fitzgrald, Tullogher @ 10/- " "
James Doolan, Ballyneal @ 11/- " "
Martin Lalor, Tinneranney @ 9/10 " "

Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That the Tender of"
"Robert Power to supply and deliver fifty"
"tons of unbroken stones from Ballyneal Quarry"
"at 8/10 per ton be accepted, subject to him complying"
"with the advertised conditions viz:- "That the"
"stones be delivered within one week."

Passed unanimously

A discussion took place relative to the granting of a half-holiday to the men Engaged under the Grant and it was decided that the conditions which applied under The Relief Grant of £750 viz. That Each man works a full week of fifty hours including the half-holiday, govern this Grant also, subject to the approval of the Minister.

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A letter was received from the Hibernian Fire & Funeral Insurance Co. dated 2nd Inst acknowledging receipt of proposal for Employers' Liability Insurance of Workmen Engaged under the Grant, and stating the risk is one which falls for special rating, but, pending this, and the preparation of the Policy, they are holding the risk covered including blasting.

In reference to Enquiry regarding Third Party Insurance they presume that the Council wish them to quote for legal liability in respect of the whole of the work being undertaken, and not Exclusively for blasting operations. They Enclosed a Proposal Form for Completion on receipt of which the matter will receive immediate attention.

Ordered

That a Policy be taken out covering the Council's legal liability in respect of the whole work being undertaken, including blasting Operations, same to be for £500 any one accident, or £2,000 in the year.

Ordered

That a meeting of the Council be held on Friday, 5th Inst. at 7.30 to consider Tenders for Pipes. &c, and transact any other business that may be necessary in connection with the work to be carried out under the Grant.

This concluded the business and the Members Separated

D. O'Donnell.

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Friday, 5th March, 1926

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to transact business in connection with the Scheme for the Relief of Unemployment, including the consideration of Tenders for the supply of Piping &c.

Present Messrs P.N. Gorman, Presiding
Thomas Cooney
Laurence Dooley
Daniel Murphy,
and
John Hand

The Town Surveyor was also present.

Tenders were received for the following Pipes &c for use in Extending the Sewer on the School House Road viz:-
From Glenfield & Kennedy Kilmarnock:-
100 Lin. yards C.I. Spigot & Socket Straight Pipes @ £17. per ton
3- 1½ x 1½ Cast Iron Spigot & Socket Tees @ 5/6 each
2 Do Collars for 1½ Inch Pipes @ 2/6 "
2 Do Caps Do 1/6 "

They regret being unable to quote for Pipes 6"-1"-8 tested to 400 lbs and trust the foregoing will suit requirements

They can dispatch in about 7/8 days after receipt of order and will deliver at New Ross.

The Stanton Iron Works Co quoted the following prices delivered at Waterford

100	Yds -	1½" Dur. & Bor.	@	£18 per ton
3	" -	1½" S & S. Tees	@	£28 " "
2	-	1½" Collars	@	£28 " "
2	-	1½" Plugs	@	£28 - "
2	-	1½" Caps	@	£28 " "

Tested 400 lbs to the sq Inch.
Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy.

That the Tender of Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy, for the foregoing Cast Iron Pipes, Collars &c be accepted"
Passed Unanimously

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Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy also tendered to supply and deliver:-

2- 1½" Cast Iron Double Flanged Sluice Valves tested to 400 lbs @ £1-9-0 Each
2- 3" dia Double Flanged Do @ £2-5-6
6- 3" " Flange & Socket Piece @ 5/6
2- Cast Iron Gully Traps 20¾ X 15¾ @ top by 20½" deep as previously supplied @ £4-10-0
3- 3" to 1½ dia - reducing pieces @ 3" Ind ⅌ nett.

Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That this Tender of"
"Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy be accepted."
Passed unanimously.

A Tender was received from The Lead Wool Company for the supply of 2 Cwt Lead wool f.o.r. Shoreland @ 43/3 per cwt

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr. D Murphy

"That two cwt of lead wool"
"be purchased from the Lead Wool Company at the"
"price quoted viz:- 43/3 per Cwt.
Passed unanimously

From Graves & Co the following Tenders were received for Sewer Pipes &c delivered at their premises New Ross:-

180 Lin Yards	9" Sewer pipes in 3ft lengths			£60-4-6
8	9" Single Junctions	6" Branches	Splayd	3-11-5
9	9" Do	4" Do	Square	3-11-5
8	6" Double Do	6" Do	Curved	4-9-2
8	6" ¼ Bends	18" Radius		1-9-9
8	4" Do			19-10
8	6" Faucet to 4" Spigot (all Extra yellow Ware)			2-19-6
Gaskin, White per cwt				3-0-0

All above are Extra yellow glazed and Equal in quality to Bourtrehills First Quality.

They are unable to give a guarantee to deliver in Eight days, but will do so if possible - They think it will take about twelve days.

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From Brooks Thomas & Co Dublin - G.O.R. Dublin, delivered out of Stock :-

180 - Yds	9" Extra Yellow Glazed	£49 - 10 - 0
8 -	9"x6" Splayes Junctions	4 - 8 - 0
8 -	9"x9" Square Do	4 - 8 - 0
8 -	6" Double Curved Junctions	5 - 4 - 0
8 -	6" ¼ Bends	1 - 12 - 0
8 -	4" Bends	1 - 4 - 0
8 -	6" to 4" Tapers	2 - 4 - 0
Baskin.		2 - 12 - 0

A Tender for the supply of Salt Glazed Stoneware Pipes was received from Messrs Cosgrave & Co, but as Extra Yellow Glazed were required it was not considered.

The Council considered the total amount of the respective Tenders of Messrs Graves & Brooks Thomas and were of opinion that the Freight from Dublin to New Ross on those proposed to be supplied G.O.R. Dublin by Brooks Thomas & Co would amount to the difference between the total of Each Tender and possibly Exceed it Accordingly it was :-

Proposed by Mr Haud, and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That the Tender of"
"Messrs Graves & Co be accepted on condition that,"
"they guarantee the delivery of the goods, specified"
"in their Tender, within Eight days from the date"
"of acceptance, otherwise that they be ordered"
"immediately from Messrs Brooks Thomas & Co"
"Dublin at the prices quoted."

The Chairman having undertaken to interview, with the Town Surveyor, on the following morning the Manager of Messrs Graves & Co, and obtain the necessary guarantee of delivery — the foregoing resolution was

Passed unanimously

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The following Tenders were received for the supply of Sand & Gravel viz:-

Irom - Stephen Carroll Millbanks who proposed to supply One Boat load of Gravel @ 5/6 per ton, and one Boat Load of Sand @ 3/10 per ton

Irom - John Roche Ballyanne, quotes for the supply of Gravel @ 5/6 per ton, and Sand @ 4/6 per ton, both delivered on The Quays, New Ross.

Proposed by Mr L. Dooley, and,
Seconded by Mr Cooney "That the Tender of Stephen"
"Carroll to supply One Boat load of Gravel @ 5/6"
"per ton, and sand @ 3/10 be accepted."
Passed unanimously

Mr Cooney drew attention to the work of laying Pipes on School House Rd. in connection with the Extension of the Sewer, and asked if it was the case that the Council's workman Patrick Carroll was being transferred to this work, he was of opinion that this work should be done by a Mason.

The Town Surveyor having stated, that the work of laying pipes &c had always been done by a skilled labourer, pointed out that Carroll was the most suitable man, and that it would be necessary to transfer him to the work under the Scheme, he suggested that as this man is paid 45/- per week the Ministry be asked to sanction that rate of wages to him whilst working on the Scheme.
Proposed by Mr Cooney, and,
Seconded by Mr L. Dooley "That the Ministry be"
"asked to sanction the Employment of a Mason"
"for laying of pipes & constructing Man holes &c at"
"the usual rate of £3-10-0 per week."

To this the following Amendment was:-

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Proposed by Mr Hand and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That Patrick Carroll, the"
"Council's permanent workman, be employed"
"on the Scheme as heretofore, at his usual weekly"
"wages of 45/-, subject to the sanction of the Ministry."

The following voted:-
For the amendment:- Messrs Hand & The Chairman 2.
Against Do. - Messrs Cooney, Dooley & Murphy 3.
The Chairman declared the amendment defeated.

Ordered
That four manhole covers be ordered from
Messrs Dongf & Daggart, and also four water main covers

This concluded the business and

The meeting adjourned.

P. A. O'Gorman

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 oclock p.m. to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council

Present

Messrs John Murphy
Daniel Murphy
and
Thomas Corrish.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills, particulars of which are Entered at the Commencement of the Municipal Minutes, and having Examined, and recommended them for payment —

The Committee adjourned.

P. W. Foman

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A Meeting of the Council was held this evening at ½ 30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider letter from Minister for Local Government & Public Health relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's Tenants, adjourned from previous meetings, & the advisability of transferring Council's fire Insurance

Present Messrs P. N. Gorman
Thomas Cooney
Laurence Dooley
Richard Power
Daniel Murphy
John Hand
James E. Walsh
John Murphy
Michael Roche
George Dooley
and
Vincent A. Doyle

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Doyle, & Roche, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 296 Co. Council £560-16-2. No 297 Free Press £3 —
" 298 D.J. Morrissey £45-1-3. " 299 J.J. Walsh £5-1-6
" 300 Parnell Tramies £19-17-3. " 301 Plumfield & K. £1-17-7
" 302 Hely's Ltd 17-10. " 303 R. Murphy £10 —
" 304 S. Carroll £3-2-0 " 305 P. Lynch £1-13-10
" 306 Jas Kennedy £7-6-0 " 307 J. Murphy £9-1-6
" 308 Revs A. Byrne £7-17-6 " 309 School & Ctee £8-19-9
" 310 J Doran £1-6-0 " 311 J Doran £2-3-4
" 312 J.J. Shortall £18-5-4 " 313 J Butler £7-10-0
" 314 J Butler £5-8-4 " 315 M Dinn £19-11-8
" 316 J Browne £1-19-0 " 317 J Browne £3-14-5
" 318 M Kennedy £3-8-8 " 319 Petty Cash £42-16-5
" 320 Sr Gertrude £3-5-0 " 321 M Hennessy £2-12-0
" 322 Petty Cash £100 — (Grant)

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A meeting of the NewRoss Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. (See Folio 612)

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, Roads Department, No. R.W 109, dated 6th Inst. advising the forwarding of an Instalment of £100, on account of the Relief Grant of £500

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council in a Grants a/c.

That a Paying Order for £100 be issued to the Clerk for payment of the men Engaged on this work.

The following Tender was received from Messrs J. Blakeborough & Sons Ltd., dated 4th March, 1926:-

		Each.
2.	2½" Screwdown Hydrants, as previously supplied -	£3-10-0
4.	3" Duckfoot Bends having 3" Socket inlet, flange to suit Hydrants	£1-10-0
2.	3" Flange & Spigot Quarter Bends	£1-5-0
2.	Cast Iron Surface Boxes for Hydrants	£1-5-0
	Bolts & Joint Rings for above, - per set	£-1-6

Delivered at NewRoss.

Proposed by Mr Doyle, and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Tender of
"Messrs Blakeborough & Sons Ltd for the supply
"of Hydrant & Fittings be accepted."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the S. Southern Railways, dated 8th March 1926, quoting 2/- each for old firewood sleepers in lots of not less than twenty-five

It was pointed out by the Surveyor that it was second quality Sleepers, the last price of which was 4/- Each, & after some discussion it was ordered - That they be asked to quote for second quality, same to be ordered at similar price to last.

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Letter from the Hibernian Fire & Gen. Insurance Co. dated 8th Inst. quoting a premium of £3-14-0 for Insurance of Workmen Engaged under the Grant, Excluding blasting, and asking to be informed if the Policy may be prepared at this premium.

Ordered

That the Company be directed to prepare a Policy at the premium quoted.

Letter from same Company dated 1st Inst. quoting a premium of £3-16-3 for Insurance of workmen Engaged on work of surfacing, and steam-rolling Road 2.7.

Ordered

That the Company be authorised to prepare a Policy at the premium quoted

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Immediately before the commencement of the business of the Council Mr John Murphy drew attention to the death of Mr Dunne's Sister-in-law, and also of Mrs Butler John St, aunt of Mr Butler; an officer of the Council, and proposed a vote of sympathy with both, which was seconded by Mr Hand, & passed in respectful silence.

Applications were received from the following Insurance Companies for the Fire Insurance business of the Council, the renewal of which falls due on 25th Inst:-

The Hibernian Fire Insurance Co. (with which Co. the business is) who quoted a premium of £10-7-9 less 15% if the Council agree to renew the Insurance for a period of five years.

The New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd who quoted a premium of 1/4 per cent.

The Irish Life & Gen. Assurance Co Ltd., The Irish National Assurance Co Ltd, & The Patriotic Assurance Co Ltd.

The three last named did not quote a premium only solicited the business.

In reply to the Chairman the Clerk stated that the

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the reduction of 15% off the premiums quoted by the Hibernian Company, if the business is continued for five years, will bring the premiums as low as the New Ireland, but Mr John Murphy was of opinion that the Council should not bind themselves to continue the Insurance with any Company for a specified period of five years.
Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr R. Power,

"That we leave things as"
"they are viz:- that the Insurance be continued"
"with the Hibernian Company, on condition that"
"they allow the 15% reduction unconditionally"
"as the Council do not feel justified in entering into"
"a Contract to continue the Insurance for a specified"
"period.

Mr Daniel Murphy, as an Amendment proposed,
"That the business be given to The New Ireland"
"Assurance Co. it being a purely Irish Company"

The Amendment was not seconded

The Chairman put the original resolution to the Meeting and it was passed - Mr Daniel Murphy dissenting.

Letters were received from Mrs Howard, & Nicholas Lambert acknowledging receipt of votes of sympathy passed with them at last meeting.

Letter from E.J. Burrow & Co Ltd dated 23rd ult. stating that they were producing Official hand books of towns and would like to include New Ross in the series, but the meeting decided not to authorize the publication of a hand book of the town.

Letter from Mr H.R. Hamilton dated 9th inst. informing the Council that at a meeting of the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital, held on 8th inst., Mary Furlong was elected an annuitant to fill a vacancy in the hospital,

He

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He understands the Council's nominee Mary McGrath would not have been eligible as she had not resided for twelve months in the District.

Mr Daniel Murphy stated that Mrs McGrath lived in New Ross and went to School to Mt Carmel Convent

Proposed by The Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Dooley

"That the Council assent to the"
"election of Mary Durlong to fill a vacancy at"
"the Hospital"

Passed unanimously

Mr John Murphy drew attention to the desirability of taking steps to ascertain if some houses for British Ex Service men can be built in the District as he understands there is a Fund in Existance for the purpose.

The Clerk submitted correspondence which had taken place between the Council and the Trust, and after a short discussion it was:-

Ordered

That the Clerk communicate again with the Secretary of the Trust and ascertain what action is being taken in reference to the matter.

Letter from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health dated 25th ult. relative to the cost of living bonus, and pointing out that the half-yearly review for the period commencing 1st Prox. is based on average cost of living figure of 90, same as for six months now ending
No order made.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr J Murphy:-
"I hereby give notice I will move at next meeting of"
"the Council that the Council consider the advisability"
"of changing the present system of Municipal"
"cleansing & street maintenance, and that all such"
"work be carried out by Contract or otherwise."

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It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Street Committee at 11 o'clock on the following morning to select site for Petrol Pump, application for permission to erect which has been made by Mr John Murphy (of Moran) John St.

It was pointed out that it would be necessary to obtain a further Instalment of the Grant of £500, otherwise there will be no money available to pay the workmen Engaged on the Scheme, the Estimated amount of wages up to the End of the present week being £80.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr Dooley

"That application be made"
"to The Ministry for a further Instalment of £300"

Passed unanimously

The Clerk submitted the Annual Demand of the County Council which amounted to £2654-16-6, as against £2243-4-9 for present financial year.

In the present Demand is included a sum of £461 for maintenence of the Main Roads in the Urban District transferred to the Co Council under The Local Government Act 1925.

He submitted a Draft Estimate of Poor Rate for year Ending 31st March 1927, based on the Co Council Demand from which it appeared that a rate of 7/4 in the £ will be necessary

After considerable discussion it was:-
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That a special meeting of"
"the Council be held on Thursday, 18th Inst. at 8 o'c."
"p.m. to consider, and if approved of, adopt the"
"Clerk's Estimate for year Ending 31st March, 1927, and"
"That a meeting of the Finance Committee be held"
"on Monday, 15th Inst. to consider it and also the"
"Rate collection."

Passed unanimously

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Attention was drawn to the serious inconvenience caused to the Public owing to the length of time the gates of the Level Crossing at Robercor are kept closed in connection with the passage of trains, and it was,
Ordered
That the special attention of the Company be called to the matter and they be requested to remedy the cause of complaint

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The consideration of the letter received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, dated 4th December, 1925 No P. 56407/1925 regarding the payment of rates by the Councils tenants, and stating that the Council should not postpone action in the matter as it is unlikely that any new legislation, even if passed, could have retrospective effect, was taken up, and after some discussion it was:-
Proposed by Mr Walsh, and,
Seconded by Mr P. Dooley,
"That the original"
"resolution - that the Down Rates be collected"
"from the Councils tenants - be carried out."

The Chairman put the resolution, and the following voted -
For - Messrs Walsh, John Murphy, Geo. Dooley, Roche, Doyle, and The Chairman 6
Against - Messrs Power, Cooney, P.L. Dooley 3
Messrs Hand & Daniel Murphy did not vote
The Chairman declared the resolution passed

The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner during the past week, also that the public lamps were lighting according to contract, but the one at Williams St is useless owing to its very feeble light.
Ordered
That the attention of the Gas Company be drawn to this lamp

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The Clerk submitted the weekly tenants rental sheets showing the amount of rent outstanding but there was- No Order made respecting it.

The Surveyor asked that he be authorised to issue orders for things he might require in connection with the Scheme, so as to save time sending to the Clerk for Official Orders, and on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Doyle, the necessary authority was given.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd March, 1926.

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Monday, 15th March, 1926

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock p.m. to consider Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1927

Present - Messrs E. D. Hearn Presiding
Daniel Murphy
and
Thomas Cooney.

The Clerk submitted his Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1927 amounting to 7/4 in the £ which the Committee examined in detail and on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Cooney, it was adopted by the Committee

The Committee also Examined lists of outstanding rates for 1924 & 25 and decided to recommend that sums of Poor Rate & Town Rate for 1924 amounting to £131-11-10 be cancelled and sums of Poor Rate & Town Rate for 1925 amounting to £116-5-2 be also cancelled.

Of the outstanding rates submitted the Committee carried forward the remainder in which was included the Town Rates of the Council's tenants, to the carrying forward of which Messrs Cooney & Murphy dissented

The Meeting adjourned.

D. M. Hoffman

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Thursday, 18th March 1926

A special meeting of the Council was held this evening at 8 oclock p.m. to transact business:- consider, and if approved of, adopt, Clerks Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1927, and transact business in connection with the preparation of Poor Rate Estimate for same year.

Present:- Messrs P. N. Gorman, Presiding
John Hand
James E. Walsh
Richard Power,
Daniel Murphy
Vincent A. Doyle
Charles D. Hearn
and
Thomas Cooney

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 9th March 1926, No P. 9026/1926 stating that the Poor Surveyor's salary (or such portion thereof as the Council may determine) should be included in the Estimate for Roads, as also the appropriate portion of the cost of collection of rates, and uncollectable rate, and all Expenditure affecting roads may be included in due proportion.

Ordered

That one-third of the Surveyor's salary be apportioned to roads, the remainder to other services in proper proportion; and also the appropriate cost of collection of rates and uncollectable rate.

The Clerk submitted the Poor Rate Estimate for financial year ending 31st March 1927, amounting to 4/4 in the £. and after some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and,
Seconded by Mr Cooney,

"That the Clerks Estimate"
"of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March"
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"1927, now before us, amounting to seven shillings"
"and four pence in the £. be adopted, and that"
"he publish the necessary notices, and take the"
"necessary steps to have said rate made."

Passed unanimously

The Dowry Surveyor's Annual Estimate for the maintenence of the Urban Roads, amounting to £ 701, which was adjourned from Quarterly meeting of the Council, held on 26th January, 1926, was considered in connection with the preparation of the Down Rate Estimate for year ending 31st March 1927, and after considerable discussion the following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and
Seconded by Mr Hearn,

"That the Surveyor's Annual"
"Estimate be reduced by £300."

To this the following Amendment was:-

Proposed by Mr Cooney, and,
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy.

"That it be reduced"
"by £160."

A vote was taken on the Amendment, and the following voted:-

For — Messrs Power, Hand, D Murphy & Cooney 4
Against - Messrs Hearn, Walsh, Doyle & The Chairman 4

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the Amendment and declared it lost.

Mr Daniel Murphy drew attention to the fact that for week ending 13th March seventeen men were not paid for the half-holiday because they only worked five and one-quarter days instead of five and one half days, and stated that the men were on the works and ready to work at the proper time.

The Surveyor agreed that it was not the fault of the men that

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that the full time was not worked, but rather to want of available tools for all the men taken on.

After some discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand,

"That these men be paid for
"the half-holiday under the circumstances."

Passed unanimously

With reference to allowing all the men working on the Scheme a half-holiday in the present week, in which St Patrick's day occurs, on account of which they cannot work five and a half days it was:-

Ordered

That all those men who work five full days in this week be allowed the half-holiday.

The Clerk pointed out that Patrick Carroll, one of the Council's workmen, whose weekly wages is 45/- was working on the Scheme under the Unemployment Grant of £5.00., and as the wages to be paid to these men was only 35/- he asked for authority to pay him his full wages of 45/-

Ordered

That Carroll be paid his usual weekly wage of 45/-

It was decided to consider the Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate for year ending 31st March, 1927, at meeting of Council to held on 23rd Inst., and to hold a meeting of the Finance Committee to consider it on Monday 22nd Inst. at 7.30 o'clock.

This concluded the business, and,

The Members separated.

M. O'Gorman

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Monday, 22nd March, 1926

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m., to transact business, and consider Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate for financial year Ending 31st March, 1927.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Thomas Cooney
Charles D. Hearn
Daniel Murphy
and
John Murphy.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing amount of rates outstanding at 13th Inst. for years 1924, 1925, & 1926 as also estimated amounts uncollectable for these years viz:-

Rate outstanding at date for year ending 31/3/26 —	£2643-15-2		
Less Estimated uncollectable	700-0-0		£1943-15-2
Outstanding 31/3/25	£859-3-1		
Already cancelled	461-17-8	£497-5-5	
Less Estimated uncollectable		297-5-5	200-0-0
Outstanding for year 31/3/24	£928-18-0		
Already cancelled	461-17-8	£467-0-4	
Less Estimated uncollectable		300-0-0	167-0-4
Year Ending 31/3/1923 Balance Estimates good			8-0-0

Ordered

That the Clerk furnish to meeting of the Council to be held tomorrow evening a statement showing the total amount of rates actually cancelled up to the present for the financial years ended 31st March 1923, 1924, & 1925

That we recommend the Council to direct the Collector to collect all possible rates by the 31st Inst., and that a meeting of the Finance Committee be held on Tuesday

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Tuesday, 6th April, to deal with the collection.

The Clerk also submitted his Estimate of Town Rate for year ending 31st March 1927, amounting to six shillings and ninepence in the £, which the Committee examined in detail, and on the proposal of Mr Hearn, Seconded by Mr Cooney decided to recommend its adoption to the Council, after which

The meeting adjourned.

Pat Lennon

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Tuesday, 23rd March 1926

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr John Murphy viz:-

"That the Council consider the"
"advisability of changing the present system"
"of Municipal Cleansing and street maintenence,"
"and that all such work be carried out by"
"Contract or otherwise."

and also consider, and if approved of, adopt, Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1927.

Present:- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman Presiding
George Dooley
Laurence Dooley
Vincent A. Doyle
Michael Roche
Patrick J. Dunne
Charles D'Hearne
John Murphy
James E. Walsh
Thomas Cooney
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
and
Austin A. Butler

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, Messrs Dunne & Roche and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 323 Petty Cash £35-16-9. No 324 Gas & Elct Co. £156-17-9
" 325 Do (Grant A/c) £156-17-9.

'Roads' A Paying Order for £200, being second instalment of Grant for Relief Scheme, was received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, and ordered to be lodged

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lodged to the credit of the Grants a/c of the Council.

A Paying Order for £145-10-7 was ordered to be issued to the Clerk out of this account in reinstatement of amount already paid men working on the Scheme

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 9th Inst. No PLi 109 stating that he will raise no objection to the employment of a Timekeeper in connection with the Scheme at a weekly wage of 35/-
No order made

Letter from same dated 12th Inst. requesting to be informed what portion of the Grant will remain unexpended on the 31st Inst.

The Clerk stated that this information was furnished on receipt of the letter, and there was—
No order made on it

Letter from same dated 19th Inst. No. PLi/109 stating that all accounts under the Grant must be discharged by 31st Inst.

Letter from same dated 20th Inst. stating that a final requisition should be furnished on 24th Inst. showing the total actual expenditure up to that date, and also an Estimate of the amount likely to be expended for the remainder of the months.
Ordered

That a final requisition be furnished together with the particulars asked for

Letter from the District Engineer, G.S. Southern Railways, dated 19th Inst. stating that the Railway Sleepers ordered will be at New Ross about the 26th Inst.
No Order made

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Letter from the Hibernian Insurance Co dated 11th Inst. quoting a premium of £3-14-0 for Insurance of workmen Engaged on the Scheme including blasting, and a second letter dated 20th Inst. stating that their quotation of £3-14-0 was a typeographical error and should be £5-14-0.

The Clerk stated that the Company had been previously directed to issue a Policy covering the risk.

No Order made.

Municipal

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 20th Inst. No 50172/25 forwarding copy of The Rating of New Buildings Order 1926.

No order made

Letter from the Acting Secretary of the County Dublin Co Council dated 15th Inst. forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Council at its meeting on the 8th February last relative to the effects of Section 69 of The Local Government Act 1925 in the matter of rates.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Geo Dooley

"That the resolution,"
"of which the following is a copy, be adopted"
"by this Council "viz:- Resolved
"That this Council and reconstructing"
"is of opinion that the system of Exempting New"
"Buildings enacted by Section 69 of the Local"
"Government Act 1925, is most inequitable, and the"
"Council urges The Minister for Local Government"
"to take steps to have the law altered, so that"
"Buildings erected previous to the passage of"
"the Act should not be Exempt from rates."

Passed unanimously.

Letter from The Irish Life & General Insurance Co. dated 19th Inst. stating that as The Hibernian Company may not be in a position to agree to the terms of the Council their

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they should like to have their Company considered.

They will be prepared to allow a reduction of 10% in the premiums at present payable to the Hibernian, and also an Agency Commission of 15% making a total of 25% off the premiums, and do not ask any guarantee.

The Clerk submitted copy of letter forwarded to the Hibernian Co, after last meeting informing them that the Council had decided to continue the Insurance with them provided they allowed the 15% off the premium unconditionally, and a wire was received from them today quoting a net premium of £8-16-6 viz 15% off the full premium in agreement with the Clerk's letter which it was understood was an acceptance of the condition of the Council, and the matter was not further considered.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 11th Inst. stating that acting on the Council's Instructions they applied to the owners of "The Uncle Ned" for damages caused to the Bridge by the Vessel, and also had interview with the Reps of the Owners who stated he would bring the matter before them with a view to settlement, but pointed out that as the vessel was not in charge of their Captain but was in charge of a duly licensed Pilot, the owners were not liable. They think that if this point is raised the Council will not succeed.

They have written again to the Owners but received no reply.

No order made pending a possible reply by the owners to the Solicitors letter.

Letter from Mr John M'Donald, Rathmines Dublin dated 21st Inst., tendering, with much regret, his resignation as a member of the Council, as he finds his business will not allow him to attend meetings of the Council regularly

H/E Enclosed the fine of one shilling

Proposed by Mr Dunne, and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That"

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"That we hereby declare a vacancy Exists in"
"the Council owing to the resignation of Mr John"
"McDonald."

Passed unanimously

The declaration of the vacancy was signed by the Chairman and Messrs P. J Dunne, & John Murphy, and countersigned by the Clerk, and it was—

Ordered

That Notice be given of same by posting a copy of it on the outer door of the Hotel.

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to be held on 6th prox. to co-opt a member in room of Mr McDonnell.

An application dated 15th Inst. was received from Mr Scallan, Wexford, for the use of a room in the Hotel on 6th Prox. for the purpose of holding a Revision Court.
On the proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by Mr Dunne the application was granted

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The application of Mr John Murphy, John St for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises at South End of foot path was again adjourned as The Street Committee who met to select a Site have not yet decided upon it.

A letter was received from The S. Southern Railways acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of Complaint respecting the length of time the gates of the level crossing at Rosbercon are often kept closed.

The Clerk stated that the Company's Inspector, Mr Delaney, called to the Office on Saturday last, and stated the matter complained of was being investigated, but owing to the strictures of the Board of Trade regulations it was necessary to have them closed before the actual arrival and Departure of the trains,

He also asked to be informed of the arrangements made between

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between the Council and the Railway Co. when the Level Crossing was originally constructed, and the Clerk promised to let him know, as soon as possible.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Dooley,

"That the Street Inspector"
"occasionally take the length of time, especially"
"on Fair days, during which the gates are closed"
"as this information may be useful later on in"
"case the Council decide to take any action in"
"the matter"

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Rate Collector dated 23rd Inst. Enclosing seven Warrants of Execution returned to him by Denis Daly who Endorsed them that the Defendants had no Goods.

The Collector pointed out that any future costs in connection with the cases are to be borne by the Urban Council. There are sixteen warrants still in the hands of the Court Messenger for Executions.

After a short discussion it was—

Ordered

That they be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

A letter dated 22nd Inst. was received from The Secretary of the New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co. asking to let him have a cheque before 31st Inst. for a/c furnished for Public Lighting to 31st December as the Company are closing their a/cs to that date, and he is anxious to have it settled before then.

The Clerk Explained that Funds were not available to pay it at last Finance meeting, but there is now sufficient to the credit of the Council to pay it.

Mr Cooney drew attention to the cost of lighting the town which he considered very high, and after some discussion it was

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the Account be paid"
"at this meeting."

Passed unanimously

The following resolution of which due notice was given was considered viz:-

"That the Council consider"
"the advisability of changing the present system"
"of Municipal Cleansing and Street Maintenence"
"and that all such work be carried out by Contract"
"or Otherwise."

Mr Murphy having spoken to his motion, formally proposed it, and it was Seconded by Mr Dooley.

Messrs Cooney, Daniel Murphy, and Butler, having spoken in opposition to the change, the following Amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr Butler, and,
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That matters remain"
"as they are."

The Amendment was put to a vote when the following voted:-
For - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, D Murphy, Butler & Hand. 5
Against - Messrs Geo Dooley, John Murphy, Doyle,
Walsh, Hearn, Dunne, Roche, & The Chairman. 8.

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost.

He formally put the original resolution, and declared it past by the same voting.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Walsh,

"That the question be referred to"
"a Joint meeting of the Finance Street Committee to"
draft

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"draft a Scheme, and submit it with a report"
"to next meeting of the Council to be held on 6th April"

Passed by same voting.

Mr Cooney handed in the following Notice of Motion viz:-
"I beg to give Notice that I will move at next"
"meeting that Mr Murphy's resolution in reference"
"to Street Scavenging be rescinded"

Mr Butler also gave Notice that he will move at next meeting "That the resolution imposing the Town Rate' on the Council's tenants in violation of their written and sealed Agreement be rescinded and that the old Arangement be adhered to during the Existence of the present tenancies."

Ordered

That the Members of the Council be summoned to consider these at next meeting.

At this stage of the meeting the Chairman left in order to keep an appointment, and the Chair was taken by Mr George Dowley.

The Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate, amounting to 6/9 in the £, which had been adopted by the Finance Committee, was submitted for consideration and it was:-
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Walsh

"That the consideration and"
"adoption of the Estimate be adjourned until after"
"the Street & Finance Committee has reported upon"
"the Scheme referred to, and the Notice of Motion,"
"handed in by Mr Cooney dealt with."

Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney.

"That the Clerk's Estimate of"
"Town Rate be adopted now."

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The Amendment was put to a vote, and the following voted :-

For - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, D Murphy, & Butler 4.

Against - Messrs J Murphy, Doyle, Walsh, Hearn, Lunne, Roche & Dooley. 7.

Mr Hand did not vote

The Chairman declared the Amendment defeated, and having formally put the original resolution declared it passed

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The Rate Collector reported that during the three weeks ending 23rd March he collected £8-3-9 in Instalments

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The Street Inspector reported that during the past two weeks the Daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the Public Lamps were lighting at night according to contract.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 6th April, 1926.

E W Forman

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Monday 29th March 1926

A Meeting of the Street and finance Committee acting as a joint Committee was held in the Council Office at 8 o'clock P.M. to draft a Scheme for the proposed cleansing and maintenance of the Streets by Contract and report to the Council.

Present :- Messrs. P. N. O'Gorman Chairman of the Council, Presiding
Thomas Cooney
Daniel Murphy
C. D. Hearn.
Michael Roche
and
John Murphy.

Mr. Cooney at the outset drew attention to a reply given by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to Alderman Corish recently in the Dail in which he stated that the question of a contributory Pensions Scheme for employees by Urban Authorities was under consideration. In view of this Mr Cooney asked that the consideration of the preparation of the Scheme be deferred with a view to the postponement for six months of the proposed alteration in the System of cleansing.

After considerable discussion the majority of the joint Committee decided that the postponement of the proposed alteration in the system of cleansing etc was a matter for the Council and should be dealt with by them. Accordingly the following Scheme was prepared:-

That the work to be carried out be divided into three parts- each to form a separate contract. viz :-

(1). Cleansing of Streets and Surface Traps.

(2). Cleansing of Ashpits

(3). Drawing stones sand and gravel from depots in Urban Area to wherever required in the area at per ton, also scraping of mud off Streets, removal of same to be carried out as required by the Town Surveyor.

Divide the town into two areas :- Upper and Lower for the purpose of the removal of contents of dust bins, and cleansing of Streets which is to consist of removal of loose papers, or other refuse from them.

All householders to provide covered dust bins the contents of which will be removed every alternate day.

On the lower portion of the town the cleansing and removal of contents of dust bins to be carried out on Tuesday Thursday

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Could you place on Finance Committee?

To
The Chairman and Members.
The New Ross Urban Council

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and Saturday, work to begin at 8 o'clock A.M. on the following Streets, (by which time all dust bins are to be out viz): Commencing at Newtown, Priory Street, Priory Lane, Quay ~~St.~~ to Marsh Lane Marsh Lane, South St. to Charles St. including Sugar House Lane and Lady Lane, Charles St. and back on Quay to Marsh Lane and is expected to be completed in this area by 11-30.

On the following streets (ash bins are to be out at work to begin 9.15 a.m.) when the cleansing will be proceeded with, viz:- Commencing at Rosbercon, The Bridge, Bridge St, John St, Colly Row, North St, Coopers Lane, Lower Mary St, Quay St, Conduit Lane, and the Lane leading from that to South St, South St. to Charles St, and the portion of the Quay from Charles St. to the Bridge. All this work to be finished by 11 o'clock a.m. 11-30

Divide the remainder of the town into two areas :- Following streets to be cleansed on Tuesday

One area to consist of William St. Charleton Hill, Wexford St. Cross Lane, Neville St. Michael St. Robert St. Bowley St. Windmill Lane and Nunnery Lane.

Second area :- Mary St, Barrack St, Chapel Lane, Church Lane, Houghton Place, Abbey View, Bullawn, and High Hill, Maiden Lane, Jolly House Lane, Irishtown and Mount Garrett Lane. These streets to be cleansed, and contents of Ash bins removed, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Cleansing of ashpits to be contracted for at -per ashpit. all those reported by the Sanitary Sub-Officer as requiring to be cleaned shall be cleaned by the Contractor, the owner to be charged two shillings for each, same to be payable in advance at the office of the Council's Collector. All manure or street refuse carted to the depots shall be made up into heaps of about one hundred cubic yards by the respective contractors. Any work, for the carrying out of which a contract has been entered, and which is not complied with, same will be carried out by the Council at the expense of the Contractor.

Casual Labour:-

In the event of it being necessary to have work carried out, which is not included in any of the Contracts, men may be employed temporarily by the Town Surveyor for same.

It is considered desirable to ascertain if the manure yard on Quay formerly in the Council's possession can be rented again, and if so at what rent per annum.

Proposed.

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Proposed by The Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr. Roche

"That the foregoing Scheme be"
"submitted to the Council for consideration".

Passed.

Messrs D. Murphy, and Cooney, dissenting to the preparation of any Scheme.

The Meeting Adjourned.

Approved

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Tuesday, 30th March, 1926.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day at 8 o'clock p.m. to nominate a representative to confer with the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman of the County Council, and the County Surveyor, as to the conditions and terms upon which the Main Roads in the Urban Districts are to be maintained, and also to transact business in connection with the Grant of £500 including payment of Accounts if same.

Present

Messrs P. J. O'Gorman, Presiding
Laurence Dooley
Austin A. Butler
Thomas Cooney
Daniel Murphy,
Richard Power
Charles D. Hearn
John Murphy
C. A. and Doyle

Letter from the Secretary, Wexford Co Council, dated 23rd Inst. forwarding the following copy of a resolution passed by the Roads Committee of the County Council on the 22nd Inst viz :-

"That the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy"
"New Ross, and Wexford, be requested to nominate"
"Each a Representative to confer with the Chairman"
"and Vice-Chairman of the County Council and the"
"Co. Surveyor in connection with the terms & conditions"
"upon which Main Roads in Urban Districts are to"
"be maintained. That the Co Surveyor fix a date for"
"conference."

Proposed by Mr Cooney, and
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That no action be taken."

Do which the following amendment was:-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That we appoint a representative"

The amendment was put to a vote when the following voted:-

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For – Messrs John Murphy, Power & The Chairman 3
Against – Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley D. Murphy and Butler 4

The Amendment was declared defeated, and the original resolution passed

Those taking part in the division were the only members present at this stage of the meeting.

A Circular letter dated 24th March No RL/207 was received from the Minister for Local Government pointing out that all payments on foot of Relief Grants & Local Contributions in so far as Expenditure under such Grants & Contributions is incurred up to 31st Inst. must be discharged by that date. It should be clearly understood that any sum or sums after 31st Inst. out of the amount paid by the Department on foot of the Grant must be returned to the Exchequer. A statement should be furnished to that office by 10th prox. showing the position under the Grant and local Contribution.

A discussion took place respecting the means to be adopted in order to complete the Extension of the Sewer at Rosbercon, being portion of the Scheme, under the Grant approved of by the Ministry, the balance of the Grant being insufficient.

The Clerk reported that the amount paid out in wages, N. Health & Unemployment Insurance, and repairs to tools was £284-4-10; on his hands in Petty Cash Account for payment of Workmens' wages £21-5-9, & Cash in Bank £224-9-5.

The Town Surveyor Estimated that the cost of completing the Extension of the Sewer will be about £80 & after a short discussion it was:-
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That application be made to the"
"Minister for Local Government & Public Health for a"
"supplemental Grant of £80, this being the Sum Estimated"
"by the Town Surveyor as necessary to complete the Scheme"
"furnished to the Minister on the 25th February last."

Passed unanimously

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The following accounts for goods actually supplied for use in the Scheme, and also tar hire to Waterford & Wexford for Explosives were ordered to be paid on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by the Chairman viz:- Lead Wool Co. £4-6-8, P.J. Murphy £1-0-0, John Fitzpatrick £1-0-0 M. Hutchinson & Son £1-17-7. James Rossiter £1-7-6 & 2/3/8/8 Sins Watkins & Co. £2-5-6, J. B. Hearne £1-16-5, Gleeson & Dea & Co £1-4-0, Bryan Hennessy £3-1-9, Hibernian Insurance Co £5-14-0, D. O'Brien S/, Stephen Carroll £8-15-4, Wexford Co. Council £5. Robert Power £18-2-2. Wm Power & Co £3-1-4 James Power & Co £1-15-0

With reference to the payment of goods contracted for, but some of which had not yet been received, a discussion to place and the members were of opinion that as they had been contracted for as necessary for the carrying out of the Scheme the purchase of them was a liability incurred and should be paid for by the 31st Inst. Accordingly it was:-
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and.
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the following"

"accounts be paid viz:-
Graves & Co £95-2-1 (Delivery of all these goods has not been taken owing to the want of storage accomodation) Dongt & Taggart £15-10-0, Glenfield & Kennedy £36-12-3, G. Southern Railways £5. Blakeborough & Sons £8-4-2 On a/c.

Passed unanimously

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Cooney & Butler & the following Pay Orders directed to be issued out of Grant A/c viz:- (See above)

It was reported that one of the workmen George Cullen- met with an accident owing to a stone falling on his head, as a result of which he was idle for a day & a half, & it was
Proposed by Mr D. Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That George Cullen be paid for"

the

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"the day and a half as he was prevented from"
"working for this time through no fault of his own"
Passed unanimously

It was also reported that Nicholas Murphy, Crossfane was accidentally injured at the Sewer Excavation and is unable to work.
Ordered
That the Insurance to be notified of it.

A discussion took place respecting the steps to be taken in order to complete the Extension of the Sewer by laying of Sewer Water Main pipes & filling of Trench
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by the Chairman
"That Eight men be employed"
"in addition to two Night watchmen, so that the"
"work may be proceeded with, the wages of same to"
"be paid out of the General Afc of the Council, same"
"to be recouped in the event of the Supplemental Grant"
"of £80, applied for, being paid.
Passed unanimously

It was stated that Thomas Murphy was not paid for the half-holiday, week Ending 13th March & it was ordered that - if not - he be paid

Mr J. Murphy handed in a Notice that he will move at next meeting of the Council that the resolution passed at this meeting not to appoint a representative to confer with Chairman of Co Council re Main Roads be rescinded.

It was pointed out that as the next meeting of the Council will be held on the 6th April the members could not have seven clear days notice of the proposal in the meantime & consequently it could not be considered at that meeting.

He then proposed that a special meeting be held on

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Thursday 8th April for the purpose of considering it. The proposition was seconded by the Chairman and put to a vote when the following voted

For- Messrs Hearn, Doyle, J. Murphy & The Chairman 4

Against- Messrs Cooney, Butler, Power, D. Murphy & L. Dooley 5

The resolution was declared lost.

This concluded the business of the meeting, and

The members separated.

P. O'Connell

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An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, to consider report and Draft Scheme of Joint Committee in reference to cleansing & scavenging of Streets, co-opt a member on the Council in room of Mr John McDonald, resigned, the following Notices of Motion were

By Mr Cooney :-

"That Mr Murphy's resolution in reference to Street Scavenging be rescinded"

By Mr Butler :-

"That the resolution imposing the Town Rate on the Council's tenants, in violation of their written and sealed agreement be rescinded, and that the old arrangement be adhered to during the existence of the present tenancies."

Present

Messrs Peter N. O'Gorman Presiding
Thomas Cooney
John Murphy
Austin A. Butler
Daniel Murphy
John Hand
Vincent A. Doyle
Laurence Dooley
Michael Roche
George Dooley
Patrick J Dunne
James E. Walsh and

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority was signed and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:- No 1 Petty Cash £35.6.4, No 2 Petty Cash £90. (Road Grant T.12 a/c)

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Correspondence

"Roads" Letter from the Co. Surveyor dated 31st ult. addressed to the Town Surveyor suggesting that the latter take over charge of the Main Roads in the Urban Area pending the holding of a conference between the representatives of Urban Districts and the County Council as to the terms of letting of Main Roads in the Urban Areas to Each of the three Urban Councils.

The Agreement will be on the lines of the ordinary County specification

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,

Seconded by Mr Jno Dooley

"That the Town Surveyor"

"be instructed to take over charge of the Main"

"Roads in the Urban Area in accordance"

"with the letter of the Co. Surveyor"

Do which the following amendment was:-

Proposed by Mr Cooney, and

Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That the roads"

"remain as they are."

The Amendment was put to a vote when the following voted

For — Messrs L. Dooley, Butler, Cooney, D. Murphy, and Hand. 5

Against Messrs Walsh, P. Dooley, J. Murphy, Doyle, Dunne, Roche, and The Chairman 7.

The Amendment was defeated

The Chairman formally put the original resolution to the meeting and declared it passed

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With reference to the resolution passed at the special meeting of the Council held on 31st ult. refusing to appoint a representative to confer with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Co Council & the Co Surveyor in connection with the terms & conditions upon which the Main Roads in the Urban District are to

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to be maintained, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr Dooley viz

"That the resolution"
"passed by the Urban Council refusing to appoint"
"a representative to meet representatives of County"
"Council in connection with the maintenance of"
"Streets in the Urban Area, be rescinded, and that"
"a representative be appointed."

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the County Council"
"be informed that Notice of Motion has been served"
Passed unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 27th ult No IR/107/1 stating that with the information before him he cannot see his way to grant an order authorising the temporary closing of Sections of Trunk Road D12 in the Urban District for a period of two months
No order made

In connection with the carrying out of the steam-rolling and repair of this section it was pointed out that it would be impossible for the Town Surveyor to keep the time of the men Engaged at it and attend to his other duties including the work in connection with the completion of the Sewer on School House Road Rosbercon, and it was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That the Minister be requested to"
"sanction the continuance, at a weekly wage of 35/-,"
"of the Employment of the timekeeper under the Relief Scheme"
"of £500, in the same capacity under this Scheme, the work"
"of which was commenced on Monday, as the Council are"
"of opinion it would be impossible for the Town Surveyor to"
"keep the time of the men employed at this work, superintend the"
"carrying out of same, and attend to his other duties"
Passed unanimously

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"Municipal" A letter, dated 1st Inst. was received from Mrs M.J. Moran, John St. asking the Council to request the Commissioner of Valuation to determine what proportion of the valuation of £50 applies to the new Garage Building
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That application be made"
"to the Commissioner of Valuation to determine"
"what proportion of the annual rateable value"
"of the premises rated in the name of M.J. Moran"
"John St, New Ross shall for the purpose of sub-"
"section (2) of Section 69 of The Local Government"
"Act 1925 be deemed to be the valuation of a"
"new Garage Building included in this"
"rating"

Passed unanimously

In reference to the application of Mr John Murphy for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises in John St it was
Ordered

That a meeting of the Street Committee be held on following day at 11 o'clock to inspect the place & make a recommendation to the Council as to the site to be selected for it.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government Public Health dated 23rd Inst. No P. 10162/1926 acknowledging receipt of Form 66 to 28th ult from which he observed that out of a total warrant of £5,856 in respect of the current year the large sum of £2828 is still outstanding.

He pointed out that the Council should urge the Collector to proceed with more diligence with his collection so that the warrant may be closed by the 31st and a determined effort should also be made to collect the arrears of rates from previous years.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he notified the Collector of the direction of the Minister contained in it. He also submitted a statement showing the

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the state of the Rate Collection at close of financial year – 31st ultimo – as follows

Total amount outstanding for year 31/3/26 £2004 - 8 - 8

Same for year ending 31/3/25 after cancellation of £345 - 12 - 6 £502 - 8 - 1

For year ended 31/3/24 after cancellation of £361-19-9 £345-12-6 – £418 - 19 - 8

Ordered

That the Collector proceed with the collections of the rates with all diligence and that a statement of all the rates outstanding for years 1924 & 25 be submitted on the proper forms to the meeting of the Council to be held on 27th Inst., a meeting of the Finance Committee to be held in the meantime to deal with the arrears for those years

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"Roads" A Paying Order for £600 was received from the Minister of Finance through the Wexford County Council being an Instalment of the Grant of £1200 allocated to the Urban Council for the carrying out of the Steam-rolling of Section of Road D.12. in the Urban Area

Ordered-That it be lodged to the credit of the Council in an Account to be called Road Grant D.12 Yr.

Proposed by the Chairman, and

Seconded by Mr J. Murphy

"That a Paying Order"

"for £90 be issued to the Clerk out of this account"

"as an advance on account of Petty Cash for"

"payment of workmen's wages Engaged on the work."

Passed unanimously

"Municipal" Letter from the Secretary S. Southern Railways dated 24th ult stating that he had made Enquiries in regard to the working of the level crossing gates at Rosbercon and does not find that any avoidable delay to traffic occurs. If the Council will furnish specific instances in which unreasonable delay is alleged the matter will have further consideration

In reply to the Chairman the Street Inspector stated that he was taking a note of the time that traffic was

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was being delayed, and would submit a return of same to next meeting, in which would be included that taken on the Fair day.

The consideration of the Notice of Motion by Mr Cooney - "That Mr Murphy's resolution re Street Scavenging be rescinded" was taken up but the motion was formally withdrawn by him.

He however urged the Council not to proceed with the Scheme as it might result in the unemployment of the workmen, some of whom were a long time in the service of the Council, and suggested that it be adjourned for six months.

An application dated 6th Inst. was received from Mr Daniel Hanley for permission to hold the Irish Industrial Exhibition in the two rooms on the ground floor of Kobek, the use of which will be required from 21st to 25th of May. Permission was also asked to use part of the pathway between Doyles & Hogans if necessary.
Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney.

"That the use of the two rooms"
"be granted for the purpose of the Industrial"
"Exhibition, also the consent of the Council"
"to the use of the footpath"

Passed unanimously

A Tender was received from Messrs Moran Bros to supply 100 workmen's sheets for 16/-, 350 Paying Orders, in books, for 16/6, and twelve official Order Books interleaved for 30/-
Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That the Tender of Messrs Moran"
"Bros. for the supply of these be accepted"

Passed unanimously

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An application was received from Mr James O'Byrne on behalf of the Banow Dance Club for the use of the two rooms on the ground floor of The Hotel for their annual dance on Sunday 18th Inst.

The Chairman ruled that as there was a resolution passed by the Council refusing the uses of the rooms for the purpose, the application could not be entertained until that resolution was rescinded

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The following resolution, of which due notice was given, was
Proposed by Mr Butler, and
Seconded by Mr Laurence Dooley.

"That the resolution"
"imposing the Tour Rate on the Council's tenants"
"in violation of their written and sealed agreement"
"be rescinded, and that the old arrangement be"
"adhered to during the existence of the present"
"tenancies."

A Poll was taken on it and the following voted :-

For :-	Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, Butler, Dillinphy & Hans	5
Against -	Messrs Walsh, T. Dooley, John Murphy, Doyle, Roche and The Chairman	6

Mr Dunne did not vote.
The Chairman declared the resolution defeated

Co-option of a Councillor

Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr Walsh

"That Mr Joseph Roche, Quay"
"St. be co-opted a Councillor in room of Mr McDonald"
"resigned."

Passed unanimously

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A Draft Scheme for the scavenging of the Streets and Surface Traps, cleansing of Ashpits, and drawing of metalling &c prepared by the Joint Committee at their meeting held on the 29th ult., and which is fulled in detail in the Minutes of that meeting, was considered and after a short discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and
Seconded by Mr Doyle

"That the Scheme drafted by"
"the Committee for the Cleansing of the Streets"
"&c be adopted and carried out."

To which the following amendment was —
Proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney

"That the carrying out of this"
"Scheme be adjourned for six months."

A vote was taken on the amendment when the following voted :-

For — Messrs Hand, D Murphy, Butler, Dooley, Cooney 5
Against — Messrs Walsh, T. Dooley, J. Murphy, Doyle, Dunne,
Roche, & The Chairman. 7

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.
He then formally put the original resolution and declared it Passed

Proposed by Mr Doyle, and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy.

"That Tenders be invited"
"for carrying out the work of the Scheme, same to"
"be considered at meeting of the Council to be held"
"on 27th Inst. The Contractor who may be accepted for"
"the scavenging of Streets &c to be required to enter"
"into a Bond with one surety of £200 or two sureties"
"of £100 Each for the due performance of the Contract. For"
"Each of the other Contracts two sureties of £50 Each"
"or one of £100 to be provided"
Intending Contractors may tender for all the work or

for

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for Each portion of it."

Passed unanimously

The Town Surveyor requisitioned for two dozen of Stab Lock Covers and, after a short discussion it was —
Ordered

That they be procured from Mrs Hennessy if she is willing to supply them at the same price as those recently purchased from her.

At this stage the business of the meeting had concluded, and the Chairman and some Members had retired, when it was mentioned by a member that he desired to move a resolution. Mr Geo Dooley was accordingly moved to the Chair, and it was
Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy.

"That we Tender to"
"Mr Daniel Murphy a respected member"
"of the Council, our sincere sympathy and"
"condolence on the death of his cousin, Mr Thos"
"Murphy, William St., and to assure him that"
"we deeply regret his death."

Passed in respectful silence

P.H. O'Gorman

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 13th April 1926.

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A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1878.

Present

Messrs P. A. O'Gorman Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
Michael Roche
Charles D'Hearn
George Dooley
Vincent Doyle
Joseph Roche
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
Thomas Cooney,
and
James E. Walsh.

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority Down was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Dunne & Roche, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 3.	P. Tahan	£6 5 19 4		No 4.	G.S. Southern Rlys	£176 1 5
" 5	Independent Newspapers	£1 12 0.		" 6	Petty Cash (T.12)	£34 11 6
" 7	John I. Browne	£1 19 0		" 8	John I. Browne	£3 14 5
" 9	Dinothy Doran	£2 3 4.		" 10	Thos. Butler	£7 10 0
" 11	Thos. Butler	£5 8 4.		" 12	Jas I. Shortall	£17 8 8
" 13	P.J. Dinn	£19 11 8		" 14	P.J. Dinn	£6 5 0
" 15	Same	£1 17 6		" 16	Same	£6 8 10
" 17	Petty Cash (Sewer)	£29 3 6		" 18	Petty Cash	£16 7 10
" 19	M. Hutchinson & Son	£4 14 9		" 20	D. J. Hanley	£2 10 0
" 21	J. B. Hearne	£13 7 1		" 22	Bryan Hennessy	£42 7 3
" 23	J. Power & Co	£16 11 9		" 24	P.J. Kennedy	£13 8 3
" 25	P.J. Kennedy	£13 8 2		" 26	Same	£5 10 6
" 27	J. O'Regan	£3 16 0		" 28	L. Barron	£10 9 0
" 29	Secty School Attd Ctte	£4 3 4		" 30	Jos Rossiter	£9 14 6
" 31	Hibernian Insce Co	£8 16 6		" 32	St Stephens Ctte	£15 0 0

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No 33 D.J. Morrissey £51-12-0. No 34 Wexford Co Co £560-16-2
" 35 Michael Fitzgerald £30.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 10th Inst. advising that payment of £200 in respect of the unemployment Grant of £500 was made on 27th ult. and it was presumed that the accounts were closed on the 31st in view of the terms upon which the Grant was made, any sum remaining unexpended on the 1st Inst should be returned to the Exchequer.
No order made as particulars of the Expenditure had been furnished.

Letter from the Co Surveyor dated 12th Inst. informing the Council that the Conference for the Representatives from Urban Districts, and the Co. Council representatives will take place in the Council Chamber on the 15th Inst, and asking that representatives of the Urban Area be notified to be present with all necessary particulars in regard to maintenence of main roads.

After some discussion it was —
Proposed by Mr Doyle and
Seconded by Mr Walsh.

"That the Chairman of the"
"Council and the Town Surveyor attend the"
"Conference on behalf of the Council."

Passed unanimously

A letter was also received from the Secretary County Council, dated 9th Inst. acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the seventh advising that a Notice of Motion had been given to rescind the resolution passed by the Council refusing to appoint a representative to attend the conference relative to the future maintenence of Main Roads in the Urban Districts.
No order made

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The Street Committee who met on the 7th Inst to consider the most suitable site upon which the Petrol Pump, which Mr John Murphy, John St, applied for permission to erect, might be erected upon, and which consisted of Messrs John Hand, George Dooley, and Michael Roche, recommended that the most suitable site for the pump would be in the kerb at North side of Little Hill, about four feet from the corner of footpath.

They also reported that it was brought to their knowledge that numerous complaints were made concerning the present position of the Electric Light Standard outside North Corner of Royal Hotel and they recommend that the Electric Light Co be requested to remove it from its present position, and re-erect it at the corner of John St and Bridge St.

After some discussion during which Mr Hand enquired whether an Agreement Existed between the Electric Light Co and the Council respecting the erection of the Standards it was:—

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

"That the report of the"
"Committee be adopted"

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr Joseph Roche, and
Seconded by Mr Walsh

"That a licence be granted to"
"Mr Murphy to erect the Petrol Pump at the point"
"indicated in the report of the Committee."

Passed unanimously

An application was received from P. W. Moran, Priory St. for permission to fit a pipe in cement at the entrance to his yard, & he will be anxious to know as soon as possible so that he may have the work carried out before the steam-roller comes along

Ordered

That the permission asked for be granted, the Surveyor to be notified when the work is to begin so that instructions may be given

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Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 12th Inst Ro 2604 071 Enquiring whether Parag[h] 8 of Off Moran, the valuation on which he had been requested to apportion, was placed on the New Buildings List.

Ordered

That the Commissioner be informed it was not, it not being rated separately.

On the proposal of Mr Dunne, Seconded by Mr Hand a resolution of sympathy was passed with Mr John Murphy a valued member of the Council, and with Mrs Murphy on the death of their infant daughter.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the Public Lamps were lighting at night according to Contract.

He attended at the Railway Level Crossing Rosbercon for the purpose of ascertaining the length of time the crossing gates were closed on the arrival and departure of trains, and gave in detail the periods for which they were closed on the 8th, 10th & 13th Inst. He found John Leary rolling a loaded truck on the footpath in Rosbercon.

A brief discussion took place respecting the closing of the Railway Gates, but there was—

No order made on the report

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Monday, 26th April, 1926

A meting of the Finance Committee was to be held this Evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to consider, and deal with List of outstanding rates for years 1923, 24 and '25, also warrants for rates which were returned to the Collector endorsed "No Goods."

Present

Messrs John Murphy & Thomas Cooney

As only two members attended they decided not to proceed with the consideration of the outstanding rates for 1923, 24, and 25, as it involved recommending to the Council the cancellation of a number of ratings which they were of opinion should be dealt with by a larger meeting. Accordingly they decided to adjourn to a further date, after which,

The Members separated

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Tuesday, 27th April, 1926.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7. O'Clock p. m. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and any other Acts extending or amending the same.

Present

Messrs P. J. O'Gorman Presiding
P. J. Dunne
Michael Roche
George Dooley
Thomas Corney
John Hand
Joseph Roche
John Murphy
Daniel Murphy
Vincent A. Doyle
James E. Walsh
Richard Power
and
Austin A. Butler.

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were signed

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read viz:-

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"During the past Quarter Steam-rolling operations were carried out to North St. and South St. I am awaiting the arrival of stone chippings to commence surface spraying with Tarkold (Messrs Graves & Co's product)

Rolling operations are at present in progress in Newtown and Henry St. It will be necessary to raise a number of Sewer Man-hole Covers and Valve Covers along this section to the level of the new surface.

The County Surveyor (Mr Barry) has kindly undertaken to lend us a watering cart in order to facilitate the daily cleansing operations.

Mr John Murphy referred to the original specification and Estimate of the Town Surveyor for the steam-rolling of the Road from Royal Hotel to Borough Boundary and

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and pointed out that according to that Estimate the money allowed would only be sufficient to complete the work to Newtown Cottage, occupied by Mrs Cockrill, and enquired why the steam-rolling &c. of the road from that point to the Urban Boundary is now being carried out, or will the extra money have to be provided by the Council.

The Town Surveyor explained that the Co. Surveyor and he were of opinion that it would be better to steam-roll that portion as the street was much narrower there than in Priory St, and it was intended to only partially roll the latter

After a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That when the Road from"
"the Urban Boundary to William St is steam-"
"rolled, the work be again resumed at Robert"
"St, where it was discontinued, and carried"
"on as far as the money allocated will permit"

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the Quarterly"
"meetings of the Council, for the financial"
"year ending 31st March 1927, be held on the"
"fourth Tuesday in the months of July"
"October, January, and April."

Passed unanimously

The Town Surveyor reported as follows:-

"In accordance with your instructions, I accompanied your Chairman to Wexford on the 15th Inst. and attended the Conference of Representatives of the various Urban Councils & County Council regarding proposals to have the work of maintenence on Main Roads through Urban Districts carried out by the local Urban Authority.

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A general discussion took place regarding the duties and obligations of the respective parties and it was decided to accept the Stimate furnished by me for the sum of £518-0-0 for the maintenence of the New Ross Urban District sections of Main Roads Nos 7y. and 12. This figure does not include the figure (£40) earmarked for the maintenence of the New Ross Bridge, for which you are at present Contractors.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the consideration of
"this matter be adjourned until full particulars
"of the proposed contract for the maintenence of
"the Main Roads in the District is received from
"the County Surveyor"

Passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 27th July 1926

P. J. O'Gorman

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Tuesday, 27th April, 1926

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this Evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider an application from the County Health Board for a lease, for twenty years, of the Tuberculosis Dispensary and premises at Upper Main St, consider Tenders for the scavenging of streets and other work, and take such action in connection with same as may be decided upon, also recommend to the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital a person for admission as an inmate to the Hospital

Present

Messrs P.N. O'Gorman Presiding
Patrick J Dunne
Michael Roche
George Dooley
Thomas Cooney
John Hand
Joseph Roche
John Murphy
Daniel Murphy
Vincent A. Doyle
James E. Walsh
Richard Power
and
Austin A. Butler

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority Form was signed by the Chairman, Messrs M. Roche, & J. Roche and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 36 Petty Cash (Sewer) £40-5-10. No 37 Petty Cash £43-13-11
" 38 Same (Grant 1124/c) £69-15-1

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health No R Lu/109 stating that he is not in a position to comply with the request of the Council for a supplemental Relief Grant of £80
No order made.

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Letter from same dated 16th Inst No S.G.B/32 stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the Employment by the Council of a timekeeper at wages of 35/- per week in connection with the work to be carried out under The Trunk Roads Grant of £1300.
No order made

Letter from same dated 18th Inst Enclosing a negotiable receipt for £4-2-3 being the Council's portion of State Duty for year ending 31st March 19X, after deducting proportion of Land Annuities unpaid.
Ordered
That it be lodged to the credit of the Council

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 21st Inst. No 2604 071 relative to the application of M.J. Moran to have a separate valuation fixed on the Garage recently built so that it might be included in the New Building List, and stating that as it was not placed on the New Buildings List he is not in a position to take any action in the matter. While it does not appear to be a case which fulfills the necessary conditions it is open to the Council under 69(5) of the Act to submit it to the Minister for his decision.
Ordered
"That its nomination be referred to next meeting of the Council."

The application of the County Health Board dated 13th Inst. for a lease of the Tuberculosis Dispensary and premises, which was adjourned from last meeting, was considered, and the following resolution was —
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That the Co Wexford Board of Health
"be granted a lease for twenty years, of the Tuberculosis
"Dispensary & premises, also field adjoining (of which the Co
"Council are yearly tenants) at an annual rent of £18 (eighteen
"pounds) subject to the approval of The Minister for Local
Government

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"Government & Public Health."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Secretary, Wexford County Council dated 16th Inst. asking the Urban Council to specify the streets through which they consider the speed of Motor Vehicles should be restricted to ten miles an hour and those through which they believe a speed of fifteen miles would not be a danger to the Public.

Ordered

That the Clerk ascertain from the Clerks of neighbouring Councils the speed fixed in their Urban Districts.

Letter from the Rate Collector dated 26th Inst. reporting that the Council's Tenants, against whom proceedings were taken some time ago for the recovery of Town Rates, have arranged to pay them by weekly Instalments but at the same time they told him they do not intend to pay their weekly rent until they have their rates paid. He interviewed the tenants Solicitor, Mr Coghlan, to whom he was referred, and he informed him the rent is being applied to the rates as they are advised they are entitled to credit in the rent for them, and they do not intend to pay the arrears of rent caused by the present arrangement.

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That a copy of this"
"letter be furnished to the Council's Solicitors."

Passed unanimously

Letter from Joseph Kehoe Mt Garrett Lane, dated 27th Inst complaining of having been assessed for a full years rates when the house he now occupies was only completed 24th Octr 1925, and was only occupied on 11th Novr. 1925

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Finance Committee, to be considered by them with all the outstanding rates.

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Letter from the Secretary of the Irish Tourist Association dated 26th Inst. asking the Council to re-consider their decision declining to allocate a special rate for advertising purposes.

Ordered

That the Secretary be informed the Council are not disposed to strike a rate for the purpose mentioned.

Letter from Hugh R. Hamilton dated 20th April intimating that there will be a meeting of the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital on Thursday, 6th May to elect an annuitant

An application dated 22nd April, signed by a number of residents was received from Margaret Cadogan, Church Lane, New Ross, - aged 61 years.

The Chairman explained that there was already a person, Miss Margaret Moore, Henry St, in occupation of the room but the Governors now found that funds are available to enable them to grant a pension to the occupant so that in reality there is not a vacancy in so far as a room is concerned.

After a short discussion it was decided not to recommend any person, Miss Moore being already in occupation

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A Tender of £3 was received from Laurence Furlong Irishtown for one heap of manure at Tourlwall, and it was ordered - That it be accepted.

A letter was received from the Collector enclosing a number of warrants which were returned by Denis Daly marked "No Goods," and it was

Ordered

That they be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration

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James Kelly, Mary St tendered for the purchase of three or four cwt of old metal in the Fish House at 20/ per ton and it was

Ordered

That his proposal be accepted.

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Letter from the New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co. dated 27th Inst. conveying the regret of the Company that they cannot see their way to accede to the suggestion of the Council to remove the Electric Standard near the Royal Hotel unless the Council are prepared to bear the cost.

As this road, being a Main Road, has now passed under the Control of the Co. Council, it was decided not to take any further action in the matter, but after a short discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the County Council be"
"requested not to permit or consent to the erection"
"of Petrol Pumps, or any other fixtures which might"
"cause an obstruction, on the Main Roads of"
"this Urban District, without the approval of this"
"Council of the particular site."

Passed unanimously

The Chairman drew attention to the importance of having the New Ross Court House opened and suggested that some steps be taken to get the County Council and Mr Hamilton to come to an agreement as to the purchase of it. After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That a deputation consisting"
"of The Chairman and Mr L. A. Doyle be appointed"
"to attend the next meeting of the Co. Council for"
"the purpose of placing before them the"
"desirability of acquiring the New Ross Court House"

Passed unanimously

Ordered

That the Clerk notify the Secretary of the County Council of the appointment.

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Scavenging and Maintenence of Streets.

The following Tenders were received for cleansing of streets, carting of stones, and cleansing of Ashpits:-
From Mr Richard Cooney, Mary St, dated 27th April '26 viz:-

(1) For cleansing of Streets & Surface traps, scraping off mud and removing of same @ £4 6 8.
(four hundred & sixty Eight pounds)

(2) Cleansing of Ashpits and removal of same to Manure depots @ 4/ (four shillings) per ashpit.
This Tender not to be considered if not appointed for No1 Contract

(3) Carting of stones, sand, or gravel, from any Depot within the Urban Area to wherever required at 1/9 (one shilling & ninepence) per Ton, or carting and spreading of above at 2/6 (two shillings and sixpence) per ton.

He offered as Sureties Nicholas Cooney, Cushinstown Ballinabola and Philip Kehoe, The Hollow, Lacken.

Mr Peter Tahan, Priory St, tendered for
No(1) Cleansing of Streets, Surface Traps, Dustbins, &c @ £11-5-0 per week

(2) Cleansing of Ashpits @ 5/0 per pit

(3) Drawing of stones, sand, gravel, &c @ 2/4 per Ton, and spreading same as per Contract.
Any security given.

Proposed by Mr Cooney, and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That the whole matter
"be adjourned for a week so that further
"particulars may be obtained."

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The proposition was put to a vote & the following voted
For- Messrs Cooney, L Dooley, Butler, Power, D Murphy
and Hand 6
Against – Messrs Walsh, Geo Dooley, J. Murphy, J Roche,
M. Roche, Doyle, Dunne, & The Chairman. 8

The Chairman declared the resolution defeated.

Proposed by Mr Joseph Roche, and
Seconded by Mr George Dooley

"That the Tender of Mr"
"Richard Cooney for the Cleansing of Streets and"
"Surface Traps, scraping & removal of Mud Off"
"Streets for the sum of £468, cleansing of Ashpits"
"and removing contents to manure Depots @ 4/per"
"pit, ~~also~~ carting of stones from Depots in the"
"Urban Area to wherever required @ 1/9 per ton"
"also carting & Spreading of same @ 2/6 per ton"
"be accepted for one year."

The following voted for the resolution viz:-
Messrs Walsh, Geo Dooley, J. Murphy, Doyle, J Roche,
M Roche, Dunne, & The Chairman 8

Against
Messrs Cooney, L Dooley, Butler, Power, Murphy, & Hand 6.
The Chairman declared the resolution Passed

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Michael Roche

"That the Contractor"
"commence work on Monday 10th May, 1926.
The Chairman put the resolution to a vote and the
following voted
For —— Messrs Walsh, George Dooley, J Murphy, Doyle
J Roche, M. Roche, Dunne, & The Chairman 8
against —— Messrs Cooney, L Dooley, Butler, Power, & Murphy, 5
Mr Hand did not vote

The Chairman declared the resolution Passed

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Ordered

That the Council's workmen be informed their services will not be required after 8th May.

Mr Cooney prepared a Notice of Motion that the resolution accepting the Contracts be rescinded, and that the present systems be continued, but the Chairman refused to accept it.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr Butler :-

"That we the members of the New Ross "
"Urban Council desire to place on record our "
"expression of protest against the Policy of the "
"Executive Council of Saorstat Eireann as defined "
"by the Department for Education in demanding "
"a Declaration of allegiance from the Irish "
"Teachers to the Government & Constitution of "
"the Saorstat."

"We believe such a Demand is un- "
"reasonable, and is opposed to the best interests "
"of the language revival movement and as the "
"language is the common inheritance of the "
"sons & daughters of Eire no such Declaration "
"should stand in the way of its progress."

The Clerk pointed out that the Loan Instalments amounting to nearly £600 were now due and stated that it would be necessary to obtain a temporary overdraft to pay them

Ordered

That application be made to the Minister for Local Government & Health for sanction to a temporary overdraft of £600.

Proposed by The Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr M. Roche

"That application be made "
"to the Minister for an Extension of the time for making "
the

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"the rates as owing to the proposed changes in"
"the system of cleansing and maintenence of"
"streets the adoption of the Estimate of Town"
"Rate had to be delayed."

Passed.

The Clerk stated that he paid Michael Murphy Cross Lane, one of the men injured in the Council's employment, four weeks compensation to 22nd Inst. amounting to £6, and Michael Nolan three weeks compensation amounting to £4-10-0, being the amount authorized by the Insurance Company who will repay the amount to the Council when the men are able to resume work. He now asked to be refunded these amounts

Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy,

"That the Clerk be"
"recouped the amount paid these men through"
"the Petty Cash Account."

Passed unanimously

The Street Inspector reported that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the public lamps were lighting up to the date of the Expiration of the Contract on 15th Inst.

No order made

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 11th May, 19x.

F V Corman

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Thursday, 29th April, 1926.

A meeting of the Street Water Committee was held this evening at 8 oclock p.m. to consider letter received from Mr O'Connor, Builder & Contractor relative to the price to be charged for supply of water in connection with building of Christian Brothers' School

Present

Messrs C. A. Doyle Presiding
Michael Roche,
and
John Hand.

The Town Surveyor was also present and submitted a Bill of Quantities prepared by the Borough Surveyor of Waterford in which it was stated that the price to be charged for water used in the building was 10% on the gross amount of the Contract.

The Committee having considered the letter at length decided not to alter their previous recommendation, which had been adopted by the Council, viz. "That Mr O'Connor be charged 10% per cent on the total amount of the Contract."

They also directed that he be informed a supply for the other buildings, referred to in his letter, may be obtained at the same rate on making the usual application for it.

The Committee adjourned

Proforma

Monday, 3rd May, 1926.

A monthly meting of the Council was held this day at 12 oclock noon, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not being present

The meting adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

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Monday, 10th May 1926

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to consider Lists of outstanding Rates for financial years ending 1924, 1925, & 1926, & take such action respecting same as may be advisable

Present

Messrs R.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, Presiding
and
Daniel Murphy

The Rate Collector was also present

The Committee first considered the letter received from Mr Joseph Kehoe, dated 27th ult, relative to the application made to him for one year's rates, whilst according to his letter, which was before the last meeting of the Council, the house was only completed on 24th October, 1925, and he did not go into occupation of it until 24th October, 1925, as it was not habitable sooner.

The Committee decided to recommend the Council to cancel the half-year's rates for period ending 30th Septr 1925, subject to the approval of the Ministry, as the house was not completed

The Committee had before them lists of outstanding rates for 1924 & 1925, but as there were only two members present they decided not to deal with them, but instead to arrange at meeting of Council, to be held tomorrow Evening, when it will be convenient for all the members of the Committee to meet again, to consider the lists.

Having examined some accounts to be presented for payment at meeting of the Council on following evening

The Members separated.

R.N. O'Gorman

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A Meeting of the NewRoss Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, the consideration of Town Rate Estimate for financial year ending 31st March, 1927, specification for maintenence of Main Roads in the Urban District, received from the Co. Surveyor, the Lists of outstanding rates, and the following Notice of Motion by Mr Butler viz:-

"That we
"the members of the NewRoss Urban Council desire to
"place on record an Expression of protest against the
"Policy of the Executive Council of Saorstat Eireann
"as defined by the Department for Education, in demanding
"a Declaration of Allegiance from the Irish Teachers
"to the Government & Constitution of the Saorstat.

"We believe such a Demand is unreasonable
"and is opposed to the best interests of the language
"revival movement, and as the language is the
"common inheritance of the sons and daughters
"of Eire no such Declaration should stand in
"the way of its progress."

Present- Messrs P. N. Gorman Presiding
Austin A. Butler
Patrick J. Dunne
Daniel Murphy
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
Michael Roche
Thomas Cooney
John Hand
James E. Walsh
George Dooley
Vincent A. Doyle
and
Laurence Dooley

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority was signed and the following

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Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 39 I. I. Shortall £17-7-4
" 41 D. Butler £5-8-4
" 43 J. J. Browne £3-14-5
" 43 Tech. Committee £33-0-0
" 46 M. J. Dinn (Sewer P. Cash) £27-9-4
" 48 M. Fitzgerald £12—
" 50 Lead wool Co 14/6
" 52 Hibn Insce Co £3-16-3 (2 Roads)
No. 40 D. Butler £7-10-0
" 42 J. J. Browne £1-19-0
" 44 School Att Ctte £4-3-4
" (46 Tech. Committee £33-0-0)
" 47 G. Southern Rlys £1-0-8
49 Sims Watkins 14/3
51 Petty Cash £73-6-9

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government Public Health No. RD/201/2 pointing out that where it is the duty of a County Council to maintain and construct Main Roads they are under an obligation to cleanse same as far as may be necessary for the proper maintenence of the road. Where the Road is a "Street" Section 52 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 empowers the Urban Council as Sanitary Authority to undertake or Contract for the proper cleansing of the Street.

No Order made.

Letter from same No J. 20273/1926 dated 7th Inst sanctioning an Extension of time to the 10th Inst for making the rates for the present year

Ordered

That this matter be adjourned for the present, as the Town Rate Estimate is only being considered at this meeting with a view to its amendment or adoption this rate could not possibly have been made within the Extended time, which Expired on yesterday.

Letter from the Secretary County Council stating that he will bring the resolution passed by the Urban Council relative to erection of Petrol Pumps before the meeting of Roads Committee of his Council.

A Second letter was received from him in reference to the reception of a deputation from the Urban Council

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relative to the New Ross Court House and stating that when Messrs O'Gorman & Doyle - the members of the deputation - arrive everything will be in order

Relative to this matter the Chairman reported verbally that the deputation attended the meeting of the Co Council on yesterday and urged upon the members the desirability of having the New Ross Court-House acquired by the County Council for the transaction of public business, as the present room in which the Court is held in New Ross is most unsuitable.

After some discussion it was decided that Messrs Cowish J.P. & Doyle J.P. interview the Minister of Justice to ascertain if anything can be done by him in the matter.

The following deputation was also appointed to interview Mr Hamilton, the Agent of the Owners of the Court House to see if an Agreement could be reached for the purchase of it viz:-
The Chairman Vice-Chairman of the Co Council, and Messrs Thorpe & Cooney, with the Chairman of the Urban Council & Mr C.A. Doyle

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Letter from Mr Hamilton dated 8th Inst. stating that at a meeting of the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital, on 6th Inst. Margaret Moore, already an occupant was elected an Annuitant

Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the Council assent"
"to the election of Margaret Moore as Annuitant"
"of Trinity Hospital"

Passed unanimously

A Tender was received from Edward Browne, Creacon, of £3-10-0, dated 29th ult. for a long heap of Manure in Henry St yard, & it was ordered to be accepted, the manure to be removed as promptly as possible, but certainly within two months.

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Letter from the Co Surveyor dated 29th ult. enclosing specification for the maintenence of Main Roads in the Urban District.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Dunne
"That this be referred to a"
"meeting of the Street Committee to be held on"
"Thursday 20th Inst. at 7.30 O'clock.
Passed Unanimously

The Clerk pointed out that it was very important to have a meeting of the Finance Committee held to go into the question of the rate collection as this matter was not dealt with at meeting of that Committee held on 10th Inst., there being only two members present
Ordered
That a meting of the Committee be held for the purpose on 18th Inst at 7.30 p.m.

A Cheque for £4-10-0 was received from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co. being recoupment of compensation paid Michael Murphy under the Employer's Liability Acts
Ordered
That the Cheque be lodged to the credit of the Council.

The Clerk reported verbally that Mr Williams of The Newross Motor Engineering Co. informed him the Company, who are lessees of the yard on Quay, formally in the occupation of the Council, are not prepared to rent it, and the Surveyor having explained that Street sweepings and contents of Dust Bins are being at present deposited in Henry St yard, it was decided that the yard continue to be used for the purpose so that the one on Quay will not be required.

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Dunne,

"That the Council's Solicitors be"
"instructed to prepare a Contract & Bond for"
"£400 between the Council & Richard Cooney"
"and his Sureties for the carrying out of his"
"Contract for cleansing of Streets &c for one"
"year."

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by The Chairman

"That the Public"
"be notified of the regulations adopted for"
"the future cleansing of the Streets, and"
"removal of contents of Dust Bins, those resident"
"in the lower portion of the town by Hand Bills"
"and in the upper portion by placard, the"
"new system to come into operation on Monday"
"19th Inst."

Passed

Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr George Dooley.

"That Tenders be"
"invited for the purchase of the Council's"
"horses and Carts, same to be considered"
"at next meeting of the Council to be held on"
"25th Inst, advertisements to be inserted"
"in the local papers."

Passed

Ordered

That Tenders be invited for the Grazing to 31st December next, of the Councils field at Town Wall

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Ordered

That application be made to the Minister of Local Government Roads Dept for the final Instalment of

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of £700 of the Grant of £1300 allocated for the construction and repair of Section of Road 12.

A discussion took place respecting the completion of the section of this road, situate in the Urban District, it being already decided that it could not be completed for the amount allocated £1300, it was:-

Ordered

That the Wexford Co Council be informed the amount allocated for the repair of that portion of Main Road 12. from Royal Hotel to Urban Boundary at Bellevue, will not be sufficient to complete the work, and they be requested that now, whilst the Rolling Plant &c is on the spot arrangements be made by them for a further allocation to this Council so that they may be enabled to complete the work.

The resolution, of which due notice was given, and which is entered at commencement of Minutes was:-

Proposed by Mr Butler, and

Seconded by Mr J Murphy

The Chairman put the resolution to a vote when the following voted

For - Messrs Cooney, D Murphy, Butler, Hand & J Murphy 5

Against - Messrs Walsh, Jos Dooley, J. Roche, Doyle & The Chairman - 5

Messrs M. Roche, & Dooley, & P.J. Dunne did not vote

The voting being Equal the Chairman gave his Casting vote against the resolution and declared it not passed

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Mr Walsh gave verbal Notice that he will move at next meeting of the Council that in future no matter or resolution of a political nature be entertained by the Council.

The Clerk submitted his Estimate of Town Rate for year Ending 31st March 1927 amounting to 6/2 in the £. The different amounts of Estimated Receipts & Expenditure were read out, and a short discussion took place upon it, after which the following resolution was:-

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Proposed by Mr J. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr Walsh, and Resolved

"That the"
"Clerk's Estimate of Down Rate and Domestic Water"
"Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1927," 1929
"now before us be adopted, and that he publish"
"the necessary Notice of our intention to make a"
"Down Rate of six shillings and two pence in"
"the £. and a Domestic Water Rate of one"
"shilling and three pence in the £ on the"
"valuation of premises supplied with water,"
"said last mentioned rate to be in relief of"
"that portion of the Down Rate raised as"
"Sanitary Expenses, the rateable value of the"
"property assessable being £8407-1-3.

The Chairman put the resolution to a vote when the following voted :-

For Messrs A. A Butler, Hand, Walsh, T. Dooley, Doyle, John Murphy, Dunne, M. Roche, J Roche, and The Chairman. 10

Against — Messrs D. Cooney, D. Murphy & L Dooley. 3

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 25th May, 1926.

P. W. Forman

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Monday, 17th May 1926.

A meeting of The Finance Committee was to be held this day at 7.30 o'clock P.M. to transact business of the Committee, consider lists of outstanding rates for years 1924, 1925 and 1926, and take such action respecting them as may be advisable.

Dr Thomas Cooney was the only member of the Committee who attended.

The Collector was also present.

A Quorum not having attended,

There was no business transacted.

R. O'Connell

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Thursday, 20th May, 1926

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business and consider specification received from the Co. Surveyor for the maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban District.

Present Messrs P. O'Gorman, Presiding
George Dooley
Michael Roche
and
W. Doyle

The Town Surveyor was also present

In addition to the specification from the County Surveyor, the Committee had before them a letter received from the Secretary of the Co. Council, dated 18th Inst. conveying copy of a resolution passed by his Council adopting the report of the Conference relative to the maintenance of Main Road in the Urban District, and their instructions that the work must be carried out by direct labour, this condition to apply to the New Ross Bridge Contract which the County Surveyor proposes to enter into with the Urban District Council.

Having carefully considered both at great length they recommended the Council to enter into a Contract for the maintenance of these roads in accordance with the specification, and subject to clause 17 of same. They also recommended that the Town Surveyor engage a temporary man forthwith at a wage of 35/- per week, and that the surface of the road to be repaired be treated with tar or bitumen compound, and the surface gritted with Farrell Quarry Chippings and for this purpose that casual labourers whose be employed as required, after which

The members separated.

P. O'Gorman

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A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this Evening at ½ 30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider proposals for purchase of Council's Loans, Carts, &c, also letting of field at Townwall, and the following resolution, verbal notice of which was given by Mr Walsh at last meeting viz:-

"That in future no"
"matter or resolution of a political nature"
"be entertained by the Council."

Present

Messrs P. A. Gorman Presiding
James E. Walsh
Daniel Murphy
John Hand
Richard Power
Michael Roche
Laurence Dovley
Austin Butler
George Dovley
Vincent A. Doyle
and
Thomas Cooney.

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

When the Minutes were signed Mr Walsh stated that he did not give verbal notice at last meeting of his intention to move a resolution at this meeting dealing with the Exclusion from discussion at meetings of the Council, all matters, or resolutions, of a political nature as stated in the notice calling this meeting, but would give written Notice of Motion now. The consideration of that matter was not therefore taken up.

The following Notice was handed in by him viz:-

"Take Notice that I will move at the next meeting of this"
"Council - That in future no matter or resolution of a political"
"nature be considered by the Council."

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Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 20th Inst: No P.20274/1926, in reference to the Council's application for a temporary overdraft of £600, and drawing attention to his letter of the 2nd January last P.60629/1925 also stating that the reply to the last paragraph thereof is awaited. He also pointed out that a sum of over £1,629 rates was outstanding on the 30th ult.

In connection with this letter the following statement showing state of Rate Collection up to 22nd Inst. was submitted by the Clerk & considered by the Council viz:-

Year ending 31/3/26 - outstanding			£1568 - 4 - 1
" " 31/3/25 - outstanding after			
	cancellation of £345-12-6		£ 502 - 11 - 1
" " 31/3/24 - after "		" 261-19-9	£ 418 - 19 - 3
Total outstanding including uncollectable rate			£2489 - 14 - 5

A considerable discussion took place during which it was proposed by Mr Walsh and Seconded by the Chairman — "That the Collector be required to close his collection for the three years within one month."

This however was withdrawn by consent of the proposer & Seconder, and instead the following Order was made viz:—

"That a meeting of the Finance Committee be held on Thursday Evening, 27th Inst: at 7.30 o'clock to consider the whole question of the rate collection."

The Minutes of meeting of the Council at which the Minister's letter of the 2nd January, above referred to, was considered, and also the Extract from the report of the Committee, dealt with at a subsequent meeting, and the Clerk was directed to inform the Minister of the action taken by the Council on that letter

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Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 12th Inst. No H 501/12049/1926 forwarding a copy of the acquisition of Land (allotments) Act 1926, which was recently passed into law.
No order made

Letter from Andrew Rochford, 7 Williams St, one of the Councils tenants, dated 25th Inst: drawing attention to the bad condition of the woodwork of the windows of his house.
Ordered
That the Surveyor inspect the house and report upon it to next meeting.

Messrs Jos. Stacey & Patk Kehoe, Fair Gate, also applied to have repairs carried out to their houses, but as there are no funds available for such purposes at present, there was no Order made in reference to the matter

An application from Michael Saunders, Lisfarnan for four pecks of white lime to limewash his house was refused.

The following Tenders were received for the purchase of the horses, Carts & Spare wheels, & for Grazing of field &c:

John Reilly, Yellow Road Waterford offered £7. for the two horses
Patrick Quigley, Palace, £6. for Black horse
Martin Barron Carrenroe £4 for Chestnut Do
Robert Power Ballysop £5 for dark brown horse.

Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Michael Roche
"That the"
"Tender of Patrick Quigley, Palace of £6"
"for black horse, and of Martin Barron"
"of Carrenroe of £4 for the Chestnut horse"
"be accepted."

Passed unanimously

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Tenders were received from Richard Cooney of £4 for small cart and £2 for pair of spare wheels. From John Cullen Whitemoor, of £4 for one cart, from Michael Corcoran, Nash, of £3- for pair of spare wheels, £3-10-0 for harness, and £3-10-0 for small cart with rims, and from Mr H. R. Jeffares, Scarke, of £14-4-0 for two carts, and £8-2-0 for two sets of Tackling.
Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr Michael Roche,

"That Mr Jeffares' "
"Tender of £22-6-0, for the two carts, and two "
"sets of Tackling, be accepted, and the Tender "
"of Michael Corcoran for the pair of spare "
"wheels at £3. be accepted "

Passed unanimously

For the grazing of the field at Dourlwall to 31st December the following Tenders were received from James Doyle, Irindurill Lane, who offered £6, and John Allen Mary St who offered £8.
Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Michael Roche

"That the Tender of "
"John Allen for the Grazing of the field at Dourl "
"wall be accepted."

Passed unanimously

A Tender of £3-5-0 was received from Laurence Bryan Arnestown, for one heap of manure at Dourlwall
Ordered
That the Tender be accepted for the next heap which is ready for sale.

The Street Inspector reported that during the first three or four days of the past fortnight the daily scavenging was not as satisfactorily carried out as might be, since then there is a decided improvement, and things are now satisfactory.
No order made

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Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That we tender to Mr John"
"Murphy, a respected and valued member of"
"the Council, and to Mrs Murphy, and their"
"friends our sincere sympathy and condolence"
"on the death of Mrs Murphy's sister, and to assure"
"them that we deeply regret her death."

Passed in Silence

Roads

Letter from the Secretary of the Co Council, dated 18th May, forwarding following copy of a resolution passed by his Council viz:-

"That the report of Conference of 15th April 1926"
relative to maintenence of Main Roads be received
and adopted. That instructions be given to the
Urban District Councils concerned that the work
must be carried out by direct labour, this provisiory
to apply to New Ross Bridge Contract which the Co
Surveyor proposes to enter into with the New Ross Urban
District Council.

In connection with this letter the report of the Street Committe entered on Minutes of that meeting, held on 20th Inst, was read, and after a short discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and
Seconded by Mr Jeo Dooley

"That the report of the"
"Committee be adopted."

The resolution was put to a vote when the following voted

For- Messrs Walsh, Doyle, M. Roche, J. Dooley & The Chairman 5
Against- Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, D Murphy, Hand,
Power & Butler 6.

The Chairman declared the resolution Not Passed

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Letter from same dated 18th inst. forwarding copy of resolution passed by his Council limiting the speed of heavy Motors, crossing the NewRoss Bridge, to three miles per hour.

Arising out of the reading of this letter a discussion took place respecting the condition of the Bridge, and the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

"That the earnest"
"and undivided attention of the Co Surveyor"
"be directed to the very serious condition of"
"the NewRoss Bridge."

Passed unanimously

In connection with the completion of the steam-rolling of that portion of Road D. 12. within the Urban District it was pointed out that the resolution passed at last meeting requested the Co Surveyor to supply the Council with sufficient Stones to complete the rolling of it whilst the Roller & Rolling Plant are here, but the Clerk stated he understood from the discussion that application was to be made to the Co Council for a further allocation to enable the Urban Council to complete the work and he accordingly wrote the Secretary of the Co Council informing him that the original amount allocated was insufficient to complete the work, and asking that arrangements be made, whilst the Rolling Plant is on the Spot, for a further allocation so that the work may be completed.

It was ordered

That the Co Surveyor be requested to supply the necessary Stones to complete the work.

A memo dated 14th Inst was received from the Roads Department Ministry referring to the Council's application of the 12th Inst. for final instalment of the Grant of £1300 in connection with Works C. 856 and stating that if the work has been completed Forms No 16 & 18 should accompany the

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the final requisition. The necessary Forms were Enclosed.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this memorandum he informed the Ministry that the rolling & Spraying was not yet completed.

After a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That application be made to"
"the Ministry for a further Instalment of £400 pending"
"the completion of the work, when a final Certificate"
"will be forwarded."

Passed unanimously.

Mr John Murphy (M J Moran) John St attended and stated that he had applied to the County Surveyor for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises at John St. (this permission having been granted by the Urban Council after the Street had, as a Main Road, passed to the control of the Co Council) the tank of the Pump to be erected under the foot path as it has been ascertained by boring that this is the only place in which it can be fixed. The County Surveyor however informed him that the County Council had passed a resolution objecting to the erection of Tanks under Roads, and he asked the Urban Council to support his application under the circumstances.

On the proposition of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Roche -
A resolution was unanimously passed requesting the Co Council to grant Mr Murphy permission to erect the Tank under the footpath as the Urban Council are satisfied it will not cause any inconvenience to the public there.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 8th June, 1926.

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Thursday, 27th May, 1926.

A meting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to transact business, consider outstanding rates for years 1924, 1925, and, 1926, and take such action in reference to them as may be approved of, also letter from Secretary of St Stephen's Cemetery Committee asking for an increased contribution towards the upkeep of Cemetery

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Presiding
John Murphy
Thomas Cooney
and
Daniel Murphy.

Having considered the letter from the Secretary, St Stephen's Cemetery Committee, and examined the Audited Abstract of Accounts for year ending 31st March, 1925, the Committee recommended that the application be adjourned indefinitely.

They also examined in detail Rate Book for year ending 31/3/26, and selected a number of rate-payers, totalling fifty-six, from whom they believe the Collector should obtain payment, and directed him to inform them if they do not pay he will have to take proceedings for the recovery of same.

They recommended that no action be taken for the present in reference to warrants for rates which have been returned by D Daly endorsed "no Goods", and deferred considering the outstanding rates for 1924 and 1925 to 1st prox.

After which

The Committee adjourned.

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 O'Clock to resume consideration of lists of outstanding rates

Present Messrs Thomas Cooney Presiding
and
Daniel Murphy

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Committee examined the list of outstanding rates for year ended 31st March 1924, and decided to recommend the Cancellation of sums of Poor Rate amounting to £32-12-6, and to carry forward sums amounting to £35-13-0; and to cancel sums of Town Rate, including rates assessed on the Councils tenants, amounting to £123-18-4, and to carry forward £54-16-0.
The committee decided to defer the further consideration of the rates to 14th inst

The Committee Adjourned to Monday, 14th June 1926.

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A meeting of the NewRoss Urban Council was held this Evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr James E. Walsh viz:-

"Take Notice that I will move"
"at next meeting of this Council - That in future no"
"matter or resolution of a political nature be"
"considered by the Council."

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Presiding
Joseph Roche
Laurence Dooley
Daniel Murphy
Richard Power
Michael Roche
John Hand
James E. Walsh
Charles D'Hearn
Vincent A. Doyle
Thomas Cooney
Austin J. Butler
and
George Dooley

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs J.E. Walsh & V.A. Doyle and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 55	NewRoss UDC	£45	No 56	Colfer & Son	£59.15.6
" 57	Peter Tahan	£17.10.6	" 58	People Newspapers	£1.1.0
" 59	Heushaw & Co	£3.0.7	" 60	Parnell Quarries	£33.6.3
" 61	National Bank	£69.6.3	" 62	Natl Bank	£10.11.0
" 63	Thos Butler	£7.10.0	" 64	Thos Butler	£5.8.4
" 65	J Whatall	£17.10.0	" 66	J Lynch	£7.10.0
" 67	Dr J O'Regan	£15 ——	" 68	P Dinn	£39.3.4
" 69	J.J. Browne	£1.19.0	" 70	J Browne	£3.14.5
" 71	P Doran	£4.6.8	" 72	P. D Murphy	£1.10.0

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73. M.J. Kennedy	£3-8-7	74 M.J. Kennedy	£5-14-6
75 Free Press	£1-19-0	76 People Co Ltd	1£
77 Glenfield & Kennedy	12/6	78 Blakeborough & Son	£10-1-10
79 Helys Ltd	£1-7-0	80 Harvey & Co	£6-1-0
81 R. Cooney	£36	82 P. Dooley	£1-7-0

The following Extract from a Report of the Finance Committee dated 27th ult was adopted:—

"We examined in detail the Rate Book for year ending 31st March 1926 and selected a number of Ratepayers totalling fifty-six whom we believe the Collector should obtain payment of their rates from, and we accordingly directed him to call upon them, and inform them that if they do not pay he will have to take proceedings for the recovery of them.

We recommend that no further action be taken for the present in reference to the warrants for rates which have been returned by D. Daly endorsed "No Goods."

The following Minute of a meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 1st June, at which Messrs Jas Cooney (Presiding) and Daniel Murphy were present, was considered viz:-

"The Committee examined a list of outstanding rates for year ended 31st March 1924 and decided to recommend cancellations of sums of Poor Rate amounting to £32-12-6, and to carry forward sums amounting to £35-13-3, and to cancel sums of Town Rate, including rates assessed on Council's tenants, amounting to £123-18-4, and to carry forward £54-16-0.

After a short discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Doyle and,
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

"That the consideration"
"of this recommendation be adjourned pending"
"a reply from our Solicitors to the letter addressed to them"

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"them enclosing one from the Councils Trusts'"
"Solicitor having reference to the liability"
"of the latter for payment of Town Rates assessed"
"on them."

Passed unanimously

A Dividend warrant for £2-18-9, received from The Bank of Ireland, being half-years Interest on £163-7-0 of loan Stock, less Income Tax, was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council

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Letter from the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health, dated 2nd June asking for a Return on Form 61 showing the state of the Rate Collection in the Urban District to 31st ult.

The Clerk stated that the information was furnished He also reported that the amount of rates for year ending 31st March, 1926 outstanding on Saturday 5th Inst was:— £1470-1-4

A long discussion took place respecting the state of the collection for years ended 31st March 1924, 1925, and 1926, resulting in the following resolution being

Proposed by Mr J.E. Walsh, and
Seconded by Mr Hearn

"That the Collector be"
"required to close his collection of rates for year"
"1925/6 within six weeks from this date, and"
"the collection for years ending March 1924 &"
"March 1925 within three months from this"
"date"

Passed, Mr Daniel Murphy dissenting

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, dated 8th Inst. drawing attention to the alteration in the law regarding the rating of fisheries.

As there are no fisheries rated in the Urban District there was
No order made upon it.

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The following resolution was, on the proposal of Mr Geo Dooley, Seconded by the Chairman, unanimously adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health. viz:-

"That we" enter our strong protest against the Bill recently introduced in the Dail, providing for the appointment of County Officials by the Government.

Acting as we do as directly elected representatives of the Ratepayers who supply the funds to pay these" Officials, we are of opinion that the County Councils and Boards of Health are the proper Authorities for making these appointments - as well as regulating the salaries - and we know that our Authority in such matters will be appreciated by the people who pay.

We call on the T.D's for the County to oppose such a retrograde step which would appear to be the beginning of the subversion of all Authority of Local Bodies."

The following resolution, proposed by Mr Daniel Murphy, and Seconded by Mr Butler, was also adopted and a copy ordered to be sent to the Minister viz:-

"That owing to the general trade depression in the country and the consiquent inability of farmers & traders to meet their liabilities we call upon the Government to come to the rescue of the country and show a lead in the matter of retrenchment by reducing the salaries of the higher paid Government Officials at least in a proportionate amount to that proposed for acceptance by other public officials and workers throughout the Country generally

That in order to make this resolution effective we Earnestly call upon the Government to repeal the Act of 1925 governing Officials' salaries & owing to which Members of Public Bodies have no power to deal with Officials and salaries paid to them as they may deem necessary. And copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Local Government Minister and all Public Bodies

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Letter from the Secretary of the County Council's General Council relative to the establishment of The Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd, and stating that it is understood facilities will be provided for the passage of a Bill through the Oireachtas during the present Session, enabling Local Authorities to associate for the specific purpose of Mutual Insurance. Meanwhile the Committee appointed by the General Council as a provisional Board of Management; will arrange for all classes of Insurance falling due for renewal with whatever Insurance Company may be selected by the Council.

Ordered

That the Secretary be informed the Council will consider this matter when the next Fire renewal premium is falling due.

The work of scavenging & cleansing of streets being now carried out by Contract the E.L. Insurance will not be renewed as there are now no workmen in the employment of the Council.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 20th ult enclosing particulars of their miscellaneous costs amounting to £30 7s. 1d. from September 1918 to July, 1925 together with the usual requisition to tax.

Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney.

"That Mr Coghlan, Solicitor, be appointed"
"to represent the Council at the taxation of the costs"
"and the requisition be signed & sealed".

Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

"That Mr Kelly, Solicitor, be"
"appointed to represent the Council at the taxation."

A Poll was taken when the following voted.

For Mr Coghlan - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, D. Murphy Power, Hand, Hean & Walsh - 7

Mr Kelly - Messrs Doyle, T. Dooley, Joseph Roche, Mr Roche & McCan - 5

Mr Butler did not vote. Mr Coghlan was declared appointed.

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A letter was received from Mr John Murphy, John St acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting and thanking the Council for same.

A Tender dated 4th Inst was received from Messrs Moran Bros for the supply of four books of 350 Each of First & Second Moiety Poor Rate Receipt & Demand Notes for £2-4-0, and four books of 350 Town Rate Ditto Endorsed at £2-10-0.
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

"That the Tender of"
"Messrs Moran Bros for the supply of Town"
"Rate & Poor Rate Receipt & Demand Notes as"
"quoted be accepted."

Passed unanimously

The following resolution, of which due Notice was given was :-
Proposed by Mr Walsh, and,
Seconded by Mr Michael Roche, viz :-

"That in future"
"no matter or resolution of a political nature be"
"considered by the Council."

The resolution was put to a vote and passed Messrs D Murphy and A.A. Butler voting against it.

Proposed by Mr Hand, and
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That Mr Joseph Roche
"be elected a member of the Street"
"Committee"

Passed unanimously

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Housing Minutes

The Clerk reported the following particulars of the Council's work to date, and of progress since the date of last Finance meeting. viz:-

Total No. of houses provided by Council	Seventy-four
" " " " and let	Seventy-four
Average weekly rents paid by Tenants	£8.4.8
No of houses in course of Construction (W.C.)	
(a) by the Council	None
(b) by private persons (completed since last Return)	Six
No of other dwellings in course of Construction	One
Arrears of rent due by tenants at close of last month (Some tenants are giving the rent in lieu of Down Rate which they say they are legally advised to do, but amount is not credited to either for the present.)	£50.3.0
Arrears of Rent due by Tenants at close of previous month	£40.17.5 Pen.
Area of land in sites for houses provided	1a. 0R. 22P.
" " " " available for further houses	5a. 2R. 0P.
Amount of Principal outstanding on foot of Loans	
(a) Borrowed from Commissioners of Public Works	£3604.4.6
(b) " " Other Sources (National Bank)	£1468.2.9.
Amount of Instalment due but not paid:	
(a) Commissioners of Public Works	£59.8.9
(b) Other Lenders. (Instalment due Bank paid at this meeting)	

Letter from the Rent Collector stating Bryan Ryan, one of the Council's tenants informed him that he will withhold his rent until the house occupied by him is repaired.

It having been stated that a very considerable sum of money had already been spent in repairing the house it was

Ordered

That the Rent Collector be directed to collect the rent as usual, as the Council cannot agree to the proposal of Mr Ryan

A Notification dated 7th Inst was received from Austin A. Butler of his intention to surrender the house occupies by him. He will give up the house on

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on Wednesday next as there are a few things he wants to remove.

Ordered.

That the House be held at next meeting of the Council.

Mr D. Murphy drew attention to the metalling put on Mary St, & submitted two large stones taken from amongst those spread. The Surveyor, in reply, stated those were put out for foundation and must have come to the surface through those spread over them. Mr Murphy also stated that owing to the condition of surface at Kilstown a horse fell & got injured. — There was no order made.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 22nd June, 1926

P. W. Forman

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Friday, 11th June, 1926

A Meeting of the Street Committee was held this evening at 8 óclock p. m. to transact business in connection with the Steam-rolling and repair of Road J. 12. in the Urban District

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Hand
George Dooley
Vincent A. Doyle
and
Michael Roche.

Mr Joseph Roche attended just as the business of the meeting was being completed and apologised for being unable to attend earlier as he was engaged at another meeting. He also stated he called to the Office shortly before the time fixed for this meeting, but there was no one present

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The Town Surveyor attended and submitted a statement showing that the total cost of carrying out the repair including rolling, material &c, on the first occasion, of the section of road which was re-done was £67.10.4; including £24 cost of Tarkold used in the work, and on the second occasion the total cost was £99.17.4. Of this latter cost Messrs Graves proposed to supply free the 23 Casks of Tarkold used in the work, the cost of which is £46.

He also stated that when he complained to Mr Robinson Mr Graves' Manager that the work was unsatisfactory the latter stated that the Firm would not see the Council at any loss. A long discussion took place on the matter and on the suggestion of Mr Michael Roche it was unanimously agreed to recommend for adoption to the Council, "that all the expenses incurred in re-surfacing this particular section of Road, including cost of Chippings, hire of roller, wages of men, and purchase of Tarkold, amounting to £99.17.4 be borne by Messrs Graves, and they (Graves) be informed of the recommendation of the Committee in the

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the meantime, of the recommendation of the Committee, without prejudice to the decision of the Council, so that a reply might be received before the next meeting of the Council when it could be considered.

Attention was drawn to the necessity of having some of the pot holes on the Urban Roads filled, and portions of the surface repaired, and the Committee directed that one barrell of Tarkold be purchased and used as required in combination with chippings for the purpose of filling those holes.

With reference to the Maintenence and repair of the Main Roads in the Urban District the Surveyor drew attention to the letter dated 31st March, received from the Co Surveyor, suggesting that he should take over charge of the Main Roads in the District pending settlement of details of Agreement between the two Councils, and to the resolution passed by the Council instructing him to take over charge of them.

He contended that the Council will receive one quarter's pay soon after the End of the present Month

The Committee accordingly directed him to have some very necessary repairs, such as filling of pot holes carried out, and authorized him to employ a couple of temporary men. They also directed him to have the small portion of South St, adjoining Charles St. completed.

With reference to the six waggon loads of Chippings on order it was suggested that the Parnell Quarries be requested by wire to cancel the order so that Stones might be purchased instead.

As three of the waggon loads were already advised it was ultimately decided to accept delivery of the Chippings ordered as they could be used for repairing the Urban Streets, Mr Hand however contending that stones should be purchased instead

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The Committee adjourned

P. O'Gorman

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A meting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider applications for the tenancy of house in Church Lane, make a Poor Rate, Town Rate, and Domestic Water Rate for financial year ending 31st March, 1927, and consider the following notice of Motion by Mr George Dobley viz:-

"I hereby give Notice that I will"
"move at next meeting of the Council that the"
"decision rejecting the recommendation of the"
"Street Committee regarding the maintenance of"
"Trunk Roads in the Urban District be"
"rescinded, and that the Council adopt the"
"recommendation of the Street Committee"

Present

Messrs P. N. Gorman Presiding
Michall Roche
Joseph Roche
James E. Walsh
George Dooley
Vincent A. Doyle
John Hand
Austin A. Butler
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
and
Thomas Cooney

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The meeting proceeded to make a Poor Rate, Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1927, and it was accordingly
Proposed by Mr Hand,
Seconded by Mr Walsh and resolved

"That we raise"
"the sum of three thousand, two hundred and fifty"
"three pounds, and six pence as and for Poor Rate"
and

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"and for the purpose aforesaid make a Poor Rate of"
"seven shillings and four pence in the £ for the financial"
"year ending 31st day of March, 1927 upon the property"
"situate within the Urban District of New Ross pursuant"
"to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and other"
"Acts incorporated therewith, and that same be"
"collected in two moieties, the first on or before the"
"30th day of September, 1926, and the second on or before"
"the 31st day of March, 1927. That Public Notice be"
"given of said rates having been made by printed"
"placards duly posted"

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr Hand,
Seconded by Mr Walsh, and resolved

"That the"

"Presiding Chairman and two members of"
"the Council sign the Poor Rate Books and the"
"resolution making the Poor Rate Indorsed"
"thereon, and the Collector's warrants, and"
"affix the Common Seal of the Council to said"
"Poor Rate Books and Documents."

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr Hand,
Seconded by Mr Walsh and resolved

"That we raise"

"the sum of two thousand, five hundred and"
"ninety three pounds, nineteen shillings and"
"five pence as and for Down Rate, and for that"
"purpose make a Down Rate of six shillings and"
"two pence in the £ for the financial year commencing"
"on the first day of April, 1926, and ending on the"
"31st day of March 1927 upon the property situate"
"within the Urban District of New Ross rateable"
"under the undermentioned Acts for the purpose"
"therein mentioned of which Down Rate of six"
"shillings and two pence in the £ the sum of one"
"shilling and eleven pence is for Down's Improvement"
(Ireland)

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"(Ireland) Act 1854 purposes, and the sum of eleven pence"
"in the £ is for construction and maintenance of Urban"
"Roads, and the sum of three shillings an four pence"
"in the £ is for Sanitary purposes under the Public"
"Health (Ireland) Act 1878 including one penny in the"
"£ under the Provisions of The Technical Instruction"
"(Ireland) Act 1889, and one penny in the £ under"
"the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act"
"1899, and two pence in the £ under the Education"
"(Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 & 1917, and"
"one penny in the £ under the Local Government"
"(Temporary Provisions) Act 1923, for the teaching"
"of the Irish language, and we hereby make a"
"Domestic water Rate under the Provisions of"
"the Public Health (Ireland) Acts of one shilling"
"and three pence in the £ on the valuation of"
"premises supplied with water for the financial"
"year commencing on the first day of April, 1926,"
"and ending on the 31st day of March, 1927, and we"
"hereby fix:- That said rates shall be payable"
"on the 22nd day of July, 1926, and shall be"
"collected in two Moieties the first on or before"
"the 30th day of September 1926, and the second on"
"or before the 31st day of March, 1927."

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr Hand,
Seconded by Mr Walsh, and resolved

"That the"
"Presiding Chairman and five other members"
"of the Council sign the Books in which the Town"
"Rate and Domestic water Rate is made out,"
"and the resolutions making the Town Rate"
"and Domestic water Rate, and the adoption"
"of the Town Rate endorsed on said Books, and"
"endorsements and the Collector's warrants affixed"
"to said Rate Books be signed by the Presiding Chairman"
"and five other members of the Council present,"
"and countersigned by the Clerk, and sealed with"
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"the Common Seal of the Council."

Passed unanimously

In pursuance with the foregoing the resolutions making the Rates, and the Collector's warants were duly signed by the Council, countersigned by the Clerk, and sealed with the Official Seal of the Council.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 14th June 1926. No P.27084/1926 sanctioning an extension of time for making of the rates for financial year ending 31st March 1927 to 22nd Inst.

No order made.

Letter from same dated 10th Inst. No P26098/1926 acknowledging receipt of Form 61 to 29th ult. pointing out the amount of rates outstanding, drawing attention to the Council's Minutes of the 11th & 26th ult. and Enquiring what steps they propose to take to Insure that the Collector will lodge the outstanding rates without delay.

The Clerk submitted a Return showing that since the 29th ult there was £240-6-0 of the rate for year ended 31st March, 1926 collected, and £2-16-0 of that for 1925, making a total of £243-2-0.

After some discussion it was ordered

That the Minister be informed the Council passed a resolution at last meeting requiring the Collector to close his collection of rates for year ending 31/3/26 within six weeks, and the collection for 1924 and 1925 within three months, and they do not propose to take any further action in reference to the matter before the time specified in the resolution.

In connection with this letter one receives from the Collector

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Collector, dated 22nd Inst. acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution passed at last meeting of the Council requiring him to close his Collections within the time specified in the resolutions, was considered. In it he stated he interviewed the Managers of the four local Banks with regard to a Loan to enable him to close his collection and he is sorry to state that none of the Gentlemen would entertain his application, he does not therefore know how he will comply with the Council's resolution.
No order made in reference to this letter.

The Collector submitted a statement showing that he collected from 20th May to 22nd Inst. in Instalments 28/; 21/ of which was for year, 1925; 6/ for year 1924, and 1/ for year 1926.
No order made

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 17th Inst. No P.H 24200/1926 stating that he has been informed by the Department of National Education that the Christian Brothers' Primary School has been recognised by the Department as from 24th August 1925, and that the recognition will allow of recoupment being made from the School Meals Grant in respect of Children attending such school from that date
No order made.

Letter from Messrs Colfer Son dated 10th June forwarding original Contracts & Bonds of Messrs Richard Cooney for cleansing of Streets &c, Peter Lahan for carting of stones from Railway Station, and Fredrick Hartrick for tapping and repair of water Mains. The Solicitors directed that they be sealed.
Proposed by Mr Walsh, and
Seconded by Mr Michael Roche
"That these documents be sealed."
Passed unanimously

In pursuance of this resolution the Bonds were duly sealed

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Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son, dated 15th Inst replying to a request of the Council to be advised whether the Provincial Bank or the Landlord should be rated for the premises vacant in South St of which the former are Lessees.

After carefully considering the matter they are of opinion that the object of the Decrease of Rent and Mortgage Act 1924 is to prevent Landlords keeping premises vacant to enable them to secure higher rents - but the Trustees of Col. Tottenham are not entitled to possession nor can they affect the user of them in any way, so that the vacancy cannot be attributed to them, under the circumstances and in very considerable doubt, they advise that the Provincial Bank be rated.

The Clerk stated that the Bank had been rated in accordance with the Solicitors' advice & there was No order made.

Letter from same dated 15th. Inst stating that they have considered the question submitted on 3rd alt. viz whether the tenants in occupation of the Council's houses are entitled to deduct from their rents the rates now payable by them and hitherto paid by the Council, and they are of opinion that payment of rates is an obligation cast on the occupiers by statute, and therefore they are not in order in deducting the amount paid in discharge of rate from their rents. If the occupiers persist in this attitude they advise the Council to bring an Ejectment against one or two of them as test cases.

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to consider this letter

Letter from Mr J. S. Barry, tenant of one of the Council's new houses, complaining of the injury caused to a laurel hedge by animals grazing in the field, & suggested that the Council erect a fence about two yards from the hedge - in the field - this will act as a catcher for refuse papers

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papers which are blown into the front gardens of the houses.

After some discussion it was ordered - That the Town Surveyor report upon this to next meeting of the Council.

Mr Cooney drew attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which the Streets are being cleaned by the Contractor, and enquired by whom the work was supervised.

After a short discussion it was:-

Ordered

That the Surveyor furnish a report to next meeting as to the manner in which the work is being carried out.

A letter purporting to be from Bryan Ryan, one of the Council's tenants, was received, in which he stated that as the Council have refused to undergo any further expense in repairing the house he asked to have it exchanged for a vacant one in Church Lane.

The meeting being of opinion that the application was not from the tenant himself, did not consider it.

On the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Michael Roche, Joseph Knight was accepted as Tenant of the house at Bunneen Lane, at a weekly rent of 7/6, which was occupied by his daughter the late Mrs Annie Black, with whom he was living, and of which he was in occupation since her death.

The following applications were received for the tenancy of a house at Church Lane at a weekly rent of 7/9 the tenant to be liable in addition for all rates assessed on it viz:-

From Richard Merrigan, James Clegg, The Quay, Maria Kalus, Maiden Lane, and Thos Cullen, Church Lane

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr Joseph Roche, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Richard Merrigan"
"be elected tenant."

Proposed by Mr T. Dooley, and
Seconded by Mr Walsh

"That James Clegg be"
"elected tenant."

The remaining applicants were not proposed and seconded.

A Poll was taken as between Merrigan & Clegg and the following voted :-

For Merrigan - Messrs Cooney, T. Dooley, D Murphy, Butler, Hand, Doyle, Joseph Roche, & The Chairman 8

For Clegg - Messrs T. Dooley, Walsh & Michael Roche 3

The Chairman declared Richard Merrigan elected tenant

The Clerk applied for his usual three week's holidays
Proposed by The Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Michael Roche

"That the Clerk be"
"granted three week's holidays and that Miss"
"E.A. Finn be appointed Acting Clerk & Executive"
"Sanitary Officer during his absence at a salary"
"of three pounds per week as Clerk and one pound"
"for the three weeks as Executive Sanitary Officer"
"subject to the approval of the Minister for Local"
"Government & Public Health."

Passed unanimously

The Street Inspector reported that during the last two weeks the Contractor for Domestic Scavenging carried out the work as per Contract
No order made, this matter having been dealt with at an earlier stage

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The report of the Street Committee in reference to Steam-rolling of Road T.12, as entered on Minutes of meeting of Committee, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Mr Walsh, Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

Letter from Messrs Graves & Co dated 16th Inst. in reference to the Tarkold supplied by them for use in the re-surfacing of this section of road. In it they stated that they had already agreed with the Town Surveyor to give 23 barrels of Tarkold free, which represents a cost of £48-6-0. The failure in the first coating was, in their opinion, due to the material being spread too thin, but as it was done under the direction of one of their men they recognise they are under a certain liability for the partial failure.

On a green road any material, no matter how thickly spread, would penetrate into the road and partially disappear, and a second coating would be necessary. The Council have therefore obtained the benefit of the first application at a very low cost, and they respectfully submit that the proposal made amply meets the case

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Walsh, and,
Seconded by Mr J. Roche

"That the Directors of"
"Messrs Graves & Co be asked to meet the Street Committee"
"in the Council Office here some day next week,"
"other than Tuesday, 29th Inst. for the purpose"
"of jointly considering the whole matter."

Passed unanimously

Letter from Mr J. B. Hearne dated 17th Inst. drawing attention to the dangerous state of the wall on west side of Cherry's Road by reason of a hole being in it large enough for a child to get through with a fall of fifteen feet

This being a boundary wall of one of the Main Roads in the Urban District it was :- Ordered That

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"That a copy of this letter be sent to the Co Surveyor with a request that he will attend to it immediately.

Letter from the Secretary Co Council dated 18th Inst forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by his Council
"That the New Ross Urban Council be informed the"
"Co. Council are not in a position owing to lack of"
"funds, to make a supplemental Grant in respect"
"of portion of Road T.12. in New Ross Urban District."
No order made

Letter from same stating that Mr Cooney complained at yesterday's meeting of Co. Council that in the case of Mr John Murphy's application the Council were not agreeing to the decision of the Urban Council as to placing the tank of pumps under the pathway. It is well to explain that the Co Council would not accept a recommendation which would not meet with the approval of the Co Surveyor
No order made

Letter from same stating that the County Council agreed at last meeting to adjourn the consideration of the maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban District until Mr Dooley's Notice of Motion has been decided.
No order made

Letter from the Co Surveyor Enclosing Invoice of Stones and Spalls supplied for repair of Section of Road T.12 in the Urban District amounting to £665, exclusive of Railway Charges.
No order made on it for the present.

The following resolution of which due notice was given was:-
Proposed by Mr Dooley and,
Seconded by Mr J. Roche

"That the decision rejecting the"
"recommendation of the Street Committee regarding"
"the maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban District"
be

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"be rescinded and that the Council adopt the"
"recommendation of the Street Committee."

A Poll was taken, and the following voted

For - Messrs Doyle, Walsh, M Roche, P. Dooley, J Roche, and The Chairman 6.

Against - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, D. Murphy, Butler, and Hand 5.

As the number of members present at this meeting was not greater than the number present at the meeting at which the original resolution was passed, and as this resolution was not carried by a two-thirds majority it was declared "Not Passed."

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 6th July, 1926.

R W Forman

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A meeting of the NewRoss Urban Council was held this evening at ½ 30 o'clock p. m. to consider letters received from the County Council relative to the maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban District, and taking over of unfinished portion of Road T12 information in reference to which is required for annual meeting of County Council on 3rd prox

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Joseph Roche
C. A. Doyle
John Murphy
Austin A. Butler
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
Thomas Cooney.

The Chairman having read the Notice convening the meeting, the following letters, received from the Secretary of the Co Council were read viz:-

28th June 1926.

A Chara,

The following resolution was adopted at today's meeting of the Roads Committee viz:-

"That the NewRoss Urban District Council be"
"requested to state at once in what position is"
"their proposal to carry out the maintenance"
"of the Main Roads in NewRoss Urban District."
"Are they prepared to sign specification which"
"has been prepared by the Co Surveyor on behalf"
"of the County Council and to carry out the work"
"to the satisfaction of the Co Surveyor."

(Signed) N. J. Brizelle

The following resolution was also adopted at today's meeting of Roads Committee viz:-

"That consideration

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"of resolution from New Ross Urban District Council"
"asking the County Council to take over the"
"unfinished portion of Road D.12 in New Ross"
"Urban District, be adjourned until the Roads"
"Committee have a definite proposal from the"
"New Ross Urban District Council as to how the"
"latter intend carrying out the maintenance"
"of the Main Roads in their District."

The Chairman explained that as the information asked for in the former resolution was required for the Annual meeting of County Council on the 3rd Inst, it was necessary that a meeting be held this evening to deal with the matter.

A long discussion took place during which the meeting decided not to take over the Maintenance of the Main Roads in this Urban and they directed that the services of the workmen, at present employed by Town Surveyor on these roads, be discontinued from Saturday next, 3rd Inst.

It was also ordered

That the attention of the Wexford County Council be drawn to the condition of the steam-rolled portion of Road D.12 in this Urban District, the unsprayed portion of which is ravelling rapidly and needs to be immediately attended to.

This concluded the business, and

The meeting adjourned

P. O'Gorman

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An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business consider a letter from the Council's Solicitors relative to the payment of Town Rates by the Council's tenants which the Solicitor states "is an obligation cast on the occupiers by statute and the tenants are not in order in deducting the amount paid for rates from their rent, and advising that if the occupiers persist in this attitude an Ejectment be brought against one or two as test cases," and take such actions on the letter as may be deemed advisable.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
C. D Hearn
George Dooley
Austin A. Butler
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
Thomas Cooney
Vincent A. Doyle
and
Joseph Roche

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

Correspondence

The Letter received from Messrs Colfer & Son, which was adjourned from last meeting, in reference to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants was first taken up, and after some discussion it was:-
Proposed by Mr J Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand,
"That it be referred to the"
"Finance Committee"
Passed unanimously

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A Dividend Warrant for £6-12-2 was received from the Cashiers, Bank of Ireland, and it was:-

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health No P.29297/1926 in reference to the Council's application for a temporary overdraft, and asking, before considering same, to be furnished with a return of the past years rates collected to the 30th ult.

The Acting Clerk having stated that this return was furnished to the Ministry there was-

No order made.

In connection with this letter the Clerk reported that, for year ending 31st March 1926, the total amount of rates outstanding was £1259-5-5, since that date £53-5-6 had been collected leaving outstanding at date £1205-19-11

No order made

Letter from the Ministry No P29298/1926, dated 3rd Inst. sanctioning a total payment of £10. to E. A. Finn while Acting for the Clerk & E. Officer during his three week's holidays.

No Order made.

Letter from Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co. dated 2nd Inst acknowledging receipt of E.L. Proposal, and quoting a premium of £3-8-6 to cover casual men to be employed by the Council

They also enclosed a Form of Indemnity which they advised the Council to have completed by the Contractor.

Ordered

That a Policy be prepared at premium quoted

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Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 24th ult. acknowledging receipt of List of Tenements requiring revision in this Urban District.
No order made

Letter from Mr Thomas Butler, Caretaker of Tuberculosis Dispensary, dated 6th Inst pointing out that the present is a suitable time for the removal of silt from Easement at Boheen-na-Slaun, and asking to have same done during the dry weather so that flooding to Dispensary premises may be avoided
Ordered
That this matter be referred to the Street and Sanitary Committee with power to have the necessary work carried out in the meantime.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 23rd ult. Enclosing, for the information of the Council, a Copy of letter addressed to Wexford to Health Board in reference to the taking, by that Body, of a lease for twenty years of the New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary.

The Minister points out that while he approves of the payment of a rent of £18 per annum, he is advised that the powers of the Co Health do not extend to taking a lease of the premises, which he considers should be taken out by the Co Council.

The Minister will raise no objection, on the completion of lease to the Co Council, to the carrying out of the repairs to the premises provided a detailed specification is first submitted to the Minister for his approval.
No order made.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner — No order made.

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In reply to a query as to whether any workmen were at present employed on the Streets, the Acting Clerk stated; Mr Shortall, Town Surveyor was ill and unable to be present at the meeting, but he informed her that the men were dispensed on Saturday last, with the exception of one whom he directed to remove heaps of dust that had been swept off Main Roads. There was also a casual man employed on the Urban Roads

After some discussion, it was
Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That all temporary"
"men Employed by the Council be discontinued."

Passed unanimously

In connection with work carried out on Main Roads in the Urban District, it was:-
Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the County"
"Council be requested to state when this"
"Council will receive recoupment for work"
"carried out on Main Roads in the Urban"
"District."

Passed unanimously.

Letter from Messrs Graves & Co dated 24th ult. acknowledging receipt of Clerk's letter and stating they will be pleased to arrange an interview of which they will give timely notice.
No order made.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr D. Murphy a vote of sympathy was passed with Mr Richard Power, a valued member of the Council on the death of his uncle,

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The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 13th July 1926.

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Monday, 12th July 1926.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this Evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to consider letter from Council's Solicitors, dated 15th June, relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants which was referred to the Committee by the Council at their last meeting, and transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council.

Present - Messrs P.N. O'Gorman - Presiding
John Murphy
Daniel Murphy
and
Thomas Cooney

The Committee examined a number of bills submitted by the Acting Clerk and recommended payment of them

Having considered the letter from their Solicitors at length the Committee recommended the Council to empower the Finance Committee to appoint a deputation consisting of the Chairman Messrs J Murphy & Cooney to wait on the Council's Solicitor and lay before him facts in connection with the case and to ascertain from him the probable cost to the Council of the proceedings recommended in his letter.

Mr Daniel Murphy not being in agreement with the Committees recommendation declined to sign Report embodying same.

This concluded the business, and,

The Members separated

P.N. O'Gorman

Monday, 12th July, 1926

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this evening at 7.45 oclock p.m. to consider letter received from the Caretaker Tuberculosis Dispensary relative to the cleansing of Easements at Boheer-na-Slaun, and any business necessary in connection with the Urban Roads

Present - Messrs P. N. OGorman Presiding
John Hand
Joseph Roche
Michael Roche
and
Vincent A. Doyle

The Town Surveyor was also present.

The Committee having considered the matter fully were of opinion the Council were not responsible for the Cleansing of those Easements, and they decided to inspect the place befor making any recommendation to the Council.
Having prepared a report accordingly

The members separated.

P N OGorman

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A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Patrick J. Drumm
M. Roche
Joseph Roche
John Murphy
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dowley
Thomas and Toomey

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurers authority was signed by the Chairman, Messrs M. Roche & J. Roche and following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 83	J.J. Browne	£ 1-19-0	No 84	J.J. Browne	£3-14-5
" 85	J.J. Shortall	£17-8-8	" 86	M.J. Dunn	£19-11-8
" 87	M. Dunn	£ 6-5-0	" 88	Same	£ 1-17-6
" 89	Thos Butler	£ 7-10-0	" 90	T. Butler	£5-8-4
" 91	T.A. Hickey	£ 7-10-0	" 92	R. Murphy	£10 ——
" 93	Colfer Bros	£6 ——	" 94	Colfer Bros	£5-10-0
" 95	H.R. Hamilton	£4-9-9	" 96	Moran Bros	£4-13-6
" 97	P. Tierney	£11-5-6	" 98	School Att. Ctee	£8-6-8
" 99	E. Browne	£7-14-0	" 100	K Deegan	£7-13-0
" 101	Thos J Murphy	£7-10-0	" 102	Hely's Ltd	£1-9-6
" 103	P. Blake	£43-14-4	" 104	Coller of Taxes	£36-3-10
" 105	The Echo Co Ltd	£2-2-0	" 106	D. Doran	£2-3-4
" 107	P. Cooney	£26-0-0			

The following repot of the Finance Committee was read viz:-

Your Finance Committee met this evening at 7 o'clock, the following members being present, Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Presidg, John Murphy, Daniel

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Daniel Murphy and Thomas Cooney, to transact Finance business, and consider letter received from Messrs Colfer & Son relative to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants in which they state that payment of rates is an obligation cast on the tenants by statute, and the tenants are not in order in deducting the amount paid by them in discharge of rates from their rents, and advising the Council to bring an ejectment against one or two as test cases, should the tenants persist in this attitude

Having considered the matter at length the Committee recommend the Council to empower the Finance Committee to appoint a deputation from that Committee, consisting of The Chairman Messrs J. Murphy and Cooney to interview Mr Colfer and lay before him facts in connection with the case, and at the same time to ascertain the probable cost to the Council of the proceedings recommended by him, in his letter.

The Committee examined a number of bills submitted by the Acting Clerk (list of which is entered at commencement of Minutes) and recommended payment of them

(Signed) P. N. O'Gorman
Thomas Cooney
John Murphy

Proposed by Mr M Roche, and,
Seconded by Mr J. Roche

"That the Report of"
"the Finance Committee be adopted"

Passed

The following report of the Street Committee was read viz:-

Your Street Committee met this evening at 7.45 to deal with letter received from the Caretaker Tuberculosis Dispensary in reference to the cleansing of Easments at Boheen-na-Shawn, and having considered the letter fully the Committee are of opinion

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opinion that the Council are not responsible for the carrying out of this work, but before making any recommendation they have decided to inspect the place on Wednesday, the 14th Inst; after which they will report to the Council at their next meeting.

(Signed) P. N. Gorman Chairman
M. Roche, J. Hand. Joseph Roche,
L. A Doyle

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr P. J. Dunne

"That the action"
"of the Street Committee be approved of"
Passed unanimously

A letter dated 12th Inst. was received from Mr Richard Power acknowledging resolution of sympathy passed with him on the death of his uncle.
No order made.

Letter from the Secretary, Wexford County Council dated 7th Inst forwarding copies of two resolutions passed by the Council at their meeting on 7th Inst. viz:-

(1) "That the Main Roads in New Ross Urban District, as from 3rd July, 1926, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor. That the latter submit to next meeting of the Roads Committee a Report as to the condition in which Road 2.12 is now, and that the Roads Committee be empowered to take what steps they may consider necessary to deal with this Road."

(2) "That the wages to be paid men employed on Main Roads in New Ross Urban District, be 35/- per week as we understand that this is the amount which has been agreed to by the Department of Local Government."

No order made on this letter

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Proposed by Mr J Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That we again call"
"the attention of the Wexford Co Council to the"
"condition of Trunk Road 12 and request the"
"Co Surveyor to have it sprayed immediately."
"That we also request the Co Surveyor to"
"have the necessary repairs carried out to"
"Trunk Road 12 in this Urban District."

Passed unanimously

The Dowy Surveyor reported as follows in reference to a/c furnished by County Surveyor for macadam used in rolling of Trunk Road 12. viz:-
(Copy of letter to Co Surveyor)

A Chara

With reference to statement of a/c re tonnage of Ballybrennan material recently furnished to Mr Finn Dowy Clerk for the sum of £665. (1,050 C. Yards @ 11/- and 250 C. yards spalls @ 7/- per c. yard). I find from the Returns furnished to us by the S. Southern Railway Co that the total Tonnage received was as follows viz 1,112 tons Macadam and 243 tons Spalls calculating on the agreed ratio (4 to 5) this makes

890 Cubic yards Macadam @ 11/- per c.yd. £489-10-0
194 " " Spalls 7/- 67-18-0
£557-8-0

I shall be glad to hear from you by return
(Signed) Las. J. Shortall
Dowy Surveyor

The Dowy Surveyor states verbally that a copy of this letter had been handed to the County Surveyor who undertook to amend a/c accordingly.
No order made on this letter.

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Proposed by Mr J Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy.

That any liabilities
"in excess of £1300, the amount allotted for the
"steam-rolling and spraying of Road 212
"be met by the County Council."

Passed unanimously.

The Town Surveyor submitted copies of correspondence which had passed between him and the Co Surveyor in reference to the Maintenence of the Main Roads.

He also stated that the Co Surveyor informed him he was awaiting a supply of Chippings to start the work on Main Roads, and as the Urban Council had a supply on the Quay it was

Ordered

That they be handed over to the Co Council for use on the Main Roads, same to be returned when they (the County Council) received their supply.

The Town Surveyor reported that two pairs of wooden gates have recently been hung at Entrance to yard and premises in occupation of Mr Thomas Fitzgerald, opening outwards on the public footpath at Marsh Lane. This practice is in contravention of Section 41 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847.

It will be necessary to cut off the Public water Supply on the 15th Inst. for a few hours in order to overhaul some valves on the Main Circuit.

He also reported verbally that he will require two men, for one day, in connection with this work.

Ordered

That Mr Fitzgerald be required to have the gates hung in accordance with Section 41 of the Town's Improvement Clauses Act 1847

That two temporary men be employed for one day in connection with water supply.

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The Town Surveyor submitted a Medical Certificate from Dr O'Regan, that he was suffering from Sciatica and was unfit to follow his usual occupation.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past week the Contractor for Domestic Scavenging removed the Shop refuse &c as required. The cleansing of the concrete water table at High Hill is very much neglected. A number of Traders are not using properly covered receptacles for holding shop sweepings &c with the result that the contents of these receptacles are often scattered over the streets.
No order made

P W Forrard

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 27th July, 1926

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A meeting of the Street Committee was held this day at 10.30 a.m. to confer with Directors of Messrs Graves & Co Ltd, respecting the allowance to be made by the latter for Darkold purchased for repair of Main Road D.12. in the Urban District it having become necessary to repair the section of road a second time on which the Darkold was used under the directions of a Representative of the Firm.

Present, Messrs P.N. Gorman Presiding
John Hand
L.A. Doyle
and
Joseph Roche

The Town Surveyor was also present.

Mr Goodall Managing Director of Messrs Graves & Co, & Mr Robinson Manager of the New Ross Branch attended.

The total cost incurred in the first preparation amounting to £74-5-4, less twenty tons of chippings, and also of the second one amounting to £99-17-4 was submitted and considered in conjunction with the offer already made by Messrs Graves & Co to remit the cost of twenty-three casks of Darkold amounting to £46.

The Committee contended that the Council should not suffer any loss as a result of it having become necessary to repair the road a second time as the Darkold on the first occasion was put on under the direction of their Representative.

Mr Goodall admitted that on account of this latter fact the Firm was responsible to some extent and pointed out that the Darkold was put on too thin. If a sufficient quantity had been applied in the first instance the cost would be very much increased so that he did not consider it fair or equitable that his Firm should be responsible for the entire cost of the second operation.

The Surveyor explained that when he drew the

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attention of Messrs Graves' Manager, Mr Robinson, to the fact that the first operation was not a success he gave him to understand that Messrs Graves would see the Council at no loss, and at the same time the Directors were communicated with and two of them inspected the work and were satisfied that it was not satisfactorily completed.

After a considerable discussion, and inspection by Mr Goodall, of the Street, he on behalf of Messrs Graves & Co offered to remit the cost of the twelve casks of Tarkold, amounting to £25-4-0, used in the replacing of the road on the first occasion, in addition to the twenty-three casks which the Firm had already agreed given free.

This offer the Committee considered very fair and unanimously decided to accept it in full settlement of the Claim of the Council in connection with the matter.

This concluded the business of the Committee and,

The Members separated.

R.W. Sommard

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Monday, 26th July, 1926

The Committee appointed at last meeting of the Council consisting of the Chairman, Messrs John Murphy, and Thomas Cooney, to interview Mr Colfer in reference to payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants, lay before him facts in connection with the case, and ascertain the probable cost to the Council of the proceedings referred to in his letter of 15th June, met him by appointment in his office at 3 o'clock p.m. on the 26th Inst.

In the course of the discussion which took place between Mr Colfer & the Committee he stated that in his opinion under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 the occupiers were liable for the Town Rates assessed on the houses occupied by them. He however stated that tenants who were in occupation of houses at the passing of the Act were not in exactly the same position as those who went into occupation of houses since the Act came into operation, the former Class being entitled to an adjustment of their rent.

With regard to the probable cost to the Council in the event of them deciding to proceed against one of the tenants as a test case, he estimated that the proceedings before the District Court, and an appeal to the Circuit Court would not exceed £15, but if appealed from the latter Court to the High Court, the cost would be £120 to £150.

He could not express any opinion upon the probable result of the proceedings, if entered upon, as he could not anticipate what the decision of the Courts might be, neither could he say if legislation dealing with the matter, is likely to be passed in the near future.

He advised that if the Council decided on proceeding with the matter, only one tenant be sued, as this will be less expensive than to sue two or three.

This concluded the Interview, and the Members of the Deputation withdrew.

D. O'Connell

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Tuesday, 27th July, 1926

A Quarterly meeting of the Council washeld this evening at 7 oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and other acts incorporated therewith

Present - Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Presiding
Joseph Roche
Thomas Cooney
Daniel Murphy
Richard Power
Austin A. Butler
Laurence Dooley
John Murphy
John Hand
Vincent A. Doyle
N. Roche
and
Charles O'Hearn

The Minutes of last Quarterly meting were read & Signed

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

During the past quarter considerable damage was done to local thoroughfares by rain and thunderstorms. The surfaces of Rosbercon Hill, Michael St, High Hill, College Road, and Mary St, were torn up by the scouring action of the surface water. It will be difficult to prevent a repetition of this experience unless those road surfaces are sealed with tar or bituminous compound.

The surface of the Bridge and its approaches needs attention at present. The surplus chippings were handed over to the Wexford County Council for surfacing Drunk Road D.12, as ordered at your last meeting. There is no more in Stock at present.

(Signed) James J. Shortall
Town Surveyor

A discussion took place in reference to the bad condition of the surface of many of the Urban Roads or Streets in the Urban District, and it was

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr Hand,

"That a meeting of the "
"Street Committee be held on Friday evening "
"30th Inst at ½ 30 o'clock to discuss, with the "
"Surveyor, what can be done to improve the "
"surface of the Streets."

Passed unanimously

Ordered

"That the Contractor, Mr Richard Cooney "
"be informed that the cleansing of the surface "
"Traps and removal of contents of same should "
be carried out by him under his Contract with the Council, and he be requested to give this matter his immediate attention.

A letter dated 14th Inst was received from the Dury Surveyor enclosing copy of one received by him from the County Surveyor agreeing with the quantities of stones and spalls used on Road D.12. as calculated by him, which reduced the account furnished by about £108.

In his letter the Co Surveyor pointed out that he was satisfied with the tonnage, as weighed by the Railway Company, as basis of settlement. His measurements were however very carefully made and he cannot account for the discrepancy, particularly in regard to Spalls, but as the Agreement was on the basis of tons he agrees with the figures set out and will be obliged for a pay Order to the to Council for £554-8-0

No order made.

The Dury Surveyor also submitted a statement showing that the total cost of the repairs carried out by the Council to Road 212 in the Urban District under the Grant of £1300, including material, wages &c but exclusive of Darkold, the cost of which was remitted by Messrs Graves & Co, was £1311-2-6

No order made.

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Letter from the Station Master, S. Southern Railways dated 21st Inst applying for payment of the account, amounting to £84.7.4, for freight on Stones used in repair of Road D.12, which is now a longtime due, and pointing out that one month is the longest period which the Company allows accounts to run. He is pressed by his Manager for a settlement.

The Clerk stated that a Paying Order for £400, the second Instalment of the Grant of £1300 was received since last meeting from the Ministry through the County Council, so that funds were now available to pay the amount. He pointed out that it was somewhat irregular to pay the account at a meeting other than a Finance meeting but under the circumstances the payment at this meeting was probably in order.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That a Paying Order for the"
"amount be issued to the Railway Co at this"
"meeting"

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Secretary, County Council, dated 13th Inst. enclosing Pay Order for £400, and stating that the Co. Surveyor informs him a sum of £550 odd is due by the Urban Council to the Co Council, which he will be glad to receive a Pay Order for.

Ordered

That the Secretary be informed a payment will be made the Co Council at next Finance meeting of this Council.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Conference which took place between the Street Committee and the Managing Director of Messrs Graves & Co - Mr Goodall, and their new Ross Manager, Mr Robinson, on the 22nd Inst, and Entered on Folio 475, were read, and after a short discussion it was :-

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy,

"That the Agreement"
"made by the Street Committee on behalf of the Council"
"with Messrs Graves & Co, as set out in the Minutes"
"of the Conference, in reference to the Extra cost of"
"re-making section of Road J.12. viz:- That the cost"
"of twelve barrells of Tarkold be remitted in addition"
"to the cost of twenty Casks already allowed, be"
"approved of and accepted by the Council in"
"settlement of their claim in connection with the"
"matter."

Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 26th October 1926.

P M Corman

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Tuesday, 27th July, 1926.

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs P. N. Gorman, Presiding,
Joseph Roche
Thomas Cooney
Daniel Murphy
Richard Power
Austin A. Butler
Laurence Dooley
John Murphy
John Hand
Vincent A Doyle
Michael Roche
and
Charles D Hearne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by The Chairman, Messrs M. Roche, and V. A. Doyle, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 108 The P. Southern Rlys £21-17-5 No 109 Petty Cash £38-6-7
" 110 Same (Grant T124/c) £62-9-11.

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 24th Inst. No 9.33494/1926 expressing sanction to an overdraft not exceeding £600 to the 30th September upon which Interest may be paid at the agreed rate. A duplicate of the letter was enclosed for the information of the Treasurer.
Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Doyle
"That application be made to the"
"National Bank for a temporary overdraft of £600
Passed unanimously

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Letter from same dated 24th Inst No J. 33494/26 stating that he views the rating position seriously and considers the Council should forthwith carry out an Exhaustive Examination of all rates outstanding with the Object of eliminating those clearly irrecoverable, and should then insist on the immediate lodgement of the balance.

The Collector should be asked to prepare and submit Form S3 of The Public Bodies Order 1925 by the End of next week at the latest.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter during which it was pointed out that the time allowed for closing the collection for year Ending 31st March 1926, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Council on the 8th June last, on the proposal of Mr Walsh, had Expired.

In reply to the Chairman, the Collector, who was present, stated that if the Council cancelled all the irrecoverable rates for that year he would lodge the balance outstanding. He however asked if he would be required to lodge the amount which might be collectable in instalments, when the Chairman replied that should be decided later by the Council

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr M. Roche

"That the Rate Collector"
"prepare a list of all the outstanding rates"
"for year Ending 31st March 1926 as suggested by"
"the Minister for Local Government & Public"
"Health, and when the list is prepared the Clerk"
"summon a meeting of the Finance Committee"
"to consider same and submit their recommend-"
"ations respecting the ratings which should"
"be cancelled as irrecoverable, and those which"
"should be otherwise dealt with to next meeting"
"of the Council."

Passed unanimously

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy "That the resolution"
"proposed by Mr Walsh relative to the closing"
"of the collection be adjourned."

The Chairman declared the resolution passed, the adjournment to be to next meeting of the Council.

At a later stage of the meeting Mr Daniel Murphy drew attention to the ruling of the Chairman respecting the adjournment of Mr Walsh's resolution to next meeting only, and stated that he simply seconded the adjournment of the resolution and would not agree to its adjournment to next meeting. The Proposer, Mr J. Murphy also stated that he did not specify its adjournment to next meeting only, but the discussion ended without any order being made.

The Clerk reported that the amount of rate for financial year ending 31st March 1926, collected up to 24th Inst. is £4738-17-8, that outstanding £1117-19-8.
No order made.

Letter from Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 14th Inst. No. 31863/26 drawing the attention of the Council to the Amendment of Section 16 of the Increase of Rent & Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act 1923 by Section 9 of the Act of 1926 which came into operation as and from the 24th June 1926, (which came into operation as from the 24th June 1926). Section 4 of the latter Act shows the variation in the standard and valuation limits now laid down.
No order made.

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Letter from the Secretary of the Irish Bodies Insurance Committee, Dublin, intimating that the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act 1926, became law on 16th Inst.
No order made

Letter from the Director of Statistics, Department of Industry & Commerce, dated 19th Inst, Enclosing copy of the Statistics (Census of Production) Order, 1926 which has been made by the Ministry for Industry & Commerce under Sub-section (1) of Section 16 of the Statistics Act 1926.
No order made

Letter from the Town Surveyor forwarding copy of one received by him from the Weighmaster pointing out that in his opinion the Rathtown Scales is not in proper order for weighing cattle, it wants to be taken up & cleaned. The one on Quay would also require to be attended to. He expects a big amount of hay will be weighed on it this season, and also Beef: The Pins on both Bridges needs repairs.
Ordered
That they be attended to

The Chairman having read the Minute of the Conference which took place between the members of the Committee and the Council's Solicitor in the office of the latter on the 26th Inst. relative to the payment of Town Rates by the Council's tenants, which is entered in Folio 727 of this Minute Book it was
Proposed by Mr J. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche
"That this Minute
"be dealt with in Committee"
To which the following Amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr D Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Butler
"That it be carried out in Public."

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A vote was taken on the Amendment when the following voted :-

For - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, Butler, D. Murphy Power, Hand - 6

Against - Messrs Doyle, J Murphy, J. Roche, M. Roche, Hearn & The Chairman - 6

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the Amendment and declared it Not Passed

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by the Chairman,

"That the further consideration"
"of this matter be adjourned to next meeting, the"
"members of the Council to be summoned to consider"
"it."

Passed

The Clerk reported that Thomas Howlett, one of the Council's tenants now owed £4-7-0, rent.

Ordered

That the Tenant and his Sureties be informed of this.

The Clerk also asked if the collection of the rates for year ending 31st March, 1927 will be commenced, but it was decided to defer it pending final arrangements being made for closing that for 1926

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (Roads) dated 6th July referring to Circular IR/115 of the 8th March last on the subject of the storage and sale of Petroleum requesting to be furnished with particulars indicated on a Form which accompanied the letter as to the number of persons storing and keeping Petroleum liable to take out Licences, the number of such persons, and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Council in regard to such persons who have not taken out a Licence, also whether an officer has been appointed to inspect the premises and vessels of persons liable to take out licences, and the number of inspections, and action taken by the

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the Council since date of Circular.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Dury Surveyor"
"be appointed to make the necessary Inspections
"of premises &c."

Passed

Ordered

That the Clerk furnish the information asked for as soon as possible

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The consideration of the Street Inspectors Report &c was adjourned

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The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 10th August '26

P. O'Gorman

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Monday, 2nd August 1926

The monthly meting of the Council was to be held this daf at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not being present,

The meeting adjourned.

P. Coleman

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Friday, 30th July, 1926

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to consider the best means of repairing the surface of the Streets or Urban Roads in the Urban District.

Present- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman
Joseph Roche,
Vincent A. Doyle
Michael Roche
and
John Hand

The Town Surveyor was also present

After considering the matter at length the Committee decided to recommend that stones from Robertson (School House Road) or Town Wall, be used in repairing Main St, same to be broken at per cubic yd., and when spread to be dressed with Parkold Sand, or other suitable material.

The surface of Wexford St to be repaired with the stones from Ballyneal Quarry which are in stock.

The Committee also recommended that about Eighty or one hundred tons of stones additional be procured from Ballybrennan, Ballyneal or Killowen Quarries and that Enquiry be made as to the probable cost of same from the two former Quarries, who the owner of the latter is and whether stones can be obtained from it.

The Committee had before them a letter from the Weighmaster to the Chairman in which he stated that a fitter was not required to put the weighing Machines in order, the plates only required to be taken off and clean the dirt away which is catching in the points underneath.

This has been done every year by the Councils men.

On referring to his previous letter it was seen that he then stated the pins on both bridges needed repairs

The Committee considered it desirable to have the

weighbridge

Friday, 30th July, 1926.

put in order as soon as possible, and authorized the Town Surveyor to employ the necessary temporary men to remove the plates, and clean and oil the works, after which —

The Members separated.

P.O'Gorman

Monday, 9th August 1926

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council; and also to deal with the list of outstanding rates for year ending 31st March 1926, prepared by him as directed at last meeting of the Council in compliance with the letter received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Present Messrs P. A. O'Gorman Presiding
Daniel Murphy
John Murphy
and
Thomas Cooney

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Committee examined a number of bills submitted by the Clerk and recommended payment of those entered at the Commencement of the minutes of this meeting of the Council.

They also examined the First Moiety list of Poor Rate and recommended some for cancellation, and others to be carried forward for immediate lodgment, or otherwise, as might be decided upon, and decided to defer consideration of the remainder to following Thursday.

The Committee Adjourned to Thursday 12th August 1926

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Tuesday 10th August, 1926.

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at ½ 3o Oclock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider Minute of Conference which took place between a Committee of the Council and Mr Colfer, in reference to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants; and take such action thereon as may be decided upon.

Present Messrs M. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Joseph Roche
Michael Roche
James E Walsh
Richard Power
Austin Butler
Daniel Murphy
Geo. Dooley
Laurence Dooley
and
Thomas Cooney

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by the Chairman, Messrs M. Roche & J. Roche and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 111	Comms P. Works	£120-15-3,	No 112	Comms P. Works	£24-11-0
" 113	Same	£365-10-4	114	Parnell Quarries	£23-8-9
" 115	The People	£3-4-0	116	J. Walsh	£4-14-1
" 117	R. Cooney	£45-16-0.	118	Gas & Elect Co.	£176-17-9
" 119	J. Freeman	£1-5-8	120	M Dinn	£19-11-8
" 121	Petty Cash (Sewer)	£6-1-1	122	J Browne	£1-19-0
" 123	J Browne	£3-14-5	124	J. Lordall	£17-8-8
" 125	A. Dinn	£10 —	126	J Doran	£2-3-4
" 127	P Kehoe	£3-6-6	128	J Butler	£7-10-0
" 129	J Butler	£5-8-4	130	P Kierney	4/8
" 131	Natl Bank Ltd	£13-7-0	132	M. Hutchinson	£1-10-7
" 133	M. Hutchinson & Son	£1-1-0 (T.12)	134	Wexford Co Col.	£357-8-0. T.12.

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Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant (Interim) on Bank of Ireland Stock for half-year ended 30th June, amount £1-7-1, was received, and ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

A letter, dated 10th Inst was received from Patrick Kehoe Fair Gate, asking to have some necessary repairs carried out on the house occupied by him.

In reply to the Chairman the Surveyor Stated that Mr Kehoe only wanted some trifling repairs carried out on the house occupied by him, for the present, the cost of which he estimated to be 30/-,

After a short discussion it was

Ordered

That the repairs referred to by the Surveyor be carried out at a cost not exceeding 30/-.

Letter from P. J. Kenny, Inniscorthy, dated 9th Inst stating that he can overhaul one of the Council's weighbridges immediately and another next week at a cost of £3-10-0 each.

Ordered

That Mr Kenny be informed the Council consider his Estimate of £3-10-0 for overhauling each machine too high, and think the two should be done for this amount, as they believe they can be done in one day.

That on receiving a reply from Mr Kenny a meeting of the Street Committee be held to arrange further with him in the Event of him declining to carry out the work for £3-10-0, as it is desirable to have the machines repaired as soon as possible.

A Circular letter was received from the Irish National Assurance Co. dated 4th Inst. advising a discount of 25% on Fire Premiums if a five years' Contract is entered into.

No order made.

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A Circular letter was received from The Secty. G Southern Railways advising that they were now exchanging Certificates of holdings in the Old Companies in the Irish Free State which are now represented by the G Southern Railway Co's stock, and asking to have the Certificates sent that they may be exchanged for new ones

Ordered

That the Certificate of the £400-4% Pref. Stock held by the Council be forwarded to The Secretary for Exchange as requested.

There was no action taken in reference to a resolution received from the Cork County Council asking to have a Commission appointed to Inquire into the cost of administration in The Free State, or in reference to a resolution received from Killarney Urban Council relative to The Income Tax Laws as affecting American Citizens.

A Tender was received from Messrs Moran Bros. dated 10th Inst. for printing Of Artizans Dwellings Rent Receipt Books, and in connection with it an order was made directing that the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be asked to permit the Council to carry on the collection as usual by means of the Pass Books & Rental Sheets which have always been in use, and that copies of same, with particulars of the present system, be furnished to the Minister

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The consideration of the Minute of the Conference which took place between a Committee of the Council and Mr Colfer, in reference to the payment of Down Rates by the Council's tenants, was, with other business, adjourned to next meeting of the Council

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An application dated 6th Inst was received from Messrs M. Hutchinson Son, North St. for a renewal of his Licence to store and sell Petrol at his premises, 6 North St, and on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by Mr M. Roche, same was granted for one year from this date, 10th August, 1926.

An application was also received from The Irish B. P. Company Ltd dated 4th Inst. for a renewal of their Licence to store Petroleum at their Store in the Garden at the rere of Mr James Lalor's premises at Robercon.
Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr M. Roche

"That the Licence be granted"
"to The Irish B.P. Company, for one year from"
"the 8th September next; the date upon which"
"the present Licence expires."

Passed unanimously

The Report of the Street Committee, which embodied the Minutes of the Meeting of that Committee, held on the 30th ult, and entered in Folio 439 of the Minute Book, was considered at length. In reference to the proposal contained in the Minute relative to the method of repair of the different Streets, Mr John Murphy suggested that the repair should be carried out as efficiently as possible by using tar &c even though it might cost more, and result in the repair of lesser portions of the Streets than to repair them as proposed, and proposed that the Report be referred back to the Committee. It was however pointed out that with the small amount of money available, about £80 to £100, it would be impossible to do this, but it was absolutely necessary that some of the Streets which are in a condition dangerous to traffic should be repaired at once.

Eventually it was:-

Proposed

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Tuesday, 10th August, 1926.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy,

"That a meeting"
"of the Street Committee be held on tomorrow, 11th"
"Inst. at 12 O'clock noon, to inspect Maryst, Hyl."
"Hill &c and decide upon the best method of"
"repairing the surface of same; the Committee"
"to be empowered to take such actions, or carry"
"out such work in connection with them as"
"they consider necessary."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Co. Surveyor, dated 4th Inst. in reply to an Inquiry relative to material from Ballybrennan Quarry for repair of Urban Roads. In it he stated that he had a supply of 1¼" screen material, and could forward a good portion of 100 tons which would cost 10/ per ton, free on rail at Sparrowsland, payment to be made according to the Railway B's docket of weight.

It was decided to defer consideration of this letter until after the meeting of the Street Committee.

In connection with the Account due the Wexford Co Council for stones and spalls used in repair of Road D.12. under the Grant of £1300, amounting to £55 Y. 8. 0 it was Ordered

That the Council be paid £35 Y. 8. 0, on a/c, out of the balance of £36 Y. 9. 9. to credit of Grant a/c in Bank, the balance, with amount due for hire of Roller, to be paid when the Urban Council receive the final Instalment - £300 - of the Grant

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Letter from Co Surveyor dated 4th Inst. stating that as the Road over New Ross Bridge forms portion of the Main Roads in the Urban District it will be maintained by the Co. Council.

D. Whelan

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 24th August 1926.

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Thursday, 12th August 1926

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock to resume consideration of the lists of outstanding rates for year ending 31st March 1926

Present Messrs P. H. O'Gorman Chairman of the Council - Presiding.
" John Murphy
Daniel Murphy
and
Thomas Cooney.

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Committee continued the examination of the lists of outstanding rates submitted by the Collector, and decided to recommend the Cancellation of a number of the amounts shown in the different ratings, and to carry forward others for immediate lodgment, or otherwise.

They were however, unable to complete the examination of all the lists at this sitting and,

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 17th August 1926.

P. H. O'Gorman

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Wednesday, 11th August, 1926

A meting of the Street Sanitary Committee was held this day at 12 o'clock noon to inspect Mary St, High Hill &c, and decide upon the best method of repairing the surface of those streets, also to make arrangements for the cleansing of the public Lavatories.

Present - Messrs P. N. Gorman, Chairman
Joseph Roche,
Michael Roche
John Hand
and
George Dooley

The Committee, accompanied by the Town Surveyor, and Clerk, proceeded to inspect Mary St and High Hill, both of which they found in an Extremely bad state, the surface of them being torn away by the recent heavy rains to a considerable depth in some places, rendering them dangerous to traffic.

They accordingly directed the Surveyor to carry out the repair of them immediately by the means recommended in the report of the Street Committee submitted to the meeting of the Council held the previous evening, the carting and spreading of stones to be done by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of his Contract, the Town Surveyor to be authorized to employ some temporary men, considered suitable by him, for breaking the stones.

The Committee were of opinion that a considerable sum of money would be required in order to carry out the necessary repairs on the Urban Roads in the District, - much more than could be raised by local rate - in any year, and they accordingly came to the conclusion to recommend the Council to obtain a Loan of say £1000 to be spread over some years.

As the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health is necessary to this proposal, and in order to have some definite information in reference

to

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to the matter before the next meeting of the Council, the Chairman and Surveyor, at the request of the Committee, undertook to wait upon the Minister on the following Friday.

When inspecting High Hill the Committee observed that the Boundary wall of the Quarry there, specially that portion of it adjoining Maiden Lane, was in a very dilapidated condition - large portions of it being broken down, and the Quarry used as a dumping ground for refuse which is most unsightly & objectionable.

They recommended that this wall be repaired by having the broken down portions of it, as well as the apertures in it, rebuilt, and a small entrance gate provided and substituted for the present entrance to it.

The Committee also inspected the Public Lavatories at rere of Fish-house on Quay, and considered that it was absolutely necessary to have arrangements made for the regular cleansing of them, They directed the Town Surveyor to endeavour to arrange with the Contractor, Mr Cooney, to have this work carried out for the sum of £5. for a year, as they considered this the most Economical arrangement that could be made.

This concluded the business of the Committee and,

The members separated.

P. Ó Tomrair

Tuesday, 17th August 1926.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 4.30 o'clock p.m. to resume consideration of Lists of outstanding rates for year ending 31st March '26.

At the commencement of the business of the meeting Messrs D. Murphy & J. Murphy were the only members present, and they decided, after reading the letter received from the Ministry, in reference to collection, to re-examine the list of rates carried forward, and to classify them under four headings viz:- Those which should be lodged forthwith by the Collector, those which he might collect in weekly instalments, those for which he had decrees which were returned by D. Daly Endorsed "No Goods", and special ones - such as those due by C. Sheehan & Sons but which had not been received from the Official Assignee.

The segregation was proceeded with under these headings for sometime, until the arrival of the Chairman, when the procedure was explained to him. He expressed himself as not in agreement with the procedure, which he held did not comply with the requirements of the Minister for Local Government with regard to the closing of the collection.

He suggested that the Committee should first ascertain the total amount recommended to be cancelled; when further considerations might be given to the remainder.

After some discussion it was agreed to adjourn the further consideration of the lists to the 19th inst, the total amount recommended to be cancelled to be submitted to that meeting.

The Committee adjourned to Thursday 19th August '26.

P. O'Gorman

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Friday, 13th August 1926

Minute Of Interview with Repsrs of The Minister for Local Government & Public Health in reference to Repair of Urban Roads.

As decided upon at a meeting of the Street Committee held on yesterday, The Chairman & Town Surveyor, accompanied by Mr George Dooley and The Town Clerk attended at Government Buildings on this date for the purpose of interviewing the Minister for Local Government & Public Health with a view to obtaining a Grant, or in the alternative, sanction to a loan for the purpose of repairing the Urban Roads in the District.

The deputation was received by Mr De Lacy, Assistant Secretary to The Ministry and Mr Hurson who deals with applications for sanction to Loans.

The Chairman of the Council put before the Representatives of the Minister the urgent necessity of carrying out repairs to the Urban Roads, which owing to the recent heavy downpour of rain were seriously damaged, and at the same time dwelt upon the great difficulty which confronted the Council in attempting to embark on a Scheme involving considerable outlay owing to the financial condition, due largely to the difficulty of collecting rates from weekly tenants for whom the Landlords previously paid them.

The Representatives of the Ministry were asked for a Grant which the Council were prepared to supplement by means of a Loan, but the deputation was informed that there were no Grants available, all the money voted being already expended. An application for a Loan from the Bank to enable the Council to carry out the necessary work will however be favourably considered by the Minister

This concluded the interview, and,

The Deputation withdrew.

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Thursday, 19th August, 1926.

An adjourned meeting of the Finance Committee was held this Evening at 7.30 oclock p.m. to resume consideration of the outstanding lists of rates for year ended 31st March 1926.

Present - Messrs Daniel Murphy
and
John Murphy

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Members of the Committee, whilst expressing regret that the Chairman of the Council, or other members of the Committee, were not present, decided to proceed with the business for which the meeting was called, as neither of them could attend a meeting of the Committee again prior to the meeting of the Council to be held on 24th Inst.

After a brief discussion they decided to classify the amounts brought forward (after cancellation of those which in the opinion of the Committee were irrecoverable) under four headings; as they believed this was the intention of the Council embodied in the resolution passed by them at last meeting viz:-

Amounts to be lodged forthwith by the Collector, amounts to be collected in weekly Instalments, Amount of Decrees returned by D Daly endorsed "No Goods", & amount of rates due by John Sheehan, £21.7.6, which will be collected by the Official Assignee in Bankruptcy, the latter to be lodged by the Collector immediately he receives it.

They accordingly recommended that £515.6.3, including £86.19.1 vacant premises, be cancelled, £175.13.0 be lodged forthwith by the Collector, £266.16.0 be carried forward for collection in weekly Instalments, £26.17.8 amount of decrees returned be also carried forward pending the decision of the Council as to what further action, if any, is to be taken in reference to them. Application for Instalment Orders in these cases will, it is understood cost 1s/ Each.

This concluded the business, and
The meeting adjourned

P Wexford

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Monday, 23rd August, 1926

A meeting of the Street Sanitary Committee was held this day at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to consider what action they should recommend the Council to take in order to have the surface of the streets or Urban Roads put in a proper state of repair.

Present- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman
Joseph Roche
George Dooley
and
M. Roche

The Town Surveyor was also present.

The Chairman reported the result of the interview which the deputation had with the Representatives of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health as entered on Folio 750.

The Committee, after long and careful consideration decided to recommend the Council to borrow a sum of £1,000 from the Bank for a period of ten years if possible, and to carry out the repair of Rosbercon, Mary St, portion of Michael St, High Hill, & such other streets as it might be possible to repair with the funds available, and directed the Town Surveyor to prepare and submit to meeting of the Council to be held on the 24th Inst. a Scheme embodying their recommendations, after which,

The meeting adjourned. P.N. O'Gorman

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Tuesday, 24th August, 1926.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider Minute of Conference which took place between a Committee of the Council and their Solicitor in reference to the payment of Town Rate by the Council's tenants, and arrange for the Public Lighting of the town for the coming winter.

Present - Messrs P.N. O'Gorman Presiding
Joseph Roche
John Murphy
Michael Roche
Austin A. Butler
Thomas Cooney
Patrick J Dunne
Daniel Murphy
John Hand
Laurence Dooley
George Dooley
and
Vincent A Doyle

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Dept) dated 21st Inst advising the payment of £4237 to the Wexford Co. Council, and £300 to the Urban Council being the final instalment due the latter Authority out of the Grant of £1300 for repair of Road D.12 in the Urban District.
No order made.

The meeting considered the recommendation of the Street Committee made on the 11th Inst. that the Boundary wall on High Hill be repaired by having the broken down portion of it, as well as the

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the apertures in it re-built, and a small entrance gate provided and substituted for the present entrance to it.

They also recommended, on same date, that the Town Surveyor endeavour to arrange with the Contractor, Mr Cooney, to have the Public Lavatories regularly cleansed for the sum of £5 per year, as they considered this the most Economical arrangement that could be made

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

"That the Boundary"
"wall of the High Hill, and the apertures in same"
"be built up, and the small gate, recommended"
"by the Committee, be provided and fixed."

Passed unanimously

There was No definite order made in reference to the cleansing of the Public Lavatories at this stage of the meeting.

The Chairman explained the result of the interview which the deputation had with the Representatives of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, relative to the repair of the Urban Roads in the District, after which the meeting proceeded to consider the recommendation of the Street Sanitary Committee, held on the 23rd Inst. viz

"That a sum of £1000 be borrowed from the"
"Bank for a period of ten years, if possible, for"
"the purpose of repairing them."

After a long discussion the following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and Seconded by Mr M. Roche

"That the further consideration of this"
"matter be adjourned to a meeting of the"
"Council to be held on Tuesday, 31st Inst., the"
"Clerk, in the meantime, to make application"
"to the Bank for a loan of £1,000 for the purpose,"
"and ascertain the longest number of years, and"
"the rate of interest it may be obtained for, if the"

Directors

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"Directors agree to grant the Loan."
Passed unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 11th Inst. No. 37067/1926 Misc. drawing the attention of the Council to, and explaining the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926, which has been passed by the Oireachtas, and stating that a copy of the Act will be circulated as soon as printed copies are available.
No order made.

Letter from same dated 20th Inst No 38034/1926 relative to the revision of bonuses of Officers of Local Authorities
No order made - as it did not apply to Officers of the Council.

Letter from P. J Kenny, Enniscorthy, dated 16th Inst. agreeing to adjust the Council's two weighing Machines for £3-10-0, and advising that he will attend for the purpose on Thursday, 19th Inst.
The Surveyor reported verbally that the two scales had been adjusted by Mr Kenny and tested up to 3. Cwt. weight. He also reported that a bullock broke the pen of the scales at Rathtown, and he sent it to Thomas Lee, The Quay, for repairs, and this was approved of

A notification was received from the Commissioner of Valuation, dated 23rd Inst. that Mr W. E. Murphy will commence the annual revision of the Urban District on the 27th Inst.
No order made

On the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr John Murphy, the following resolution, received from the Wexford Corporation was unanimously adopted viz:-

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"That we express our deepest sympathy"
"with the Bishops, Priests, and Nuns, of Mexico"
"in the persecution they are undergoing at the"
"present time at the hands of the Mexican Govern-"
"ment, and hereby express our condemnation"
"of the tyrannical action of that Government."

The Council next considered at length the recommendation of the Finance Committee, made at their meeting on the 19th Inst. relative to the collection of the rates for year ended 31st March, 1926. During the discussion which took place it was contended by the Chairman and some members that the Committee were not authorised to deal with the rates not cancelled, as they recommended, as this was not in accordance with the Minister's letter of the 24th ultimo. Reference was also made to the resolution passed at meeting of the Council held on 8th June, requiring the Collector to close his collection within six weeks from that date.

Messrs John V. D Murphy, the members of the Committee by whom the recommendation was made, pointed out that they believed they were carrying out the intention of the Council in dealing with them as they did, and that if they thought otherwise they would have recommended the cancellation of a much larger amount; as they were satisfied it would not be possible to collect many of the ratings, not cancelled, otherwise than in weekly instalments, if at all.

After some further discussion a vote was taken on the following resolution, which was:-
Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That the recommendation"
"of the Finance Committee contained in the"
"Minutes of their meeting held on the 19th Inst"
"be adopted by the Council viz:- That £529-3-8,"
"including £95-7-4. vacant premises, be cancelled,"
"£125-13-0 be lodged forthwith by the Collector; £266-16-0 be

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" be carried forward for collection by weekly "
" instalments, and £21-7-6, amount owing "
" by J Sheehan which will be collected thro' "
" the Court of Bankruptcy, also £26-17-8, amount "
" of Warrants returned by Bailiff endorsed "
" No Goods."

The voting resulted as follows viz:-

For the resolution - Messrs D. Cooney, L. Dooley, D Murphy, Butler, Hand, J Murphy, and, M. Roche 7

Against — Messrs Doyle, T. Dooley, J Roche, and, The Chairman 4

Not voting - Mr Dunne

The Chairman declared the resolution Passed

An application dated 23rd Inst, received from Mr James Connolly for permission to erect a Scaffolding outside Globe Hotel was unanimously granted.

The Clerk submitted a printed copy of Extracts from regulations governing storage and sale of Petroleum, and it was:-

Ordered

That copies of same be furnished to persons storing & selling Petrol, including owners of Motor Cars within the District.

In connection with the Public Lighting of the Town for the winter months a discussion took place respecting the number of lamps to be lighted, and Mr Cooney Expressed the opinion that the lamps at Newtown and the one at Charleton Hill, fixed on wall of Workhouse, need not be lighting, but the meeting considered they were very necessary.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy

" That "

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"That an additional lamp be lighted on"
"Bullawn, near the entrance to the Christian"
"Brothers, the exact site to be selected by the"
"Street Committee."

Passed unanimously

The Clerk stated that it would be necessary to employ a temporary man to clean the Office windows, and suggested that Edward Broaders, who always cleaned them, when he was in the employment of the Council, be appointed to do the work.

Proposed by Mr M Roche, and
Seconded by Mr J Murphy

"That E. Broaders be employed"
"to clean the office windows, and he be allowed 5/-"
"each time it is necessary to have them done."

An amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr Cooney, and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy.

"That E Broaders be allowed"
"4/6 for cleaning the windows each time."

The Amendment was put to a vote & the following voted:-
For — Messrs Cooney, L Dooley, D Murphy, Butler & Hand 5.
Against - Messrs Dunne, Doyle, T Dooley, J Murphy, M. Roche, J. Roche, & The Chairman 4.

The Chairman declared the Amendment defeated

The Dowry Surveyor applied for his annual holidays of three weeks, and it was:-
Ordered

That he be granted them

At this stage it was
Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the remainder of the"
business

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"(which included the consideration of the"
"question of the payment of Town Rates by the"
"Council's tenants, and whether the collection"
"of rates for financial year ending 31st March"
"1924 should be commenced) be adjourned"
"to next meeting of the Council."

Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 7th September x

Jas. F. Dooley

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Tuesday, 31st August, 1926.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to consider the best means of repairing the Urban Roads in the District, decide whether a sum of £1,000 should be borrowed from the Bank for the purpose, same to be paid in annual instalments, and take such action in connection with their repair as may be deemed advisable

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Presiding
Joseph Roche
Michael Roche
Charles D'Hearn
Vincent A. Doyle
Richard Power
Patrick J. Dunne
John Hand

The Chairman, before proceeding with the business, for which the meeting was called, referred to the honour conferred on Very Rev. Canon Rossiter, who had been appointed Dean of the Diocesan Chapter, and proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Michael Roche, and passed unanimously viz:-

"That we, the members of the New Ross Urban"
"District Council, on behalf of the Council and"
"the people of the town, desire to tender to the Very"
"Rev Dean Rossiter P.P. V.G. our heartiest congrat-"
"ulations on his appointment at Dean of the"
"Diocesan Chapter, and earnestly hope & pray"
"that Divine Providence may spare him for many,"
"very many years, as our Pastor to minister to the"
"spiritual needs of his flock, and to enjoy the high"
"distinction bestowed on him by His Lordship, the"
"Bishop of the Diocese."

Proposed.

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Proposed by The Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr M. Roche

"That we, the members"
"of the New Ross Urban District Council, desire to"
"convey to His Lordship The Most Revd Dr Codd,"
"our grateful thanks on behalf of the Council,"
"and the people of New Ross, for the honour he"
"has conferred upon our beloved Pastor, Very"
"Rev Dean Rossiter P.P. V.G., and through him"
"on the people of the town and parish of New Ross."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Manager National Bank, New Ross dated 28th Inst. acknowledging the Clerk's letter of the 25th Inst. (making application for a Loan of £1,000 for the repair of Urban Roads & asking to be informed the longest terms for which the money will be advanced) advising that the most favourable terms upon which the Directors would be prepared to entertain the Councils' application would involve re-payment over a period of five years in Equal half-yearly Instalments of Principal & Interest at a rate of ½% under Irish Banks Rate varying, minimum 4%, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, repayment to be secured by mortgage on the Rates.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter during which the members expressed the opinion that the annual Instalments of Principal & Interest payable on a Loan of £1,000 for such a short period of time as five years would be too high, and it was accordingly —

Proposed by Mr Michael Roche, and,
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche,

"That application be"
"made to the National Bank for a Loan of £500,"
"on the terms specified in the letter received"
"from the Manager viz:- repayment to be"
"secured by Mortgage and to be made within"

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"period of five years, in equal half yearly Instalments"
"with interest at rate of half percent under Irish"
"Bank rate with a minimum of 4%, subject"
"to the sanction of The Minister for Local Government"
"and Public Health, the money to be applied in"
"completing the repair of Mary St, and carrying"
"out such other urgent repairs to the remaining"
"Urban Roads as may be absolutely necessary."

Passed unanimously

Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr M. Roche

"That application be"
"made to The Minister for Local Government"
"and Public Health for sanction to borrow"
"£500 from the National Bank for the purpose"
"of repairing some of the Urban Roads, same to be repaid"
"within a period of five years in Equal half-"
"yearly Instalments of Principal & Interest, at"
"half per cent under Bank Rate - Minimum"
"4%, and to be secured by Mortgage on the"
"rates of the District."

Passed unanimously

The following Estimate of Cost for repairing some of the Urban Roads, submitted by the Dowry Surveyor was considered at length viz:-

Estimated cost of filling only.

Cub. Yd. 1	Rubble or Local filling, quarried on site	5-0
" " 1	Cartage to site @ 3/ per C. yd	3-0
" " 1	Labour to Spalling & Spreading	2-6
	Total per Cub. yd. for filling	10-6

Mem. One Cu. Yd. covers 6 Spl yds. 6 ins. thick
Cost per Spl yd. for filling only 1-9
(10/6 over 6.)

Estimated Cost of Surfacing in Tarred Macadam

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Cub. Yd. 1	Macadam (Ballybrennan, Parnell Quality) deld			
	at Railway Station or Quay, broken 2" Gauge.		11 - 0	
" " 1	Cartage to Site		3 - 0	
Gals. 12	Tar required per Cub. Yard		12 - 0	
Item	Labour to mixing & spreading		1 - 6	
	Sand or Gravel to cover superficially,			
	One C. Yd. including carting to site		1 - 8	
	Total cost per Cub. Yd. for surfacing			1 - 9 - 2
	Mem. One Cub. Yd. 2 to 2½ thick covers 16 Spl.			
	Yards. Cost per Spl. yd. (29/2 over 16.)			1 - 10
Spl Yd. 1	Cost of filling as above		1 - 9	
" " 1	" " Surfacing "		1 - 10	3 - 7

	Sq. Yds.		
Roberson, Spl. Area,	4,000	@ 3/4	£16 - 13 - 4.
Michael St " "	1,800	" "	322 - 10 - 0.
Mary St.	4,000		
Robert St.	2,220		
College Road	3,330		
Irishtown	22,200		
High Hill	1,000		
Wexford St.	3,330		

(Signed) J. J. Shortall
Down Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr Joseph Roche and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Tenders be invited"
"for the supply of 200 tons of rubble delivered"
"at such portion of Mary St as may be required,"
"at — per ton, the Contractor to state the Quarry"
"from which he proposes to supply same."

Passed unanimously

Ordered

That Tenders be invited for the supply of fifty tons of coarse Inistioge Gravel at — per ton delivered on Quay, New Ross.

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The Surveyor reported verbally that there was now only a very small quantity of material, which is of any use for filling of Mary St, available, and, after a short discussion it was—

Ordered,

That when the quantity referred to by him is used, the services of the men presently employed at the work of repair be dispensed with.

This concluded the business, and

The meeting adjourned.

Jim Dooley

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Tuesday, 7th September, 1926.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider Minute of Conference which took place between a Committee of the Council and their Solr. in reference to the payment of Town Rates by the Councils tenants, copy of which has been furnished in detail to the members, and consider Tenders for the public lighting of the town.

Present

Messrs George Dowley Presiding
Thomas Cooney
Laurence Dowley
Daniel Murphy
Austin T. Butler
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne
and
John Murphy

The Minutes of previous meetings were signed

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, dated 26th ult. enclosing Paying Order for £9.1.9 being balance of their share of State Duty for year ended 31st March last.
Ordered
That the Pay Order be lodged to the credit of the Council.

A Notice of Assessement dated 4th Inst. of £4 on Profits of Waterworks, was received from the Inspector of Taxes which the Clerk stated, in reply to the Chairman, he agreed with, after correspondence with the Inspector
No order made.

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Letter from Mrs Hamilton, dated 28th ult. acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of her husband & thanking them for same.
No order made

A letter was also received from Very Rev Dean Rossiter P.P.V.G. thanking the Council for resolution passed by them congratulating him on his elevation as Dean of Ferns
No order made.

During a discussion which took place on the reading of the Minutes of the adjourned meeting held on 31st ult. Mr John Murphy Inquired if there were any stones available at Down Hall or other Depots which might be used in repairing High Hill, &c and contended that it was not necessary to advertise for 200 tons if there were any in stock.

The Town Surveyor stated, in reply, that the stones in stock were being put out on the street - there were still about 30 tons at Town Hall. He also stated that the Contractor had only two horses drawing them.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand,

"That the Contractor be"
"directed to have all the stones in stock,
"approximately 30 loads, put out by the End
"of this week.

Passed unanimously

A discussion took place respecting the employment of temporary men and Mr Murphy contended that the late employees of the Council, those who were longest in service, should in order of their service get preference, & a resolution to this effect was proposed by Mr Cooney Seconded by Mr D. Murphy, but was not put to a vote it being understood that the opinion expressed by the Council at this meeting would be a

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a sufficient direction to the Surveyor to employ these men

With reference to the recommendation of the Street Committee which was considered at meeting of the Council held on 24th August the Clerk pointed out that there was no order made as to the method by which the wall (the wall) on High Hill was to be repaired, neither was the recommendation of the Committee:- "that the Surveyor endeavour to arrange with the Contractor for the cleansing of the Public Lavatories for the sum of £5 a year finally dealt with or adopted.

After a short discussion it was.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

"That Tenders be"
"invited for carrying out the repairs, same to"
"be considered at next meeting of the Council,"
"the Surveyor to prepare a specification for same"
Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Dunne,

"That the recommendation"
"of the Street Committee "that the Surveyor arrange"
"with Mr Toomey, Contractor, to have the Public"
"Lavatories cleansed, that at present of Fish house"
"daily, for the sum of £5 per year, the rubber"
"hose used at this work at present to be available"
"for the purpose, be adopted."

Letter from Mrs McNamara Fair Gate dated 7th Inst stating that she will take the house occupied by her on the same terms as it was held by her late husband
Proposed by Mr D Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Cooney,

"That Mrs Mary McNamara"
"be accepted as tenant of the house at Fair Gate, of which"
her

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"her late husband, Patrick McNamara was"
"tenant, on the same terms as it was held"
"by him."

Passed unanimously

Letter from Jas Stacey, Fair Gate, dated 7th Inst stating that the roof & windows of house occupied by him are badly in need of repairs. He has reported the matter several times within the past four months but no repairs have been carried out to roof or windows.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Surveyor get"
"the windows repaired, the work to be carried"
"out by direct labour."

Passed unanimously

Letter from Mr Michael Talavan, Rosheree, dated 7th Inst. stating that he was surprised to receive an account for stones, &c & did not know how the two loads were made up. After a very bad tide he sent his boy to get some scrapings to fill holes but he did not want him to take anything useful.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor stated that on two occasions he saw Mr Talavan's man removing the stones and. when he inspected the quantity taken he estimated that there were two loads in it. There were also Road scrapings taken by him.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand,

"That Mr Tallavan"
"be called upon to pay the amount of"
"the account furnished as the Council"
"are satisfied it is correct."

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An application, dated 24th ult. was received from the Engineer in Chief of the Post Office for permission to place over-head telegraph lines along Quay St, Priory Lane & Marsh Lane, and on the Proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by Mr Hand, it was granted on condition that any damage done to the streets in the erection of the poles will be made good to the satisfaction Of the Town Surveyor.

A card dated 3rd Inst was received from Very Rev Dean Rossiter P.P.V.F. recommending Miss Catherine Meaney for admission to Trinity Hospital.
Ordered

That the application be considered when a vacancy occurs

An application dated 22nd ult. was received from The Irish American Oil Co., for a licence to store Petroleum in a store on Quay - brick built and slated.

The Surveyor stated that the store was isolated and suitable for the purpose.
Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That a Licence be granted"
"to The Irish American Oil Co for one year from"
"this date to store Petroleum & Petrol Spirit in"
"this store"

Passed unanimously

The following resolution received from the Enniscorthy District Assn of The Farmer's Union was unanimously adopted on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr J Murphy :-

"That we believe the present is no time for revision or increase of Valuation owing to the general depression in farming & every business. Such increase will tend to discontinue improvements & stop any progress that industrial people would be inclined to carry out."

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It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Street Committee on tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. to select the site for the additional lamp at Bullawn.

The following Tender for the Public Lighting of the town for the winter months was received from The Newross Gas & Electricity Supply Co:—

29 Gas Lamps to be extinguished at 11 p.m. and to remain unlit on the five nights of the moon, viz:- three nights before, the night of, and one night after the full moon at £6-5-0 per lamp. These lamps to be fitted with incandescent burners. The cost of maintenence of mantles, & chimneys is included in this price.

18 Electric Lamps to be lit for same period as above but to be lit every night an extinguished at 11 p.m at £7-15-0 per lamp.

The Lamps at Rosbercon Church to be lit as required at £2-0-0

If it is desired to continue the lighting until 1st May 1927 the price would be for Gas Lamps £6-9-0 and for Electric Lamps £7-19-0

The above proposals are made subject to our being able to procure a sufficient supply of coal. Also that we cannot be held liable for failure to supply caused by strikes, break down of Machinery, or any other unforseen cause.

We also reserved the right to discontinue lighting, and remove any lamps wilfully damaged or interfered with, due allowance to be made for the period for which any such lamp may be discontinued.

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the Tender of the"
"New Ross Gas & Electricity Supply Co. for the"
"lighting of twenty-nine Gas Lamps from the"
"15th September, 1926 to 1st May 1927, exclusive"
"of five moonlight nights in each month, but"
"including cost of mantles & chimneys, for the"
"sum of £6-9-0 for each lamp, and also their"
"Tender for the lighting of eighteen Electric Lamps"
"for same period for the sum of £7-19-0 each"
"lamp, and the lamp at Rosbercon Church"
"for the sum of £2.0.0. be accepted."

Passed unanimously

The following letters received from the Rent Collector were also considered viz:-

6th September '26.

Dear Sir.

"re John J. Sheehan a Bankrupt.

With reference to above matter I wish to state that at the request of the Official Assignee, I forwarded through Mr Kelly Solicitor, amounts due by the Bankrupt to the New Ross Urban Council on foot of Rents & Rates

Last week I received the enclosed Paying Order for £2-5-0 being the amount of the first Dividend at 1/6 in the £ upon the debt of £30. rent. I at once saw Mr Kelly, and he took the matter up with his Town Agent Mr John Early, Solicitor, and I herewith enclose a copy of his letter to Mr Kelly.

I being only Rent Collector in this matter, I think the Council should take the matter up with their own Solicitors

(Signed) M J O'Kennedy

Copy of letter from John Early, Solicitor —

I enclose a/c. copy of which you furnished to Official Assignee with composition note which you sent me.

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I am directed by O.A. to say a Claim for rent is not admitted as preferential unless a threat of distress on Bankrupt's goods is made against Assignees in which cases as alternative an undertaking is given for payment of six months in full, otherwise a Creditor is only admitted for composition. This seems strange and is contrary to my knowledge of the practice. I suggest that you communicate with O.A. direct as to the position, and on receipt of formal reply you can consider what steps, if any, you will be advised to take. Have you called upon Assignees to elect to take. I understand this is a bad case and you are aware of the procedure to be adopted to obtain possession. I should be happy to collaborate with you and assist in the matter.

The amounts furnished were:-

One years rent to 25th March '26	£30
First & second Moieties of Town Hses Rate to 31/3/26	£21 " 7" 6

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the matter be referred"
"to the Council's Solicitors, and they be instructed"
"to take whatever action they consider necessary"
"to protect the interests of the Council."

Passed unanimously

The meeting next proceeded to consider the Minute of the conference which took place between a Committee of the Council and their Solicitor as entered on Folio 427 of M.M. Book in reference to the payment of Town Rate by the Councils' tenants and after some discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Joseph Roche, and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the consideration"
"of this matter be adjourned to a special meeting"
"of the Council at which no other business but this"
will

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"will be transacted."

A vote was taken on the proposal ~~of the Chairman~~ and the following voted :—

For-Messrs Roche & The Chairman 2.

Against-Messrs D Murphy, Hand, J. Murphy, L Dooley, Dunne, Butler & Cooney. 7.

The Chairman declared the resolution defeated.

The consideration of the Minute of the Conference referred to was then proceeded with, and the following resolution was :—

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and

Seconded by Mr Austin A. Butler

"That in view"
"of the heavy expense which will be incurred by"
"the Council in taking proceedings by way"
"of Ejectment, or otherwise, for the recovery of"
"Dowry Rate from their tenants; as in the event"
"of the Council succeeding (which is extremely"
"doubtful) it will not be possible to recover"
"costs from them, and if the Council do succeed"
"is 9/10 of the rates will be the most that can be"
"collected from them - many of whom are unable"
"to meet their rents under present trade and"
"unemployment conditions, and as it is very"
"probable that legislation will be passed in"
"the near future dealing with the payment of"
"rates on houses of low valuation the Council"
"is of opinion that no further proceedings be"
"taken for their recovery but that the rates be"
"dealt with in the same manner as all the other"
"irrecoverable rates are dealt with."

Before formally moving the resolution the Proposer dwelt at considerable length upon the cost which would probably have to be borne by the Council if proceedings in the case were taken to the Superior Court & also pointed out that even if the Council succeeded the proportion of the rates which could be

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be eventually collected from the tenants would probably not exceed 15% of the total amount assessed.

A vote was taken on the resolution when the following voted

For- Messrs Dunne, J. Murphy, Hand, D Murphy. L. Dooley, Cooney, Butler, & The Chairman 8

Against- Mr Joseph Roche 1

The Chairman declared the resolution Passed

On the proposal of Mr J. Murphy. Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy - It was ordered

That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be asked to permit the Council to commence the collection of the rate for year ending 31st March 1927.

The Street Inspector reported that since last meeting the Contractor for Domestic Scavenging removed contents of Dust Bins as per Agreement but the scavenging of the surface of the Streets in the lower area continues unsatisfactory

Ordered

That the attention of the Contractor be directed to this complaint & he be requested to give the necessary instructions to have the work carried out satisfactorily.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Dunne - a resolution of sympathy was passed with Mr James Dobin, son of the late Mr Dobin, Dowry Clerk, on the death of his wife, & a copy ordered to be sent to him.

On the proposal of Mr Butler, Seconded by Mr J Murphy a resolution of sympathy was also passed with the relatives of the victims of the Drumcollogher disaster.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 14th September &c.

P. O'Gorman

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Wednesday, 8th September, 1926

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this date at 2.30 Oclock to select a site for the erection of an additional lamp to light Maiden Lane and adjoining Street

Present Messrs George Dooley
Joseph Roche
and
John Hand

The Committee proceeded to inspect suggested sites, and having considered each one, decided to have the lamp fixed on the Council's house at junction of Church with The Bullawn, which is at present occupied by Richard Merrigan, after which,

The Members Separated.

Tuesday, 14th September 1926

A meeting of The Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 Oclock to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council.

Present Messrs Daniel Murphy
and
John Murphy

The Committee examined some bills submitted by the Clerk, and recommended payment of those entered at the Commencement of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council, after which,

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Tuesday, 14th September 1926

A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, also Tenders for repair of wall on High Hill, and also Tenders for supply of stones and gravel.

Present Messrs P. J. O'Gorman Chairman, Presiding
Joseph Roche
Daniel Murphy
John Hand
John Murphy
Laurence Dooley
A. A. Butler
V. A. Doyle.
Patrick Dunne
and
Thomas Cooney.

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy, and John Hand, and the following payments ordered to be made, on the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Joseph Roche viz.

No 135.	Commissioners of Public Works	£3;	No 136	Manager Ira Press	£2.19.0
" 137	Hibernian Insurance Co	£3.8.6;	" 138	Richard Murphy	£10.0.0
" 139	Thomas Butler	£7.10.0	" 140	Thomas Butler	£5.8.4
" 141	John J Browne	£1.19.0	" 142	John J Browne	£3.14.5
" 143	James J Shortall	£17.7.4	" 144	M Flynn	£19.11.8
" 145	A K French	13/-	" 146	Peter Graham	9.6
" 147	Timothy Doran	£2.3.4	" 148	Gt So Railways	£4.11.10
" 149	James Rossiter	£7.7.7	" 150	Sec School Attendance Co	£8.6.8.
" 151	Richard Cooney	£45.0.0	" 152	Richard Cooney	£56.8.0
" 153	Patrick Lynch	18.6	" 154	Patrick Lynch	£1.16.1
" 155	Same (Housing account)	£48.3.11.			

The Surveyor's Estimate for repairs to boundary Wall of Quarry on High Hill, which he was directed at last meeting to prepare, was considered, but there was no Tender received for carrying out the work. In reply to Mr John Murphy the Surveyor stated verbally that he estimated the cost of the work at £7.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Surveyor get the work done at the estimated cost of £7.

Passed Unanimously

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Tuesday, 14th September 1926 (Minutes Continued)

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated 8th Inst No L 40941/1926, enclosing a Form upon which application may be made for Sanction to a loan of £500 for repair of Surface of Streets.
The Clerk stated he completed the Form referred to in the letter and returned it, and at the same time informed the Minister that the Specification would be forwarded immediately after this meeting.

The Surveyor in order to enable him to prepare the Specification referred to, solicited the views of the meeting as to the work the Council wished to have carried out, and a discussion took place, during which it was agreed that Barry St be properly finished. It was pointed out that a very considerable quantity of rubble - roughly about 400 tons - had already been spread in Barry Street, and the Surveyor estimated that the cost of labour, Macadam, etc would be over £100 additional. It was decided to pay the cost of the work, already carried out, out of the Council's funds.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand.

"That the balance of the loan of £500 (approximately £260)"
"after completing the repairs to Barry St, be applied in repairing those of the"
"remaining Streets, including Rochercon, most in need of repairs."

Passed Unanimously

Mr Dunne drew attention to the necessity of having the grass which is growing in Barry St plucked, but there was no definite Order made respecting the employment of a man to carry out the work.

Tenders for the supply of fifty tons of Coarse Inistiogue gravel delivered on the Quay, Newross, were received from Messrs John Murphy, John St, who offered it at 5/6 per Ton, Stephen Carroll Kahoe at 5/- per Ton and Patrick Lynch Priory St at 5/- per Ton.

Proposed by Mr Laurence Dooley and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That the Tender of Stephen Carroll be accepted."

Passed Unanimously

Tenders were also received for the supply of two hundred tons of Stones from:- Robert Power, High Hill who offered to supply them from Breywell Quarry delivered as required at 7/- per Ton; and from John Murphy, John St who proposed to supply them from Ballyneal Quarry delivered on Quay Newross at 8/7 per Ton.

After some discussion it was decided to adjourn the acceptance of any Tender for stones to next meeting so that in the meantime the coarse gravel

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might be experimented with for use on the streets instead of the stones.

Letter from the Manager National Bank, dated 7th Inst, stating that the Directors have sanctioned the application of the Council for a loan of £500 for road repair in the Urban District subject to the terms mentioned in the Bank's letter of the 8th Ultimo.
No Order Made pending Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the loan.

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated 13th Inst. No G 41546/1926 requesting to be furnished with particulars of the Rates due by the Council's tenants, the number of tenants the amount due by each and the years in respect of which due.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter resulting in the following resolution being,

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Austin A Butler Viz:-

"That the Minister be informed the Council"
"tenants have not paid Town Rates for a period of forty seven years"
"and that their rates were paid for them by the Commissioner."

To which the following Amendment was

Proposed by Mr V. A. Doyle and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Locke Viz:-

"That the information asked for"
"by the Ministry be given Viz:- particulars of the rates due"
"since the Commissioner paid the last rates".

The Amendment was put to a vote when the following voted:-

For:- Messrs V. A. Doyle, Joseph Locke, and The Chairman 3
Against:- Messrs Cooney, Dooley, D Murphy, Butler, Hand, Dunne and John Murphy 7

The Chairman declared the Amendment defeated.

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation, dated 13th September acknowledging receipt of Copy of a resolution adopted at last meeting of the Council relative to the revision of Valuation on buildings, and forwarding Copy of a reply to a similar resolution passed by the Enniscorthy Branch of the Irish Farmers Union
No Order Made.

Notice, dated 7th September was received from John Healy Esq Local Government Auditor of his intention to audit the Accounts of the Council for year ended 31st March last, on the 16th September.
No Order Made.

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Tuesday 14th September 1926 (Minutes Continued)

An application dated 14th September, was received from Very Revd Dean Rossiter V.P. V.G. for a renewal of the license for the Town Hall.

In reply to a Member the Clerk stated that the license permitting Cinema exhibitions to be held in the Hall was granted originally on the 12th December 1916 and he submitted the Minutes of that meeting on which was entered a letter from the County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, stating that the police had no objection to the granting of the license under the Cinematograph Act.

Proposed by Mr Cooney and
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That a renewal of the license be granted subject to a report being received from the Town Surveyor that it is suitable.

To which the following amendment was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne Viz:-

"That a renewal of the license be granted."

The Amendment was put to a vote when the following voted:-

For:- Mrs V. A. Doyle, Messrs Dunne, John Murphy, Joseph Roche, and The Chairman 5

Against:- Mrs Cooney, L Dooley, D Murphy, and Butler 4

Mr Hand declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the Amendment "Passed."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr Butler Viz:-

"I beg to give Notice that I will move at next meeting that the resolution "
"granting a license to the Town Hall Committee for Cinema performances"
"be rescinded and that no license be granted until the Council have"
"the opinion of the responsible Government Department that the"
"structural arrangements of the Hall are such that Comply with the regulations"
"governed by Cinematograph Act of 1909 and promulgated the the Lord "
"Lieutenant in April 1910"

Letter from the Secretary Co Council, dated 8th Inst. stating that his Council will make Inquiry into restrictions of speed of motor vehicles at their meeting on Monday next and he would be glad to have the definite wishes of the Council on the matter.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Roche

That a speed limit of ten miles in this Urban District be approved of by this Council for inclusion in Bye Laws of County Council

Passed Unanimously.

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As the period for which the temporary overdraft of £600 was sanctioned by the Minister will expire on the 30th Inst and as it will not be possible to have it re-paid by then, owing to the collection of the rates for financial year ending 31st March 1927, not been yet begun it was

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Roche

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction an extension of the time allowed for repayment of the temporary overdraft of £600 to 1st December next.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That on receipt of the sanction of the Minister to the proposed extension of time for repayment application be made to the Bank for a further extension of the temporary overdraft of £600.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr. Hand

That the Minister be asked to sanction payment to the Collector of pomudage on rates collected as per his account furnished he having lodged the amount of those for year ending 31st March 1926, required by resolution of the Council to be lodged forthwith

Passed

The Clerk reported that the time allowed by resolution passed by the Council for closing of the rate collection for financial years ending 31st March 1924 and 1925 expired on the 8th Inst and, on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by Mr Hand it was ordered that a meeting of the Finance Committee be held to consider and deal with the outstanding rates for those.

It was decided not to surrender the tenancy of the stable at William Street in occupation of the Council.

The rate Collector submitted a statement showing that the amount of rates collected by him in instalments from 20th May to 21st August is £3-3-0.
No order made.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 28th September 1926

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Tuesday, 28th September, 1926.

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr Butler viz:-

"That the resolution granting a Licence to the Town Hall Committee for Cinema performances be rescinded, and that no such Licence be granted until the Council have the opinion of the responsible Government Department that the structural arrangements of the Hall are such that comply with the regulations governed by the Cinematograph Act of 1909, and promulgated by the Lord Lieutenant in 1910."

Present

Messrs P. N. Gorman Presiding
Thomas Cooney
Austin T. Butler
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy
Charles D. Hearne
Joseph Roche
Vincent A. Doyle
Michael Roche
Tourgt. Dooley
Daniel Murphy
Laurence Dooley
and
James E. Walsh.

The Minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, Messrs J Roche & M. Roche, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-
No 156 Hibernian Insurance £2-2-0. No 157 J.W. Harding £1-5-6

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Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 15th Inst. No H.376/23,999/1926, stating, in reply to the Council's letter of the 19th ult. that the Rent Collector cannot be relieved of the obligation which rests with him to issue official receipts on the official forms prescribed by the Public Bodies Order 1925, to the Council's tenants for rents received from them. An entry in a Pass Book cannot be considered as a receipt, but in many Districts Pass Books are used in addition to receipts for the convenience of the tenants; and no objection will be raised to this course being adopted by the Council.

In regard to Advice Notes and Paying Orders under Article 17. no objection will be raised to the proposal of the Council.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Hearn,

"That the Collector in"
"future issue official receipts to the Council's"
"weekly tenants for all rents received by"
"him, and that he also continue to use the"
"Pass Books as at present so that the tenants"
"may see at any time amount of rent, if any,"
"due by them."

Passed unanimously

Letter from same dated 18th Inst. No. PH 2653/X. stating that he had received the Auditor's Certificate of the Expenditure from the rates by the Council during the year ending 31st March 1926; on the provision of Meals, and has authorised the issue of a Paying Order for £38-19-1 as recoupment from the Grant in respect of that year.

The Clerk stated that a Paying Order for the amount was received and lodged to the credit of the Council.

No order made.

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Letter from same dated 20th Inst. No 9.41545/1926. acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of the 8th Inst. and stating that there was at the End of last month over £960 of last year's rates outstanding, and nearly £900 of recoverable arrears from the previous two years.

The Minister raises no objection to the collection of the current years rates being proceeded with, but vigorous steps should be taken to collect all the outstanding arrears without further delay.

After a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Cooney, and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy,

"That a copy of this"
"letter be furnished to the Collector, and that a"
"meeting of the Finance and Housing Committee"
"be held on Monday 4th Prox at 7.30 o'clock for the"
"purpose of dealing with the outstanding rate"
"for years ending 31st March 1924 & 1925"

Passed unanimously

Mr Walsh drew attention to the resolution recently passed by the Council requiring the Collector to close the collections for those years within three months from the date of the passing of the resolution, but Mr John Murphy held that it was not in order to pass that resolution without rescinding a previous one which was passed dealing with the collection of these rates, but the discussion ended without any order being made on the matter.

Letter from same dated 24th Inst. No 9.42649/1926 expressing sanction to a continuance of the overdraft of £600 to the 31st December next. Interest at the agreed rate may be paid upon it.
No order made.

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Letter from same dated 23rd Inst. enclosing copy of the Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of The Technical Instruction Committee for year ended 31st March, 1926, together with attested abstract of accounts

In his report the Auditor pointed out that in his last report he expressed the opinion that the value placed on buildings for Insurance purposes was much too low, but the Minutes show there was no action taken upon it. He now renewed his expression of opinion of last year.

The accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner.

A discussion took place respecting the amount for which the building of the school, and equipment ought to be insured and it was:—

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by The Chairman

"That the Clerk"
"ascertain the opinion of the Technical"
"Instruction Committee as to the amount for"
"which the building and Equipment ought"
"to be insured, and on receipt of this instruct"
"the Insurance Co. to insure them for the"
"amount suggested by the Technical Committee,"
"without waiting for the meeting of the Council."

Passed unanimously

Letter from same dated 24th Inst. forwarding copy of the Auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the Council for financial year ended 31st March 1926. together with attested abstract of the accounts.

In his report he stated that although there has been some improvement since the time of last audit, the state of the rate collection is still very far from satisfactory.

The accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That

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"That we congratulate our Clerk on the"
"very satisfactory report of the Auditor on the"
"manner in which the accounts of the Council"
"were kept and presented for audit."

Passed - Mr Cooney dissenting

Letter from same, dated 17th Inst. forwarding, for the convenience of reference of Local Authorities, regulations under the Cinematograph Act dated 20th April 1910; made by the Lord Lieutenant which should be carefully perused in conjunction with the provisions of the Act.

No order made

A Tender, dated 24th Inst was received from Edward Browne Treacon of £3-5-0 for one heap of manure in Henry St yard.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Tender be accepted"
"subject to the condition that the manure be"
"removed within two months from this date"
"and that Mr Browne be charged yardage at"
"the rate of 5/ per week for any portion of it"
"remaining in the yard after that date."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Secretary County Council, dated 23rd Inst. acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution passed by the Council asking for a speed limit of ten miles per hour, and stating that it will be necessary to furnish the particulars asked for by the Minister for Local Government, copy of which has been furnished.

Ordered

That the letter be referred to the Street Committee.

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Letter from Messrs P.J. Roche & Sons dated 21st Inst. drawing attention to the condition of the Quay opposite the entrance to their store near the Grand Canal Co., and also to the condition of the retaining wall, and Iron railing in John St. which are gradually slipping out into the roadway and badly need attention.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

"That the Surveyor have"
"the necessary repairs carried out to that"
"portion of the water channel on the Quay"
"referred to in Mr Roche's letter, and that the"
"attention of the Wexford County Council be"
"drawn to the condition of the retaining wall"
"and iron railing in John St."

Passed unanimously

A Tender was received from Messrs Moran Bros for the supply of Tenants' Rent Receipt Books in duplicate 25 at 1/9 per book, and 50 at 1/6 per book, also for a Japanese letter book, 1,000 pages - Indexed at 17/6

Proposed by The Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr M. Roche

"That the Tender of"
"Messrs Moran Bros. for the supply of fifty"
"tenants Rent Receipt Books in duplicate"
"at 1/6 per book, and one letter book at 17/6 be"
"accepted."

Passed unanimously

An Estimate and specification for road repair under the Loan of £500 was submitted by the Down Surveyor, and the Clerk stated that he forwarded a copy of it to the Roads Department of the Ministry as soon as he received it from the Surveyor, and this was approved of.

No order made.

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A letter was received from Mr James Dobrin Dublin thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his wife.
No order made

A notification was received from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 25th Inst. that he had fixed a sum of £6-6-0 as the fee payable by the Council for the audit of their accounts for year ended 31st March 1926.
Ordered
That the account be referred to the Finance Committee.

In accordance with notice given the following resolution was:-
Proposed by Mr Butler, and,
Seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy,

"That the resolution"
"granting a licence to the Town Hall Committee"
"for Cinema performances be rescinded, and"
"that no such Licence be granted until the Council have"
"the opinion of the responsible Government"
"Department that the structural arrangements"
"of the hall are such that comply with the"
"regulations governed by the Cinematograph"
"Act of 1909, and promulgated by the Lord"
"Lieutenant in 1910."
Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That we consider this"
"matter in Committee"

To which the following amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr Cooney, and,
Seconded by Mr Butler

"That it be discussed in"
"public."

The amendment was put to a vote when the following voted:-

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For :- Messrs D. Cooney, L. Dooley, A.A. Butler, D Murphy, and John Hand. 5.

Against :- Messrs Dunne, Walsh, Doyle, P. Dooley, Hearn, J. Murphy, J. Roche, M, Roche, & The Chairman - 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Butler in the course of his remarks in support of the motion contended that a rescinding resolution was not necessary as the original licence had lapsed, it being only granted for a year, and the necessary seven days notice had not been given of intention to apply for a Licence.

Mr John Murphy pointed out that when the licence was originally granted the hall was regarded as suitable, the necessary notices had been given to the Authorities at the time, and the County Inspector intimated to the Council that the police had no objection to the granting of the Licence. Since then considerable improvements had been carried out in the hall, it was inspected quite recently by the Superintendent of the Garda and reported upon.

A vote was taken on the resolution moved by Mr Butler, and the following voted :-

Against :- Messrs Dunne, Walsh, George Dooley, Doyle John Murphy, Hearn, J. Roche, M. Roche, and The Chairman 9.

Not voting :- Messrs D. Cooney, L. Dooley, A.A. Butler, Daniel Murphy, and John Hand. 5.

The Chairman declared the resolution defeated.

In reply to Mr P. Dooley, the Chairman stated that any alterations or improvements in the hall, considered necessary, will be carried out.

The Street Inspector reported that during the past two weeks the shop refuse &c was removed daily by the Contractor. The scavenging of the surface of the streets in the lower area has not been satisfactory - No order made

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Proposed by Mr Austin A. Butler, and
Seconded by Mr P.J. Dunne,

"That we, the members
"of the New Ross Urban District Council, as the
"elected representatives of the citizens of his
"native town, desire to convey to His Grace, Most
"Rev. Dr. Kelly, Archbishop of Sydney, on their
"behalf, and our own, an Expression of our
"heartiest congratulations on the happy attainment
"of the silver Jubilee of his Episcopate."

"We furthermore wish to place on record our
"sentiments of holiest gratification at the signal
"honours which Our Holy Father The Pope has been
"graciously pleased to confer on Him; by appointing
"Him as Bishop Assistant to The Papal Throne,
"and creating Him a Count of The Holy Roman
"Empire. Such a gracious Act on the part of His
"Holiness is not only an honour to His Grace but
"is a high compliment to the Australian Church,
"an honour to the Irish Nation, and we may
"respectfully add an honour to the historic town
"of Ros mhic Treoir, the town which has the proud
"and happy privilege of numbering His Grace
"on the Roll Call of its many illustrious sons.

In tendering to him these Expressions of our
"respectful felicitations, we humbly crave His Grace's
"blessing and wish Him 'Ad Multos Annos.'"

Passed unanimously

Housing Minutes

Letter from D.J. Kelly Esq. Solicitor, dated 22nd Inst stating that he had seen his client, Mr Patrick Lynch in reference to the two Paying Orders amounting to £50 enclosed in the Clerk's letter of the 14th Inst. and stating that the £50 is accepted on account of the amount due by the Council to his client, as per particulars enclosed, and asking for the balance due amounting to £32.19.7

Particulars of account referred in his letter :-

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Balance due on foot of Contract for erection of the eight houses at Dowry wall. £67-8-1
Items struck out of account 34-16-6
10 Loads of Gravel & 1 Bag of Cement 3-7-6
£108-12-1

By Materials supplied by Council £25-12-6
Paying Orders £50-0-0- 75-12-6
Balance due £32-19-7

After a short discussion it was:-
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the letter & statement"
"received from Mr Kelly, Solicitor, on behalf of Mr"
"Lynch be referred to the Finance & Housing"
"Committee for report."

Passed unanimously

As the Mission for the men of the Parish will be held week commencing 11th prox, it was decided not to hold a meeting on the 12th of the month, and accordingly —

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 19th October, 1926.

P. W. Foran

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Monday, 4th October, 1926

A Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended.

A Quorum not being present.

The meeting adjourned.

P. O'Connell

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Monday, 4th October, 1926.

A meting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 oclock, to consider lists of outstanding rates for years ended 31st March, 1924, and 1925, and recommended for cancellation ratings which they considered irrecoverable.

Present Messrs John Murphy, Presiding
Daniel Murphy
and
Thomas Cooney

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Committee examined portion of the lists of outstanding rates for these years, and decided to recommend cancellation of some of the ratings, and to defer consideration of the remainder to a meeting which they agreed to hold on the following Thursday.

The Committee adjourned to Thursday 7th October '26.

P.W. Forman

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Thursday, 7th October, 1926.

An adjourned meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to resume consideration of the lists of outstanding rates for years ended 31st March 1924 & 1925

Present — Messrs C. D'Hearn Presiding
Daniel Murphy
and
John Murphy.

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Committee resumed consideration of the lists of outstanding rates for these years, and finally decided to recommend that sums of First Moiety of Poor Rate for year ended 31st March 1924, amounting to £44-8-5, and of second moiety of Poor Rate for same year; amounting to £47-3-2, be cancelled, also that sums of First Moiety of Town Rate for same year; amounting to £115-10-5½, and of second moiety amounting to £109-16-11, be also cancelled.

For year ending 31st March, 1925, the Committee recommended that £52-4-0½ of First Moiety Poor Rate, and £56-1-0 of second moiety be cancelled, as also £80-10-7 First Moiety of Town Rate, and £117-16-10 of second moiety of Town Rate for same year.

The Committee directed the Collector to collect all rates due by John Stevenson, Priory St, and not to accept a lesser weekly instalment than 10/ from John Walsh, Mary St. If this amount is not paid the rates due by him to be collected in the usual way.

With regard to rates assessed on Matthew Foley, Neville St, in respect of premises there, portion only of which were occupied by him, and which have since been divided by the Valuation Office, the Committee recommended that he be required to pay only the amount of rates which would be due by him if assessed on the revised valuation of £6 instead of the revised valuation of £11.

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Thursday, 7th October, 1926.

A member of the Committee drew attention to the condition of the channels of the streets, particularly Nary St., and also to a quantity of rubbish in Bewley St., which is dangerous to the Public, and ordered that the Surveyor be directed to have the Channels of Nary St. cleaned, and the heap of rubbish at Bewley St. removed at once, after which,

The meeting adjourned.

Proposed

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Monday 18th October, 1926.

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this evening at 8.30. o'clock to consider replies to be given to Queries in memorandum as to procedure with regard to applications for the issue of Regulations under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act, 1923, limiting the speed of Motor Cars to ten miles per hour as required by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health.

Present Messrs. B.A. Doyle and John Hand

The Town Surveyor was also present.

The Committee considered in detail, the Queries, and also decided, as far as possible, the replies to be furnished when all the information asked for is available, after which

The members separated.

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Tuesday, 19th October, 1926.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council including an application from T.J. Kelly Esq. Solicitor for payment of Balance of Account furnished by Patrick Lynch amounting to £32.19.7 in connection with the erection of the new houses at Dowry Wall

Present – Messrs P. A. O'Gorman Presiding
Daniel Murphy
and
John Murphy

The Town Surveyor was also present.

The Clerk submitted a number of accounts, details of which are entered at the commencement of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council, and they were recommended for payment.

The Committee next considered Mr Lynch's account, the principal items of which consisted of claim for paling posts, and wiring, the latter which was erected by him six times having been wantonly destroyed.

A long discussion took place in reference to the liability of the Council in connection with this claim. The Surveyor explained that this paling was erected to prevent trespass on the field on which the houses are built, after the original wall had been knocked down by the Contractor in order to use the stones in it for the building of the houses.

The opinion was expressed by the Committee that in view of this the Council were not liable, but as the members had assembled for the meeting of the Council the Committee decided to adjourn the further consideration of the matter to next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 9th November 19[illegible].

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An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and approve of Draft Mortgage to secure Loan of £500 from the National Bank.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman Presiding
Richard Power
John Hand
Thomas Cooney
Laurence Dooley
Austin A. Butler
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
and
Daniel Murphy

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Joseph Roche, and Thos Cooney and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 158	P. J. Kenny	£3-10-0.	No 159	Tech. Cttee	£10-0-0
" 160	Tech. Committee	£10-0-0	" 161	D. Co. Harding	£1-2-0
" 162	School Cttee	£4-3-4,	" 163	J. J. Shortall	£17-7-0
" 164	Thos Butler	£7-10-0	" 165	Thos Butler	£5-8-4
" 166	John J Browne	£1-19-0	" 167	John J. Browne	£3-14-5
" 168	John Ryan	£3-0-9	" 169	D. J. Kennedy	£30-16-6.
" 170	D. J. Kennedy	£27-7-4	" 171	Same	£3-16-1
" 172	Same	£3-15-4	" 173	Same	£6-6-8
" 174	Same	£125-8-1	" 175	Same	£10-14-4
" 176	D. Doran	£2-3-4	" 177	R Cooney	£4-19-6
" 178	R. Cooney	£36-0-0.			

The meeting having considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee dealing with the outstanding rates for years ending 31st March 1924 & 1925, the following resolution was:-

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Proposed by Mr Butler, and
Seconded by Mr Cooney,

"That the following"
"recommendation of the Finance Committee be"
"adopted, and the items of rates recommended by"
"them to be cancelled, be cancelled viz:- That sums"
"of First moiety Poor Rate for year ended 31st March"
"1924 amounting to £44-8-5, and of second moiety"
"Poor Rate for same year, amounting to £47-3-2 be"
"cancelled, also that sums of First moiety Dun Rate"
"for same year amounting to £115-10-0½, and of"
"Second moiety amounting to £109-16-11 be also"
"cancelled."

That sums of First moiety Poor Rate"
"for year ending 31st March 1925 amounting to"
"£52-4-0½, and of Second Moiety amounting to"
"£56-1-0, and also £80-10-7. of first moiety Down"
"Rate and £117-16-10, of Second Moiety Down Rate"
"for same year be also cancelled."

"That the Collector be directed to collect"
"all rates due by John Stevenson, and not to accept"
"a lesser weekly instalment than ten shillings"
"from John Walsh, Mary St. If this amount is not"
"paid the rates due by him to be collected in"
"the ordinary way."

"That Matthew Foley, Neville St be required"
"to pay only the amount of rates which would be"
"due by him if assessed on the revised valuation"
"of £6, instead of £11, as only that portion of the"
"premises were occupied by him."

Passed unanimously

Correspondence

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 30th ult. No L42704/26. approving under The Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921 as extended, of the Council raising a Loan of £500 for the repair of the streets, and enclosing a signed duplicate of sanction.

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In connection with this letter one was received from the Manager of the National Bank, enclosing for the approval of the Council, Draft Mortgage to secure re-payment of the £500, referred to in the Minister's letter, also copy of resolution for certification.

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. J. Hand, and resolved

"That"

"pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Minister
"for Local Government & Public Health, dated 30th
"September, 1926, the sum of £500, (five hundred pounds)
"be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd, New Ross
"for the purpose of repairing roads in the Urban
"District, to be repaid within five years, together
"with interest thereon at 2 per cent under the Irish
"Bank's rate from time to time rising and falling
"therewith but with a minimum of £4 0/0 per annum
"And it was further resolved that the Seal of the
"Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage
"over the rates to secure the said loan."

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr John Murphy,
Seconded by Mr J. Hand, and. Resolved

"That the"

"Draft Deed of Mortgage to the National Bank,
"New Ross, now before us, to secure re-payment of
"Loan of £500 (five hundred) pounds for repairs to
"Streets be approved of."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government & Public Health dated 16th inst No P. 42650/1926, relative to the amount of rates due by the Council's tenants, and stating that in view of the Council's refusal to furnish the information asked for they must act on their own responsibility, (in the matter) and be prepared to satisfy the Auditor in the matter."

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy.

"That the Minister for"
"Local Government and Public Health be informed"
"the Council had no desire to decline to furnish"
"information respecting the rates due by their"
"tenants, but were of opinion that the Minister"
"only required information as to the amount of"
"Town Rate due, and accordingly pointed out"
"that these tenants never paid Town Rates"
"That the Clerk be now directed to furnish the"
"Minister with the amount of Town & Poor Rates due"
"by their tenants up to the date of the letter received"
"from the Minister."

The resolution was put to a vote, and the following members voted:-

For - Messrs Butler, D. Murphy, P. Power, John Hand, and John Murphy 5.

Not voting - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley, J Roche & The Chairman 4

The resolution was declared Passed.

Letter from same dated 16th Inst. No. J. 43755/1926 conveying the sanction of the Minister to the payment of £200 to the Collector on account of Commission on Rates collected & lodged by him, and also pointing out that on the 30th ult. the following items of recoverable rates were outstanding:- 1923/24 £417-1-6, 1924/25 £475-5-11, and 1925/26 £833-17-1

Ordered

That the Collector be paid £200 sanctioned by the Minister on account of commission on rates collected & lodged by him.

Letter from same dated 29th ult. No. J. 44315/26. drawing attention to Section 38(2) of the Finance Act 1926, in its relation to stamp duty on payments of salaries, pensions, &c, less than £3. — No order made

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Letter from same dated 8th Inst No J. 34064/19XX forwarding copy of the Local Authorities Officers and Employers Act 19XX for the attention of the Council, and pointing out the Officers & Employments to which the Act applies at present.
No order made

Letter from Thomas Lungley, Secretary, Technical Instruction Committee, dated 2nd Inst. stating his Committee consider the value to be placed on the Buildings, fittings and Equipment of the Technical School for Insurance purposes is £3000.

The Clerk stated on receipt of this letter he instructed the Insurance Company, as ordered at last meeting, with whom the School & Equipment is insured, to have a Policy for the total amount recommended by the Committee prepared, and the policy for this amount has since been received.
No order made, this being considered satisfactory.

Letter from Mr Elgee, Solicitor, Wexford, dated 5th Inst. stating that he has been instructed by the Wexford County Council to prepare a lease of the Tuberculosis Dispensary, New Ross, for a term of twenty years from 29th Septr last, at the yearly rent of £18. and Inquiring whether the Council require to have this approved of by their Solicitor, and if so the name of their Solicitor, and, if so, the name of their Solicitor.
Ordered

That Mr Elgee be informed the Council will require the lease to be approved of by their Solicitors, Messrs Colfer & Son.

Letter from the Kilkenny Co Council dated 7th Inst. thanking the Council for use of room in which to hold a meeting of the Mountgarret Bridge Committee
No order made

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Letter from P. W. Harding, dated 5th Inst. stating that he was forwarding the Insurance Policy, on Technical School, to the London Assurance Co. with instructions to prepare a new Policy for the increased amount specified.
No order made

Letter from the Holidays Information Bureau dated 1st Inst. asking the Council to permit the publication of an official Guide of New Ross. Two specimen books were also received.
Ordered
That the Bureau be informed the Council are not prepared to authorize them to publish an official Guide of New Ross.

Letter from the Secretary to Council dated 15th Inst stating that his Council is not in a position to ask the Minister for Local Government & Health for an order regulating the speed of Motor Cars until the information asked for by the Department is furnished

The replies to the Queries which were suggested by the Street Committee were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by the Chairman.

An Estimate amounting to £4-15-0, dated 11th Inst. was received from Messrs Beatty & Co Dublin for repair of the Council's old No 10 Typewriter, which is about twenty years in use. They also offered a practically New No 16 Bar Lock for £10 and the old Machine.
Proposed by the Chairman, and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche
"That the Council"
"purchase the No 16 Bar-Lock Typewriter offered"
"by Messrs Beatty & Co on the terms specified"
"in their letter viz:- £10 and the Council's old Machine"
Passed unanimously

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The Clerk submitted the accounts as entered at the commencement of the Minutes, which were recommended for payment by the Finance Committee, and on the proposal of Mr Roche, Seconded by Mr J. Murphy, They were ordered to be paid.

A Tender, dated 8th Inst, for the supply of a Municipal Minute Book, same as one in use, was received from Messrs Croker & Co. Waterford, who offered to supply it at 37/6. This was the only Tender received

Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy, "That the Tender of"
"Messrs Croker for the supply of one Minute"
'Book at 37/6 be accepted."

Passed unanimously

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Mr Roche, Seconded by Mr John Murphy:-

"That we, the Urban District Council of Carrickmacross"
"hereby request all County and Urban Councils in"
"the Free State to demand the repeal of Section 6 of"
"the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, which"
"enacts that there shall not be paid to any County"
"Council or to any Urban District Council a greater"
"recoupment of Sanitary Salaries than was paid"
"to each Council in the local financial year"
"ended 31st March, 1902."

A discussion took place in reference to the condition of the Streets, particular attention being directed to the very bad condition of Mary St, during which the Surveyor stated that the coarse gravel supplied was not Equal to sample, and was not suitable for the the street.

Proposed by Mr J Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy,

"That the Tender of John"
"Murphy, John St, received at last meeting, for the"
Supply

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"supply of two hundred tons of unbroken stones"
"from Ballyneal Quarry, delivered on the Quay"
"New Ross, at 8/7 per ton be accepted, and that"
"the Clerk ascertain from the Co Surveyor if the"
"Urban Council can hire the Steam-roller for"
"two or three days, for the purpose of dry rolling"
"May St, and if so the price per hour."

Passed unanimously

Ordered

That the Surveyor employ men to break the stones on the Quay as soon as they are delivered, and that he be also authorised to employ a couple of temporary men for a week or two to remove the grass which is growing in the side of the Streets.

It was also decided to have the remainder of the Gravel removed to the yard or Depot instead of putting it on the Streets.

On the proposal of Mr John Murphy,
Seconded by The Chairman - it was decided to direct the Weighmaster to report monthly on the working of the two Weighbridges.

The Street Inspector reported that since last meeting the Shop sweepings &c were removed daily by the Contractor, and that there was an improvement in the cleansing of the street surface in the lower area.
He also reported that some of the Public Lamps were not lighting on occasional nights.
No Order made.

Housing Minutes

The Clerk reported the following particulars of the Council's work to date, and of progress since the date of last Finance meeting:-

Total No. of houses provided by Council - Seventy-four
" " " " and let - Seventy-four

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Average weekly rent paid by tenants	£11 - 11 - 9
No of W.C Houses in course of construction.	
(a) by the Council	None
(b) " Private persons	None
No of other Dwellings in course of construction	One
Arrears of rent due by tenants at close of last month.	£41 - 9 - 3
" " " " " " previous.	£45 - 0 - 4
Area of land in sites for houses provided -	a. 1 rd 0 per. 22
" " " " Council's possession available for further houses }	5 - 3 - 0
Amount of Principal on foot of Housing Loans -	
(a) Borrowed from Comms & Works	£3544 - 15 - 9
(b) " " Other Sources	£1468 - 2 - 9

The Clerk reported that the following amounts were collected from the Council's weekly tenants, but have not been applied to payment of rent or rates pending the settlement of their liability for Town Rates.

The amount was on the hands of the Collector viz:- Thomas Kehoe £3 - 7 - 6, Richard Power, £3 - 5 - 0, James Tracy £3 - 2 - 6, James Stacey £2 - 18 - 6, John Hand £2 - 13 - 0, Martin Kiely £2 - 14 - 3, Thomas Dunne £2 - 14 - 0 - Total £20 - 14 - 9

Ordered

That the amounts be placed to the credit of the different tenants as rent, and the total amount lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from Mrs McNamara Fair Gate, dated 19th Inst. pointing out that the house occupied by her is in need of repairs.

Ordered

That the Surveyor report upon its condition

Letter from Patrick Kehoe, Fairgate dated 19th Inst complaining of the non-completion of repairs to house occupied by him, and stating that no rent has been paid by him on account of this

In reply to the Chairman the Clerk stated that there was no rent paid for the past seven weeks.

The Surveyor reported that a considerable amount of repairs

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repairs have been carried out on the house, but it is impossible to please this man's wife. In fact the workmen have refused, owing to being subject to such annoyance by her, to continue to work there.

Ordered

That Patrick Kehoe be informed if the rent due by him is not paid by next meeting of the Council, to be held on 26th proceedings will be taken to obtain possession of the house occupied by him

The Clerk also reported that Bryan Ryan, one of the Council's tenants, owes £1-18-9, and states he will not pay any rent until the house is properly repaired.

The Surveyor having stated that repairs were also carried out on this house, it was—

Ordered

That the tenant be informed if the Arrears of rent due by him are not paid by next meeting of the Council possession of the house will be taken up.

An application was received from Mary Brennan William St., for the tenancy of a house at William St in which she resided with her mother Mary Druhan, recently deceased, who was the tenant.

Proposed by Mr Cooney, and

Seconded by the Chairman

"That Mary Brennan"

"be accepted as tenant of house at William St"

"of which her late mother was tenant, on the same"

"conditions as it was held by her."

Passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 9th November 1926.

P. O'Gorman

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Tuesday, 26th August, 1902

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock p.m to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Present

Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Presiding
Charles D'Hearne
Joseph Roche
Laurence Dooley
John Murphy
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Austin A. Butler
and
P.J. Dunne

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The following report of the Dowry Surveyor was read:-

"During the past Quarter a considerable quantity of road material was spread on the surface of Mary St. with a view to repairing some of the damage caused by the heavy rainstorms, with occured in July last. This work is still engaging your attention, and a further quantity of material has been delivered from Ballyneal Quarries which is now being broken on The Quay to 2" Gauge at 3/- per yard cube."

(Signed J. J. Shortall

A long discussion took place respecting the condition of Mary St, during which a letter dated 22nd Inst. which was received from the Co Surveyor, was considered in which he pointed out that owing to the difficulty of obtaining coal, and also the very high price of same, he could hardly hire the roller to enable this street to be rolled, unless the Council can arrange for a supply of coal themselves.

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That the report of the Surveyor be"
"adopted, and the hire of the steam-roller deferred until"
coal

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"coal is available"

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated 21st Inst. forwarding copy of regulations made by him under Section 36 of The Local Government Act 1925 respecting the erection of Road signs & Traffic Signals, and after a short discussion it was:-

Ordered

That the copy of regulations be referred to the Strut Committee for consideration; with special reference to Articles 8 & 9.

Letter from same dated 22nd October referring to his Circular Letter L.R./99 of the 25th September, 1925, and forwarding copy of a memorandum on the pruning of roadside trees.

Mr John Murphy drew attention to the desirability of having some of the trees overhanging Urban & Main Roads in the District judiciously pruned, and proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Hearn, and Passed unanimously:-

"That the Surveyor be authorised and directed to take the necessary steps to have some trees which overhang the Urban Roads and which are causing damage to the surface of them pruned, and that the County Surveyor's attention be directed to some which overhang the Main Roads in the Urban District, notably Priory St, and/or Newtown, which require to be pruned"

An application dated 25th Inst. was received from the NewRoss Motor & Engineering Co. for a renewal of the Licence to keep two Petrol Pumps, in the Quay, NewRoss & they enclosed a cheque for £6-6-0, being Licence Fee.

Proposed by Mr Dunne, and

Seconded by Mr Butler

"That a Licence be granted"

to

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"to The New Ross Motor Engineering Co to keep"
"and maintain two Petrol Pumps on The Quay"
"New Ross for one year, from 26th August 1926 to"
"26th August 1927."

Passed unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 25th January 1927

P. O'Connell

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Tuesday, 26th October 1926

A meting of the Council was held this evening at ½ 3o o'clock p.m to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present – Messrs P. J. O'Gorman Presiding
Charles D'Hearn
Joseph Roche
Laurence Dooley
John Murphy
John Hand
Daniel Murphy
Austin A. Butler
and
Patrick J. Dunne

The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by The Chairman, Messrs J Roche, & J Murphy and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz No 179 Petty Each £56-1-9

Correspondence

Letter from the National Bank Ltd., dated 25th October, enclosing for completion Mortgage to the Bank to secure re-payment of a loan of £500, in five years, advanced for the purpose of repairing Urban Roads in the District, of which the following is a copy:–

"By virtue of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 and the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921 and every other Act or Power us thereunto enabling and with the consent of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health given thereto by letter of sanction dated 30th September, 19 x. We the New Ross Urban District Council in consideration of the sum of £500 now advanced to us by the National Bank Ltd (having their principal office in Ireland at 34 College Green Dublin) for the purpose of repairing roads in the Urban District. do grant and assign unto the National Bank Ltd their successors and assigns such

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Such proportion of the rates arising or accruing by virtue of said Acts or otherwise receivable by said Council the sum of £500 doth or shall bear to the whole sum which is or shall be borrowed on the credit of said rated Do Hold the said proportion of said rates unto and to the use of the National Bank Ltd their successors and assigns from the day of the date hereof until the said sum of £500 with interest at one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate from time to time rising and falling therewith but minimum of £4 per cent per annum shall be fully paid and satisfied And it is hereby declared that the said principal sum shall be repaid in five years by ten equal half-yearly instalments of £50 each together with interest at the rate aforesaid on the balance of principal for the time being remaining outstanding the first of these payments to be made at the office of said Bank at NewRoss on the first day of May next and subsequent payments to be made at same place on the first day of November and first day of May in each year

Dated the 26th day of October and sealed with the Common seal of the NewRoss Urban District Council pursuant to resolution duly passed on the 19th day of October 1926.

Present when the Common Seal of the NewRoss Urban District Council was affixed hereto.

D.J. O'Connor
Journalist

Seal.

I certify that the foregoing Mortgage has been duly entered on the Council's Register of Mortgages

M Linn
Clerk.

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In pursuance of a resolution passed by the Council, at their meeting on 19th October, the Mortgage was duly sealed in the presence of the Chairman, the sealing being witnessed by D. J. O'Connor Journalist

Letter from the Chief Superintendent Garda Siothchana Wexford, dated 23rd Inst. informing the Council that a Motion had been passed by the Wexford Co Council whereby Sergeants of the Garda in each sub-district will be appointed as Inspectors under the Cinematograph Act 1909, but this will only affect the County Council Area, and asking if the Urban Council consider that a similar appointment should be made by them for the Urban District. If so the name of a suitable member of the Garda will be forwarded.
Proposed by Mr Butler, and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy,

"That the Authorities"
"be asked to appoint a Garda Sergeant, Inspector"
"under the Cinematograph Act 1909, for the"
"Urban District of Newross."

Passed unanimously

The Council had under consideration the memorandum received from the County Council regarding their application to have the speed of motor cars limited to ten miles per hour, and the following resolution was:-
Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and,
Seconded by the Chairman,

"That the Co Council"
"be requested to take the necessary steps to have"
"a By Law passed limiting the speed of Motor"
"Cars travelling along the following streets"
"in the Urban District of Newross to ten miles"
"per hour viz:- The Quay, Cross Lane, William St, Priory"
"Lane, Marsh Lane, Rosbercon, College Rd, Mary St, Sugarhouse"
"Lane, Charles St, Quay St, Michael St, Robb St, McDarnet Lane"
"Schoolhouse & Chilcomb Road, Irishtown, Liverpool St, Neville"
St.

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"St, Charleton Hill, Dowry Wall, Bewley St, Nunnery"
"Lane, Nash Road, Boheen Road, Cockpit Lane,"
"Burween Lane, Church Lane, Bullawn, Windmill"
"Lane."

Passed unanimously

The width, length, and Gradient Level of each Street was embodied in this resolution, and the replies to queries in Memorandum received from the Co. Council as suggested by the Street Committee were approved of, and copies of same directed to be sent to the Secty of the County Council.

Letter from Mr Long one of the Council's tenants at And na greine, dated 26th Inst. asking for permission to Extend the Stake and wire fence, in front of the house occupied by him, up to the wall of the house so that the latter may be self-contained & trespass prevented. He stated that he has been subject to considerable trespass from Goats Donkeys &c. He pointed out that he had spent a considerable sum of money in improving the property since he went to reside there.

Ordered,

That Mr Long be granted permission to Extend the Stake and wire fence in front of house occupied by him at And na Greine up to the wall of the house so that the latter may be self contained and free from trespass.

Letter from P Kehoe, Fair Gate, dated 26th Inst. complaining of the conditions in which the house occupied by him was left, and stating that only two days work was carried out on it. The rent will be paid when the necessary repairs are completed.

As this matter was dealt with at meeting, and as the tenant has again refused to pay any rent it was decided to take the necessary steps to obtain possession of the house, and it was:-

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Proposed by Mr Joseph Roche, and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy,

"That Notice to Quit be"
"served on Patrick Kehoe Fishtown, and that same"
"be signed by the Chairman and two members of"
"the Council, and sealed, and countersigned by"
"the Clerk."

Passed unanimously

In pursuance of this resolution the Notice to Quit was duly signed and sealed.

Letter from Mrs McNamara Fair Gate dated 20th Inst. stating that the house occupied by her is in need of some repairs

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor report on the condition of this house to next meeting of the Council

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Street Inspector's Report

The Street Inspector reported that since last meeting the Shop Sweepings were removed daily by the Contractor, but the scavenging of the surface of the Street in the lower part of the town was most unsatisfactory. The lamp at High Hill was not lighted on the 9th Inst, or the one at Brewers Corner on the 11th or 12th Inst. and on the 14th the one at Robert St (Church Entrance) was not lighted.

Ordered

That the attention of the Gas Co be directed to the necessity of having all the lamps contracted for lighted regularly every night, and the Manager be directed to see that this is done.

Mr Dunne drew attention to the fact that when the Streets are opened & the foot paths disturbed by the Gas Co in connection with the repair of Gas Pipes, the surface of same is not restored, or the flags of footpaths re-set properly, and instanced a case in which a serious

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accident might have happened on account of this.

After some discussion it was:-

Ordered

That the Manager of the Tas & Electricity Supply to be informed it will be necessary for him to notify the Town Surveyor when he is about to open any of the streets under the control of the Council, and to restore to his satisfaction any portion of surface of same, or the flags of the footpaths disturbed by the Company's men.

In connection with the opening of the Main Roads in the Urban District, which are now under the control of the County Council, Mr John Murphy suggested that some understanding ought to be come to between the County Council and the Urban Council so that the Town Surveyor would have authority to see that the surface of these roads, and the Channels and footpaths were properly restored, and after a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche,

"That the Co Council
"be requested to authorize the Town Surveyor to see
"that any openings of the Main Roads or footpaths
"in the Urban District rendered necessary for the
"repairs to pipes &c, or for other purposes will be
"properly restored."

Passed unanimously

The Clerk drew attention to the expenditure incurred recently in supplying and re-setting stop-cock covers broken by trucks being rolled on the flags

Mr Roche also complained that an inspection chamber cover set in the foot-path opposite his premises was broken by a Cask which was rolled over it & had to be replaced by him at his own expense.

Ordered

That the Civic Guards be asked to prevent the Rolling of Trucks or Casks on the Footpaths.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 9th November 1926.

P W Gorman
9/11/26

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A meting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council, including an application from Mr P. Kelly Esqr for payment of balance of account furnished by Patrick Lynch amounting to £32.19.7. in connection with the erection of new houses at Town Wall

Present — Messrs P.N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
Daniel Murphy
and
Thomas Cooney.

The Surveyor was also present.

The Clerk submitted a number of accounts which were passed for payment except one of £36. furnished by Richard Cooney, Contractor, which was not certified by the Surveyor, and upon which a discussion took place, it being stated by two members that the cleansing of the streets was not being carried out satisfactorily.

After some discussion it was Proposed by Mr John Murphy, Seconded by the Chairman. "That the account be paid"

To which an amendment was:- Proposed by Mr Cooney, and seconded by Mr D Murphy. "That £10 be deducted from the account as the work is not being satisfactorily carried out by him"

The Chairman being of opinion he had not a casting vote in the matter, the account was referred without recommendation to the meeting of the Council.

It was agreed to defer the consideration of Mr Lynch's Account to a meting of the Finance Committee to be held on some day other than that upon which the Finance meeting of the Council is held.

The meeting adjourned.

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A meting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this day at ½ 3o o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs P. N. OGorman - Presiding
George Dooley
Laurence Dooley
Vincent A. Doyle
Michael Roche
Patrick J Dunne
Richard Power
John Murphy
Daniel Murphy
Thomas Cooney
James E Walsh
John Haud
Austin A. Butler.

The Minutes of last meting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority was signed, and the following Pay Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 180. R Cooney £7-10-10. No1. Loan
No 181 S. Carroll £12-14-3.. No1. Loan.
No 182 J.J. Beatty £10
" 183 Cashiers Bank of Ir. £365-6-10.
" 184 Bank of I. £120-6-8
" 185 Cashiers Bank of I. £24-8-0.
" 186 Dongt Taggart £1-16-0
" 187 Parnell Anniversary £5-14-9
" 188 Treas. Co. Col. £6-6-0
" 189. Glenfield & Kennedy £3-14-0
" 190 M. Murphy £10.0.0
" 191 I.B Hearne £3-8-6
" 192 Moran Bros. £19-1-3
" 193 St Stylenus Cttee £15-0-0,
" 194 W.J. Kennedy £4-2-6
" 195 J.J. Shortall £17-7-4
" 196 Thos Butler £7-10-0
" 197 J. Butler £5-8-4
" 198 I. Lynch £15.0.0
" 199 J. O'Regan £15-0-0
" 200 P.A. Hickey £7-10-0
" 201 W.J. Dinn £39-3-4
" 202 W.J. Dinn £6-5-0
" 203 W.J. Dinn £1-17-6
" 204 J. J. Browne £1-19-0
" 205 J.J. Browne £3-14-5
" 206 P. Lynch £5-8-2
" 207 R Cooney £4-19-6
" 208 R Cooney £36.0.0
" 209 J. Lee £6-0-0
" 210 School M.H. Cttee £4-3-4
" 211 Nat Bank £79-14-3
" 212 Natl Bank. £500

When the Minutes were signed Mr Butler proposed that the Council, representing the people of NewRoss, tender to the Town Hall Committee their best thanks for generously deciding to give the receipts of the Cinema on each Monday night for the next three months for the benefit of the poor of the town. This was seconded by Mr Dunne

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Dunne and passed unanimously, as was also a resolution of thanks to Mr Delaney on the proposal of Mr D. Murphy, Seconded by Mr Haud, for giving a number of trees for firewood to the poor.

Correspondence

Letter from Mrs Saunders, dated 9th Inst. asking to have the gate of her yard repaired.
Ordered,
That the application be refused.

A Tender dated 6th Inst was received from Mr E. Browne Creacon offering £3"5"0 for one heap of manure, and, on the proposal of Mr J. Murphy, Seconded by Mr Haud, it was unanimously accepted.

Mr J. Doran, Weighmaster reported under dated 9th Inst. that the Weighbridges are in perfect order
No order made.

Letter from the Secretary County Council, dated 28th October acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the Urban Council in connection with the proposed speed limit of Motor Vehicles, and stating that he will submit same to next meeting of the Roads Committee.
No order made.

Letter from same dated 30th Octr. stating he will submit the Council's letter, asking the Co Council to give permission to the Town Surveyor in reference to the opening of Main Roads, to next meetuig of the Roads' Committee.
No order made

Letter from the Chief Supt. Garda Siothchana, Wexford, dated 28th Octr, stating that it was considered (necessary) advisable to delegate the duty of Inspector under the Cinematograph Act 1909, for the Urbain District of New Ross to Sergeant M. Buckley - 1983.
Proposed by the Chairman, and,
Seconded by Mr WA Doyle
"That Sergt. M. Buckley - 1983, New Ross" be

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"be appointed Inspector under The Cinematograph Act 1909"
"for the Urban District of New Ross."

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Secretary, County Council, dated 29th ult. stating that the Roads Committee are recommending to the to Council that the Steam-roller be hired to the Urban Council when available, at 2/- per hour less than the stipulated charge provided the latter Council are prepared to supply the necessary coal for working.

A long discussion took place with regard to the progress which is being made with the breaking of the stones for Mary St, and the gauge to which they are broken, during which the Surveyor stated they were being broken to a two-inch gauge, and that the men breaking them were only earning from ten to fifteen shillings per week.

The Surveyor also stated that some of the broken stones were being spread on the street.

Ordered That no more stones be put out until they are all broken, and the steam-roller is available, and ready to roll them in.

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy, and,
Seconded by Mr Dunne,

"That the gauge to which the stones"
"are to be broken be increased from two to three inches"
"and the rate (3/6 per cubic yard) for breaking, remain"
"unaltered."

Passed unanimously

With reference to the hire of the roller the opinion was expressed that sufficient coal will be obtainable in the course of a week or two, and it was:-

Ordered

That the Secretary of the County Council be informed the Urban Council hope to be ready for the steam-roller about the 22nd and they will be glad to know if it will be available for them on the terms recommended by the Roads Committee viz:- 2/- per hour less than the stipulated charge, the Council supplying the necessary coal. That the Co Surveyor be also asked if the steam-roller will be available then.

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Letter from the Garda Superintendent, New Ross dated 4th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter asking the Pardai to prevent the rolling of Trucks & Casks on the footpaths, and stating that the matter will receive attention.

No order made

Letter from Colfer & Son, dated 30th ult. stating they had collected a sum of £45 from the National Bank, being three half-years rent of Store in Bridge St. of which D. Sheehan, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt, is Lessee.

They also advised that they have had the Council admitted as Preferential Creditors for a sum of £21-7-6. in respect of rates for year ending 31st March 1926.

They asked to inspect the Instalment Draft received from the Official Assignee on account of the rent.

The Clerk stated that he submitted the Draft to Messrs Colfer & Son who informed him that it might now be returned to the Official Assignee

Ordered

That the Clerk return the Draft.

Letter from the Collector dated 9th Inst. stating that he interviewed John Stevenson, Priory St. with reference to rates due by him, and he stated he was unable to pay the full amount at present, but gave him 25/- on account and promised to pay a weekly Instalment of ten shillings. After some discussion it was:-

Ordered

That the Collector be informed the Council are not prepared to accept payment by Instalments of rates due by John Stevenson Priory St., and he be directed to take the necessary steps to collect them in the ordinary way.

A Tender of £3. was received from Philip Kehoe Lackeen for one heap of manure

Ordered

That Mr Kehoe be informed he can have the heap of Manure for £3-5-0.

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Applications for Petrol Licences.

The following report was received from the Town Surveyor relative to the applications received for Licence to sell Petrol viz:-

Messrs Livermore & Murphy This Firm proposes to keep only a few tins of Petrol for sale, and the Bulk of their Petrol will be stored in an underground Pump Tank.

Messrs Butler & O'Leary, Rosbercon. The present store is not detached from Main building, is not locked, and other articles are stored therein. Mr Butler informed me that they proposed to erect an isolated store.

Messrs M. Hearn & Son. The present store is usually locked but it forms part of a range of sheds. Isolation is of course desirable and essential in order to comply with the regulations.

Mr H. Ellis John St. The present store is made of light timber and is only twelve feet from nearest structure. There is a quantity of timber boxes &c on ground between store and nearest shed. Inadequately isolated.

Proposed by Mr Hand, and,
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy,

"That Messrs Livermore & "
"Murphy be granted a licence to store Petrol for "
"sale, not exceeding fifty gallons, in their store at "
"Marsh Lane, for one year from this date."

Passed unanimously

After considerable discussion it was:-

Ordered

That Messrs Butler & O'Leary, M Hearn & Son, and H. Ellis, John St. be informed that the Council cannot grant them a Licence to store Petrol for sale; in the premises specified in their application, as they do not comply with the regulations governing the sale of Petrol.

P. M. O'Gorman
23.11.26

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Street Inspector's Report.

The Street Inspector reported that since last meeting the Shop sweepings &c were removed by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of his contract. There has been an improvement in the scavenging of the surface of the Streets.

In connection with this report the Chairman stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held immediately preceding this meeting, a resolution was proposed & seconded that £10 be deducted from the Contractor for last month, it being contended that the scavenging of the Streets was not carried out satisfactorily by him, and the matter was referred to the Council by the Committee.

The account for period from 11th October to 6th November amounting to £36 was submitted, and after a brief discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne,

"That the account be paid"
"the Contractor."

Do which the following amendment was

Proposed by Mr Cooney and,
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

"That £10 be deducted off Mr"
"Cooney's account for scavenging on account of the"
"unsatisfactory way the work is carried out."

The Amendment was put to a vote, and the following voted.

For - Messrs Cooney, L. Dooley & D Murphy 3.

Against - Messrs Doyle, P. Dooley, Walsh. J Murphy, Dunne,
M Roche, & The Chairman 7.

Not voting - Messrs Power, Hand, & Butler 3.

The Chairman declared the Amendment defeated and the resolution Passed.

The account was accordingly directed to be paid.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 23th November 1926.

P. O'Connor 23-11-26

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